



Vietnam Veterans In Canada

441st General Meeting (2004-02)

AGENDA

22 January 2004

*British Columbia Regiment (DCO)
Beatty Street Armoury
620 Beatty Street
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

**Call to Order at 1930 hours
(Sergeant at Arms)**

Moment of Silence

**United States and Allied Military Casualties
since 08 January 2004**

(Reading of the Names)

Spc. Michael A. Diraimondo, 22, of Simi Valley, Calif. Diraimondo was killed when his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed Jan. 8 near Fallujah, Iraq. Diraimondo was assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance), based in Fort Carson, Colo. This incident is under investigation.

Sgt. 1st Class Gregory B. Hicks, 35, of Duff, Tenn. Hicks was killed when his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed Jan. 8 near Fallujah, Iraq. Hicks was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, based in Fort Hood, Texas. This incident is under investigation.

Spc. Nathaniel H. Johnson, 22, of Augusta, Ga. Johnson was killed when his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed Jan. 8 near Fallujah, Iraq. Johnson was assigned to Company D (Aviation), 82nd Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, N.C. This incident is under investigation.

Spc. Christopher A. Golby, 26, of Johnstown, Penn. Golby was killed when his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed Jan. 8 near Fallujah, Iraq. Golby was assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance) based in Fort Carson, Colo. This incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Craig Davis, 37, of Opelousas, La. Davis was killed when his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed Jan. 8 near Fallujah, Iraq. Davis was assigned to the 603rd Transportation Company, 142nd Corps Support Battalion, Fort Polk, La. The incident is under investigation.

Chief Warrant Officer Philip A. Johnson, Jr., 31, of Alabama. Johnson was killed when his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed Jan. 8 near Fallujah, Iraq. Johnson was assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Fort Carson, Colo. The incident is under investigation.

Chief Warrant Officer Ian D. Manuel, 23, of Florida. Manuel was killed when his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed Jan. 8 near Fallujah, Iraq. Manuel was assigned to the 571st Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Fort Carson, Colo. The incident is under investigation.

Chief Warrant Officer Aaron A. Weaver, 32, of Florida. Weaver was killed when his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crashed Jan. 8 near Fallujah, Iraq. Weaver was assigned to C Troop, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Jesse D. Mizener, 24, of Auburn, Calif., was killed Jan. 7 in Baghdad, Iraq. Mizener was killed when a mortar round hit the Logistics Base. Mizener was assigned to the 542nd Maintenance Company, 44th Corps Support Battalion, 593rd Corps Support Group, Fort Lewis, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Jeffrey C. Walker, 33, of Havre de Grace, Md., was killed Jan. 8 in Fallujah, Iraq. Walker was onboard a UH-60 when it crashed while on a MEDEVAC mission. He was assigned to Company C, 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Roy A. Wood, 47, of Alva, Fla., was killed on Jan. 9 in Kabul, Afghanistan. Wood was fatally injured when the vehicle he was traveling in near Kabul hit another vehicle. Wood was assigned to Company C, 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Army National Guard based in Starke, Fla. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Ricky L. Crockett, 37, of Broxton, Ga., was killed Jan. 12 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was struck by an improvised explosive device while on a mounted patrol. Crockett was assigned to Company D, 51st Signal Battalion, XVIII Airborne Corps, based in Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Keicia M. Hines, 27, of Citrus Heights, Calif., died on Jan. 14 when she was struck by a vehicle on Mosul Airfield in Mosul, Iraq. Hines was assigned to the 108th Military Police, Combat Support Co., Fort Bragg, N.C. This incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Cody J. Orr, 21, of Ruskin, Fla. was killed Jan. 17, north of Taji, Iraq. Orr was one of three soldiers killed while conducting a surveillance sweep for IEDs north of Baghdad when the attack occurred. The soldiers were killed when their Bradley Fighting Vehicle struck an improvised explosive device (IED) and overturned. Orr was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Larry E. Polley, Jr., of Center, Texas, was killed Jan. 17, north of Taji, Iraq. Polley was one of three soldiers killed while conducting a surveillance sweep for IEDs north of Baghdad when the attack occurred. The soldiers were killed when their Bradley Fighting Vehicle struck an improvised explosive device (IED) and overturned. Polley was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Edmond L. Randle, 26, of Miami, Fla., was killed Jan. 17, north of Taji, Iraq. Randle was one of three soldiers killed while conducting a surveillance sweep for IEDs north of Baghdad when the attack occurred. The soldiers were killed when their Bradley Fighting Vehicle struck an improvised explosive device (IED) and overturned. Randle was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Roland L. Castro, 26, of San Antonio, Texas, died Jan. 16, in Camp Cedar II, Iraq, of a non-hostile gunshot wound. Castro was assigned to Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Field Artillery, based at Fort Sill, Okla. The incident is under investigation.

Master Sgt. Kelly L. Hornbeck, 36, of Fort Worth, Texas, died of wounds Jan. 18 at 28th Combat Support Hospital (CSH) in Iraq. On Jan. 16, Master Sgt. Hornbeck sustained injuries when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle, south of Samarra, Iraq. Hornbeck was initially evacuated to the 21st CSH and then moved to the 28th CSH for further treatment where he later died. He was assigned to Company C, 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, based at Fort Carson, Colo. The incident is still under investigation.

The Department of Defense Press Releases from which the casualty list is derived is taken are:

No. 016-04 Jan 09, 2004, No. 017-04 Jan 09, 2004, No. 019-04 Jan 09, 2004, No. 018-04 Jan 09, 2004, No. 021-04 Jan 12, 2004, No. 024-03 Jan 13, 2004, No. 034-04 Jan 16, 2004, No. 035-04 Jan 19, 2004, No. 038-04 Jan 20, 2004, No. 039-04 Jan 20, 2004

Introduction of Scheduled Guests, New Members, and Visitors.

Announcements and Acknowledgements

President's Remarks

(W. Carmack, USMC)

1st Vice President's Remarks

(K. Payne, USN)

2nd Vice President's Remarks

(G. Robinson, AUS)

Chief of Staff

(S. O'Grady, AUS)

Collection & Auction

(Chief of Staff)

Minutes

No Minutes were recorded for Meeting 2004-01 held 06 January 2004.

Finance Reports

The 4th Quarter 2003 Financial Reports and the Annual Financial Report for 2003 will be available in mid February.

Mail Call

Aid & Comfort

Administrative Items

1. Anne Faulkner arrives in Vancouver on 03 February by rail.

Legislative Issues

1. **Concurrent Receipt for Disabled Military Retirees with less than 20 years service.**
2. **Full Medical & Dental Benefits for U.S. Veterans living in Canada.**

A copy of the "Reciprocal Agreement" has been received and is attached to this Agenda. I was under the impression that some changes had been made to it in 1986-87 but have not

been able to verify that as yet.

3. Citizenship for Non Citizen Vietnam Veterans

(with waiver of fees and the same expedited treatment as active duty non citizens are now receiving.)

Unfinished Business

NO ITEMS TONIGHT

New Business

1. The status of DVA Benefits with Revenue Canada.
2. Case Law Search – DVA Benefits & Insurance Companies.

New Business from the floor:

The next General Meeting is 05 February 2004 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF CANADA

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 211(14), World War Veterans' Act (Section 488, Title 38, United States Code) and Public Law 499, 79th Congress (Section 488a, Title 38, United States Code) and Veterans Treatment Regulations made by Order in Council under the Department of Veterans Affairs Act (Canada), the following reciprocal agreement is hereby entered into between the Administrator of Veterans Affairs on behalf of the United States and the Minister, Department of Veterans Affairs on behalf of the Canadian Government.

1. The Veterans Administration of the United States will furnish to discharged veterans of the Canadian armed forces residing or sojourning in the United States such medical, surgical and dental treatment (including necessary dental and prosthetic appliances), hospital care and transportation as may be requested by the Department of Veterans Affairs of Canada. The Department of Veterans Affairs of Canada will reimburse the Veterans Administration in cash for expenses, incurred in connection with the furnishing of such services, at rates as are prescribed by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs either in his regulations or other directives.

2. The Department of Veterans Affairs will furnish to discharged veterans of the United States armed forces residing or sojourning in Canada such medical, surgical and dental treatment (including dental and prosthetic appliances), hospital care and transportation as may be requested by the Veterans Administration. The Veterans Administration will reimburse the Department of Veterans Affairs in cash for expenses incurred in connection with the furnishing of such services, at such rates as are prescribed by the Minister of the Department of Veterans Affairs of Canada.

3. The reciprocal agreements entered into between the then Acting Director, United States Veterans Bureau and the then Acting Minister of Soldiers; Civil Re-Establishment on September 6, 1921 and all supplements thereto are hereby cancelled and rescinded.

4. Any necessary changes or supplements to this agreement are authorized to be made by correspondence between the properly designated officials of the Veterans Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized to do so, have affixed their signatures to this agreement in duplicate on the dates indicated:

For the United States
Veterans Administration:

/s/ H. V. Higley
H. V. HIGLEY
Administrator

April 17, 1956
Date

For the Department of
Veterans Affairs of Canada:

/s/ Hugues Lapointe
HUGHES LAPOINTE
Minister

April 30, 1956
Date