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From: Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Executive Director
NS/NU Command, RCL

Subject: In recognition of 100th Anniversary of the
Battle of Vimy Ridge

Message: Comrades: Please see directive from
Dominion Command attached/enclosed re.
flag half- mast April 09



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Our branch's flags will fly at half-mast Sunday, April 9

Vimy Ridge Day 2017 – 100th anniversary

In 2003, the federal government decreed by an Act of Parliament that April 9 each year be called *Vimy Ridge Day*. To commemorate this historically important battle, all flags at all Legion branches will be flown at half-mast from sunrise to sunset.

**Join our branch as we Remember – in
gratitude and sorrow – the 100,000
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casualties, and the close to 3,600 among
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Fellow Legionnaires,

From sunrise to sunset on Sunday, April 9, the Legion will join federal, provincial and municipal institutions in lowering the Canadian flag to commemorate Vimy Ridge Day 2017. All other flags flown at all Legion locations, from branches across the country to Legion House in Ottawa, also will be lowered to half-mast in observance of this pivotal day in Canadian history.

Continuing the Legion tradition of Honouring and Remembering our military heritage is important to us all, and this day gives us an opportunity to come together nationally and locally to commemorate this momentous battle – the only one that has been memorialized by an Act of Parliament.

We all know that a new and stronger sense of Canadian identity was forged at Vimy Ridge as regiments from across the country saw action together for the first time. We all also are painfully aware that our country paid a very high price for this victory. So on this day, in gratitude and in sorrow, Legionnaires from coast to coast to coast will Remember the 100,000 Canadians who fought, the more than 10,600 casualties, and the close to 3,600 among them who died.

On this, the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, we will lower all our flags not only to pay tribute to those long gone but also to keep faith with our sacred obligation to Honour and Remember them.

Sincerely,

Dave Flannigan
Dominion President