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**Smith's Knoll Memorial Parade and Service**

**Hamilton, ON – May 21, 2013** – Mayor Bob Bratina and members of Council with the Royal Canadian Legion Battlefield Branch 622, American Legion Post 18 and Her Majesty's Army & Navy Veterans Society, invite the public to attend the Smith's Knoll Memorial Parade and Service on Fri. May 31 to honour those who fought during the Battle of Stoney Creek

The Battle of Stoney Creek is considered one of the most important events in Canada's history. The British victory in the pivotal War of 1812 battle was crucial in preventing the Americans from seizing Upper Canada.

The service will include remarks and a rededication of Battlefield Cemetery at Smith's Knoll and the opening of a new commemorative landscape as part of the Smith's Knoll Commemoration Project, which was made possible by the City of Hamilton, Heritage Green Community Trust, and the Government of Canada.

**Event Details:**

**Date:** Friday, May 31, 2013  
**Parade Time:** 7 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Service Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Ages:** All welcome  
**Cost:** Free

**Parade Route:** Starting at the Royal Canadian Legion, 12 King Street East, Stoney Creek ending at Battlefield Cemetery – Smith's Knoll.

**Road Closure:** King Street West from Lake Avenue to Centennial Parkway will be closed from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Dignitaries:** MP Wayne Marston  
MP Mike Wallace  
MPP Paul Miller  
MPP Andrea Horwath  
Mayor Bob Bratina (Emcee)  
British Defense Adviser, Brigadier Barry Le Grys  
Brigadier General Omer Lavoie

Brigadier-General Kelly L. Woiden

**Performances:** Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Band; Argyll Pipe Band; Hamilton Children's Choir; National Band of the Naval Reserve; The Corps of Drums of the Royal Anglian Regiment from London, England

In addition to the Smith's Knoll Commemoration Project, The City of Hamilton is marking the historical events that helped shape Canada's identity and the 200 years of peace between Canada and the United States through a series of signature events planned in 2013, including:

- **Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek** - June 1 and 2
- **Canadian International Military Tattoo** - June 8 and 9
- **TALL SHIPS® Hamilton** - June 28 to 30
- **Hamilton & Scourge Memorial** - September 4 and 21

The City of Hamilton is committed to increase the awareness of this important chapter in history that helped shape Canada's identity, 200 years ago.

For more information including a complete list of events and activities, please visit [www.1812hamilton.com](http://www.1812hamilton.com).

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