

Summary of Vimy Plans To Date

1. Familiarizing Cadets about Vimy:

- a) Resources are available at the National Army Cadet web site. www.armycadetleague.ca
- b) Ad published in the Military Magazine (Esprit de Corps)
- c) Power point presentation available on National Cadet Website prepared by Terry Whitty.
- d) Speakers from Legions, Vimy Foundation, League members, and community members could be available. You may know of many others. These speakers should be used to make the Army Cadets aware of the significance of The Battle of Vimy.
- e) A video entitled “Vimy- A Soldiers Story” will be sent to each Corps by the League. The President of the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Command has announced to the League that they will be absorbing the costs of this DVD as part of the Cadet training and educational materials.
- f) Ted Borris (Alex) is from Uxbridge and have been told that he has written books and been guest speaker at Vimy Events. Tedbarris@hotmail.com (Name given to me at the Legion PEC Meeting)
- g) Affiliated units and Navy, and Air Reps could also be asked to participate in discussions about Vimy with Cadets as ANAVETS is supportive.
- h) Veterans’ Affairs and National Film Board, as well as Regimental Museums have resources.

2. Kickoff at Queens Park April 7/2011:

- a) An Application has been sent in to the Speaker of the House for a kickoff event on April 7, 2011 at the Legislative building.
- b) All Cadet Corps are invited to attend, but understand there may be restrictions with travel.
- c) The Members of the Provincial Legion President has been asked to take part with joining the Cadets and Officers, League Reps, Affiliated Units and Sponsors and other appropriate individuals to show presence in the Gallery.
- d) Plans are being made to have a Provincial proclamation to be presented and signed.
- e) Plans are underway for a reception with members of the Legislature to follow.
- f) A possible parade and a tribute at the Memorial Wall may be conducted.
- g) Press releases will be issued to the nearest media locations by Tony Keene.
- h) The Premier and Lt. Governor should receive special invitations to events.
- i) Letters could be sent to parents and schools to encourage the cadets to participate even though they may miss a day of school attending Queens Park.
- j) *Please advise the League office if your Corps wishes to attend.*

3. Joint Commemorations with the Provincial Royal Canadian Legion:

- a) Don McCumber attended the Ontario Provincial Legion Executive Committee meeting in Aurora on Nov. 20th to discuss the Vimy Project. There was great support for the project. We have the backing of the Provincial Legion President Ed Pigeau, our Army Cadet League Liaison Officer.
- b) Don McCumber has been in contact with most of the Legion District Commanders and as we get more information on timings and location of their conventions, we will be passing this information onto a League representative and Vimy Committee member to follow with the Cadet Corps to encourage their involvement.
- c) Some of the members of the committee have already made contact or are seeking contact with the Legions (Great Job)

4. Army Cadet Community events with limited resources:

- a) Corps will receive a copy of the proclamation to be signed by the head of the municipality, ie the Mayor, to officially kick off the Vimy Commemoration in their community. Also a Flag lowering ceremony could accompany the signing of the proclamation.
- b) The Video “Vimy – A Soldier’s Story” will be sent to each Cadet Corps.
- c) It has been approved by the Director of Cadets that Cadets can wear the Vimy pin on their uniform during Vimy week from 1 to 9 April. Vimy pins can be ordered from the Vimy Foundation Head Office at a cost of \$2.00 each by calling Ms Kaufmann at (514)904-1007. Note if you order online the cost is \$5.00 each..
- d) Tony Keene will be available to assist the Corps with community event press releases.
- e) The Committee and the League will be available to assist the Corps if needed.
- f) Power point presentation available on National Cadet Website.
- g) Speakers from Legions, Vimy Foundation, League members, and community members could be available. You may know of many others. These speakers should be used to make the Army Cadets aware of the significance of The Battle of Vimy