



Vietnam Veterans In Canada

443rd General Meeting (2004-04)

AGENDA

19 February 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 Canadian Military Casualty Reports
since 05 February 2004**

(Reading of the Names)

2nd Lt. Seth J. Dvorin, 24, of New Jersey, died Feb. 3 in Iskandariyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded while he was conducting counter-IED operations along a supply route. Dvorin was assigned to Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, based at Fort Drum, N.Y. The incident is under investigation.

Marine Corps Pfc. James R. Dillon Jr., 19, of Grove City, Pa., died March 13, 2003, in Kuwait. Dillon died of a non-combat related injury. He was assigned to the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif. Dillon died while in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). During a recent examination of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps records, it was determined that his death had not been identified and announced as an OEF/OIF casualty. This updates the record and honors those who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason Profitt, 23, of Charlestown, Ind., died March 17, 2003, while in the Red Sea. Profitt died of a non-combat related injury. He was assigned to the USS Deyo, home ported in Norfolk, Va. Profitt died while in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). During a recent examination of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps records, it was determined that his death had not been identified and announced as an OEF/OIF casualty. This updates the record and honors those who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Darrell Jones, 22, of Wellston, Ohio, died Oct. 8, 2003, in Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates. Jones died of non-combat related injuries. He was assigned to the USS Higgins, home ported in San Diego, Calif. Jones died while in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). During a recent examination of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps records, it was determined that his death had not been identified and announced as an OEF/OIF casualty. This updates the record and honors those who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

Army Spc. Tamarra J. Ramos, 24, of Quakertown, Pa., died Oct. 1, 2003, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington D.C. Ramos died of non-combat related injuries. She was assigned to the 3rd Armor Medical Company, Medical Troop Regimental Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo. Ramos died while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). During a recent examination of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps records, it was determined that her death had not been identified and announced as an OEF/OIF casualty. This updates the record and honors those who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

Army Sgt. Linda C. Jimenez, 39, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Nov. 8, 2003, at WRAMC. On Oct. 31, 2003, Jimenez fell and was injured. She was taken to the 28th Combat Support Hospital and later evacuated to Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center. Subsequently, she was moved to WRAMC where she later died. Jimenez was assigned to the 2nd Squadron Combat Support Aviation (Maintenance), 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La. Jimenez died while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). During a recent examination of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps records, it was determined that her death had not been identified and announced as an OEF/OIF casualty. This updates the record and honors those who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David Sisung, 21, of Phoenix, Ariz., died June 6, 2003, while in the Persian Gulf. Sinsung died of a non-combat related injury. He was assigned to the USS Nimitz, home ported in San Diego, Calif. Sisung died while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). During a recent examination of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps records, it was determined that his death had not been identified and announced as an OEF/OIF casualty. This updates the record and honors those who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

Air Force Master Sgt. David A. Scott, 51, of Union, Ohio, died as a result of a non-hostile cause on July 20, 2003, in Doha, Qatar. He was assigned to the 445th Communications Flight, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Scott died while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). During a recent examination of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps records, it was determined that his death had not been identified and announced as an OEF/OIF casualty. This updates the record and honors those who gave their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

Staff Sgt. Richard P. Ramey, 27, of Canton, Ohio, died Feb. 8 in Mahmudiyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated. Ramey was assigned to the 703rd Ordnance Company, Fort Knox, Ky., and he was supporting the 82nd Airborne Division. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Joshua L. Knowles, 23, of Sheffield, Iowa, died Feb. 5 in Baghdad, Iraq, when he was hit by a mortar round at a Baghdad International Airport checkpoint. Knowles was assigned to the 1133rd Transportation Company, Army National Guard, Mason City, Iowa. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Bunda, 29, of Washington, was originally listed as Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown (DUSTWUN) when his boat capsized during a river patrol on the Tigris River on Jan. 25. His remains were recovered today. Staff Sgt. Bunda was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry, based at Fort Lewis, Washington. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Thomas D. Robbins, 27, Schenectady, N.Y. Robbins was killed when a collection of unexploded ordinance, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar rounds detonated while being moved to a demolition point. Robbins was assigned to Troop A, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment (Stryker), Fort Lewis, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Elijah Tai Wah Wong, 42, of Mesa, Ariz. Wong was killed when a collection of unexploded ordinance, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar rounds detonated while being moved to a demolition point. Wong was assigned to the 363rd Explosive Ordnance Company, Army National Guard, Casa Grande, Ariz. The incident is under investigation.

Master Sgt. Jude C. Mariano, 39, of Vallejo, Calif., died Feb. 10 in Doha, Qatar. He died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Mariano was assigned to the 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Patrick S. Tainsh, 33, of Oceanside, Calif. An improvised explosive device struck Tainsh while he was on a mounted patrol in Baghdad, Iraq. Tainsh was assigned to Troop E, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. William C. Ramirez, 19, of Portland, Ore. An improvised explosive device struck Ramirez while he was on a mounted patrol in Baghdad, Iraq. Ramirez was assigned to Troop E, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La. The incident is under investigation.

1st Lt. Adam G. Mooney, 28, of Cambridge, Md. Mooney was listed as duty status unknown on Jan. 25 in Mosul, Iraq, when his helicopter went down in the Tigris River during a search for a missing soldier. On Feb. 14, his remains were recovered. Mooney was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 10th Aviation (Fort Drum), however, in support of mission requirements, he was attached to 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Eric U. Ramirez, 31, of San Diego, Calif. died Feb. 12 in Abu Gireb, Iraq, when he was attacked by small arms fire, a rocket propelled grenade and an improvised explosive device. Ramirez was assigned to the 670th Military Police Company, Army National Guard, National City, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

Pvt. Bryan N. Spry, 19, of Chestertown, Md., died Feb. 13 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his vehicle rolled into a water-filled ditch. Spry was assigned to Company A, 2-504th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Nicholes D. Golding, 24, of Addison, Maine, died Feb. 13 in Ghanzni, Afghanistan, as a result of an AT-46 (anti-tank) mine explosion. Golding was assigned to Company C, 2/87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Nichole M. Frye, 19, of Lena, Wis., died Feb. 16 in Baqubah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device struck her convoy. Frye was assigned to Company A, 415th Civil Affairs Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve, Kalamazoo, Mich. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Michael M. Merila, 23, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., died Feb. 16 in Talifar, Iraq, when his convoy was hit by an improvised explosive device. Merila was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

The Information of U.S. Casualties is taken from the following DOD Press Releases:

No. 076-04 Feb 04, 2004, No. 084-04 Feb 06, 2004, No. 090-04 Feb 09, 2004, No. 089-04 Feb 09, 2004, No. 095-04 Feb 10, 2004, No. 093-04 Feb 10, 2004, No. 099-04 Feb 11, 2004, No. 103-04 Feb 13, 2004, No. 107-04 Feb 17, 2004, No. 108-04 Feb 17, 2004, No. 111-04 Feb 17, 2004, No. 112-04 Feb 17, 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

The minutes of the last meeting are unavailable.

Finance Reports

The next report is due in April. (1st Quarter 2004)

Mail Call

Aid & Comfort

Administrative Items

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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.**

3. Citizenship for Non Citizen Vietnam Veterans

Current Business

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New Business from the floor:

The next General Meeting is 04 March 2004 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.