

To His worship the Mayor, and Councillors, of the Municipality of Brockton.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Pat McNinch and I am a Walkerton resident, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and a veteran.

I have been approved by Br#102, Royal Canadian Legion to conduct services of remembrance at the Walkerton cenotaph throughout the year.

These services are short, but meaningful and worthy of our recognition. They are:

Battle of Vimy Ridge	9th April
Battle Of The Atlantic	1 st Sunday in May
V-E Day (victory in Europe)	8 th May
D-Day (the Normandy invasion)	6 th June
National Peacekeeper Day	9 th August
The Dieppe Raid	19 th August
Battle Of Britain	Closest Sunday to 15 th Sept

An example of these services is attached.
Times are to be determined.

We would be honoured if a representative from the municipality could join us for these services, although there would be no requirement for that representative to participate or to speak.

For each event, I would contact the municipality with two week's notice as to precise dates and times so that the municipality could promote these events on events.brockton.ca

In case of inclement weather it is hoped that the event could be staged at the Legion hall.

Thank you for your consideration.


Pat McNinch




ORDER OF SERVICE (Example) BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE, April 9th, 1917

Form up at the Cenotaph. 1800hrs (suggested, may vary for weekend events)

Command: "Parade – Attention"

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TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (If applicable)

POEM: (Varies according to event) – "In Flanders Fields"

Command: "Parade – Stand at ease - Stand easy".

It is the early morning of the 9th of April, 1917. Light Canadian and British artillery bombardments had continued throughout the night but stopped in the few minutes before the attack, as the artillery recalibrated their guns in preparation for the synchronized barrage.

At exactly 5:30 am, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions went over the top, advancing behind a creeping barrage towards the German defences on Vimy Ridge. By 6:25 am they had reached and captured their first objective.

The 4th Canadian Division completed its first objective some hours later.

Fighting continued unceasingly over the next four days.

By nightfall on the 12th of April, the Canadian Corps was in firm control of the ridge.

The corps suffered 10,602 casualties: 3,598 killed and 7,004 wounded. Four members of the Canadian Corps were awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest military decoration awarded to British and Commonwealth forces for valour.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge has considerable significance for Canada. It was the first instance in which all four Canadian divisions, made up of troops drawn from all parts of the country, fought as a cohesive formation.

It is often said that Canada's nationhood was consecrated in blood on the battlefields of the Western Front.

If so, it paid a high price.

11,285 names are inscribed on the twin pylons of the Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge.

11,285 men who have no known grave

Command: "Parade – Attention"

LAST POST

Two minutes of Silence

REVEILLE

HONOUR ROLL: WW1

(Varies according to event)

WW2 – Afghanistan - Battle of Britain

Laying of wreath.

Placing of poppies

Command: "Parade – stand at ease".

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Command: "Parade – Attention"

Command: "Parade – Dismiss".