



# Vietnam Veterans In Canada

## 416<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (2003-02)

23 January 2003

## AGENDA

**Call to Order at 1930 hours**

**Moment of Silence**

Bill Mauldin, one of the 20th century's pre-eminent editorial cartoonists, died of complications from Alzheimer's disease, including pneumonia, at a Newport Beach, CA nursing home on 22 January. Mr. Mauldin created the famous Willy and Joe cartoons of World War II fame. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Introduction of Guests, New Members, and Visitors.**

**Announcements**

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) will be holding a Veterans Information and Assistance Fair from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24 at the National Guard Armory, 3928 Williamson Way in Bellingham, WA. CONTACT: Richard Stewart, Program Manager (360) 478-4565 or Gerald Pfannenstiel, Veterans Community Service Coordinator 360-257-5756.

**President's Remarks**

(W. Carmack, USMC)

Folks – I'm trying to move from Word Perfect to Microsoft Word in creating these agendas. But truth be known, I'm finding there is a BIG learning curve involved here. So excuse me for an edition or two of the Agenda until we get a grip on the software.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Remarks**

(K. Payne, USN)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Remarks**

(G. Robinson, AUS)

## Minutes

### VVIC Meeting #415 09 January 2002

VVIC President W. Carmack chaired the meeting

Moment of Silence

2 guests were present; Mr. Mike Miller and U.S. Army Korean Veteran Mr. John Meier.

#### Announcements:

1. Member Larry Mackay to look after next summer's picnic dated for some time in August. A thank-you card was delivered to Peace Arch Ranger Mr. Wayne Eden.
2. Member Bob Peragallo mentions two Vietnam Humanitarian Mission trips to the DaNang area dated for July 19th and July 22nd 2003. Two handouts concerning the trips passed around.
3. VVIC First Vice-President Ken Payne announced a memorial service was held for veteran Ray Lewis of the Bellingham Veteran Center.
4. No finance report.

#### Aid + Comfort

1. Vancouver area veteran hardship case discussed. His claim for a pension to be reopened.

#### Old Business

1. Investigation into Maple Ridge U.S. flag removal continues.
2. VVIC legal status extended to Mid-February, \$30.00 paid.

#### New Business

1. Canadian Vietnam veteran needed for meeting in Markam Ontario on Thursday, 16 January & Saturday, 17 June 2003. Member Gerry Flowers selected. The matter was given high priority.
2. Member Don Sinclair attended a town hall meeting concerning the future of the Beattie Street Armoury. Possible downsizing or closure of the heritage site in the future. Don attended as representative of VVIC.

-A few words on the Korean Police action from guest Mr. John Meier.

-Discussion on Forms DD214-215, followed by the handing out of Standard Form 180 (Request Pertaining to Military Records) to those members interested.

-Discussion follows on U.S. military medals. For information pertaining to the wearing of and the purchasing of see website [www.usmedals.com](http://www.usmedals.com)

Meeting Adjourned 2059

Steve O'Grady

Chief of Staff

## Finance Report

## Mail Call

### Aid & Comfort

Dustoff 2003-01 / Dustoff 2003-02  
Update on Dustoff 2002-01

### Administrative Items

UBC Peacekeeper Counseling program update (Member D. Sinclair)

**Collection**  
(Chief of Staff)

## Old Business

The Veterans Honour Ride Foundation / Veterans Honour Ride  
Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
Toronto Buttonville Municipal Airport  
Markam, Ontario

Sergeant At Arms G. Flower's trip to Ontario.

1. Meeting Cliff Randall, organizer of the ride and President of the Foundation.  
Reports that Mr. Randall is an all around nice guy whose heart is in the right place. Mr. Randall got the inspiration for the Ride because his uncle is in a Veterans home. They spent considerable time together over the days.
2. Meeting General Louis McKenzie.  
They apparently got along great. The General is on the Board of Directors of the Foundation. This is good.
3. The Opening Event held Thursday 16 January 2003.  
Our Ambassador spoke (with no advance warning that he was going to speak)
4. The Toronto Sun Article
5. The MOJO Radio interview
6. Meeting with CVV London
7. Meeting with ARCANGEL
8. Meeting with CVVMA Windsor
9. Meeting with MENDICI

Ontario Special Representative D. Rupert, WO, AUS, SOB, MF, ETC has been playing a very valuable role in this operation. He's been providing logistical and security support for our "foreign minister" as well as providing valuable services to the cause.

As these things were unfolding, we set up a humble distribution list in an attempt to keep as many people informed as we could – adding folks as we go. We've been keeping LONDON and WINDSOR informed and a few days ago QUEBEC was added.

As a result of this flurry of activity a number of very positive things have emerged.

Now is the time for a "National" Canadian Vietnam Veterans Website. According we are putting forth a motion to the membership to endorse such a website. The focus of this website would be the straight forward historical presentation of Canadian citizen participation in the Vietnam War. It would not center on any one Canadian Vietnam Veteran group. It would center on historical fact and scholarly opinion and the like. (See Motion in New Business)

As well, there is growing support for a "National Registry" for Vietnam Veterans. I have received several emails (hopefully attached) recommending the creation of same. (New Business)

## **New Business**

### **Resolution 2003-01**

**Creation of Internet Domain to present people with the story of Canadians who served in the Vietnam War in a way that will stand the test of time.**

Where as thousands of Canadians served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Vietnam War their story needs to be told.

Because it is important that a historically accurate portrayal of Canadians who served in Vietnam be told to our children, and the children of our children, and to all those who seek fact, we hereby endorse the creation of an internet domain to that end.

And the name of the domain will be:      [canadianvietnamveterans.ca](http://canadianvietnamveterans.ca)

### **Resolution 2003-02**

**Creation of the Canadian Vietnam Veterans National Registry.**

Where as the world is full of people who claim to be Veterans of the War in Vietnam, and where as some of those claims are not supported by the FACTS, and where as some of these lying sacks of shit end up in the public spotlight representing those of us who ACTUALLY served in Vietnam we do hereby create the:      Canadian Vietnam Veterans National Registry.

This registry will manifest itself through the internet as:      [vietnamveteransregistry.ca](http://vietnamveteransregistry.ca)

The Board of Directors of the VVIC should undertake the making of agreements with other existing Vietnam Veteran groups across Canada to help maintain the Registry in good faith.

To that end we recommend that the Board of Directors of each presently functioning group designate a representative(s) to serve as REGISTRAR(s) of the CVVNR. These Registrars can serve to govern the administration of the Registry.

**Resolution 2003-03**

**Commission of a formal VVIC Business plan for Outreach & Operations.**

**Resolution 2003-04**

**Acquisition of proper business accounting software.**

New Business from the floor:

**The next General Meeting is 06 February 2003 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.**