



Vietnam Veterans In Canada

448th General Meeting (2004-09)

AGENDA

29 April 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 15 April 2004**

(Reading of the Names)

Staff Sgt. Victor A. Rosaleslomeli, 29, of Westminster, Calif., died April 13 in Iraq when an improvised explosive device exploded near his escort vehicle. Rosaleslomeli was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Richard K. Trevithick, 20, of Gaines, Mich., died April 14 in Balad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device exploded near his convoy vehicle. Trevithick was assigned to the Army's 9th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Christopher Ramirez, 34, of McAllen, Texas, died April 14 in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, from injuries sustained during combat operations. Ramirez was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Frank K. Rivers, Jr., 23, of Woodbridge, Va., died April 14, in Mosul, Iraq when he collapsed during physical training. Spc. Rivers was assigned to the Army's 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Michael A. McGlothin, 21, of Milwaukee, Wis., died April 17, in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device exploded near his patrol. Spc. McGlothin was assigned to the Army's 115th Forward Support Battalion, Division Support Command, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Brian M. Wood, 21, of Torrance, Calif., died April 16, in Tikrit, Iraq, when his military vehicle pulled off the road and apparently hit a mine while on patrol. Sgt. Wood was assigned to the Army's 9th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Staff Sgt. Jimmy J. Arroyave, 30, of Woodland, Calif., died April 15, due a non-combat related vehicle accident northeast of Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Dennis B. Morgan, 22, of Valentine, Neb., died April 17 in Iskandariyah, Iraq, when his armored personnel carrier hit an improvised explosive device. Morgan was assigned to the Army National Guard's 153rd Engineer Battalion, Winer, S.D. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Marvin A. Camposiles, 25, of Austell, Ga., died April 17, in Samarra, Iraq, when he was electrocuted while performing routine generator maintenance. Spc. Camposiles was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Clayton W. Henson, 20, of Stanton, Texas, died April 17, in Dwaniyan, Iraq, when his convoy was ambushed. Pfc. Henson was assigned to the Army's 1st Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La. The incident is under investigation.

Capt. Richard J. Gannon II, 31, of Escondido, Calif. Gannon died April 17 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Michael J. Smith Jr., 21, of Jefferson, Ohio. Smith died April 17 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Ruben Valdez Jr., 21, of San Diego, Texas. Valdez died April 17 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Gary F. VanLeuven, 20, of Klamath Falls, Ore. VanLeuven died April 17 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

1st Lt. Robert L. Henderson, II, 33, of Alvaton, Ky., died April 17, in Diwaniyah, Iraq, when his convoy tried to avoid an overturned trailer and came under small arms attack. 1st Lt. Henderson was assigned to the Army National Guard's Detachment 1, 2123rd Transportation Company, Owensboro, Ky. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Jonathan N. Hartman, 27, of Jacksonville, Fla., died April 17, in Dwaniyan, Iraq, when his convoy was ambushed. Sgt. Hartman was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedburg, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Master Sgt. Herbert R. Claunch, 58, of Wetumpka, Ala., died April 18 in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, after collapsing on the floor in his quarters. Claunch was assigned to the Army National Guard, 217th Military Police Company, Prattville, Ala. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Leroy Harris-Kelly, 20, of Azusa, Calif., died April 20 north of Tallil, Iraq, when his truck went off the road and rolled over because of limited visibility and dangerous driving conditions. Pfc. Harris-Kelly was assigned to the 596th Maintenance Company, 3rd Corps Support Command, V Corps, Darmstadt, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. 1st Class Bradley C. Fox, 34, of Orlando, Fla., died April 20 in Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained on March 14 when his military vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Fox was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedburg, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Christopher D. Gelineau, 23 of Portland, Maine, died April 20 in Mosul, Iraq, when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Gelineau was assigned to the Army National Guard's 133rd Engineer Battalion, Gardiner, Maine. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Edward W. Carmen, 27 of McKeesport, Pa., died April 17, in Baghdad, Iraq when the track of the tank he was in broke, the driver lost control and the tank rolled off the bridge. Staff Sgt. Carman was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 12th Armored Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Patrick D. Tillman, 27, of Chandler, Ariz., died April 22, in Afghanistan when his patrol vehicle came under attack. Spc. Tillman was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Shawn C. Edwards, 20, of Bensenville, Ill., died April 23, in Samarra, Iraq, when his convoy vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Pfc. Edwards was assigned to the Army's 121st Signal Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, from Kitzingen, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Cory W. Brooks, 32, of Philip, S.D., died April 24, in Baghdad, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries. Brooks was assigned to the Army National Guard's 153rd Engineer Battalion, from Wagner, S.D. The incident is under investigation.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael J. Pernaselli, 27, of Monroe, N.Y. Pernaselli died April 24 in the Northern Persian Gulf as a result of a waterborne attack. He was assigned to the USS Firebolt, forward deployed to Manama, Bahrain

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher E. Watts, 28, of Knoxville, Tenn. Watts died April 24 in the Northern Persian Gulf as a result of a waterborne attack. He was assigned to the USS Firebolt, forward deployed to Manama, Bahrain

Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Smithtown, N.Y. Bruckenthal died April 24 in the Northern Persian Gulf as a result of a waterborne attack. Bruckenthal was assigned to Tactical Law Enforcement Team South Detachment 403.

Cpl. Jason L. Dunham, 22, of Allegany, N.Y. Dunham died April 22 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Cpl. Christopher A. Gibson, 23, of Simi Valley, Calif. Gibson died April 18 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Capt. Arthur L. Felder, 36, of Louisville, Ark. Felder died on April 24, in Taji, Iraq, when mortar rounds hit his camp. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 39th Support Battalion, 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Hazen, Ark. The incident is under investigation.

Chief Warrant Patrick W. Kordsmeier, 49, of North Little Rock, Ark. Kordsmeier died on April 24, in Taji, Iraq, when mortar rounds hit his camp. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 39th Support Battalion, 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Hazen, Ark. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Billy J. Orton, 41, of Humnoke, Ark. Orton died on April 24, in Taji, Iraq, when mortar rounds hit his camp. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 39th Support Battalion, 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Hazen, Ark. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Stacey C. Brandon, 35, of Hazen, Ark. Brandon died on April 24, in Taji, Iraq, when mortar rounds hit his camp. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 39th Support Battalion, 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Hazen, Ark. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Kenneth A. Melton, 30, of Westplains, Mo., died April 25 in Iraq when his military vehicle was hit an improvised explosive device and small arms fire while traveling in a convoy from Baghdad. Melton was assigned to the Arkansas Army National Guard, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, 39th Brigade Combat Team, Fordyce, Ark. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Abraham D. Penamedina, 32, of Los Angeles, Calif., died 27 April in Baghdad, Iraq, when his patrol came under sniper fire. Penamedina was assigned to Company B, 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Aaron C. Austin, 21, of Sunray, Texas, died April 26 due to hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Sherwood R. Baker, 30, of Plymouth, Penn. Baker was killed on April 26, in Baghdad, Iraq, by a large explosion while performing site security. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's Company B, 2nd Battalion, 103rd Armor Regiment, Tamaqua, Penn. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Lawrence A. Roukey, 33, of Westbrook, Maine. Roukey was killed on April 26, in Baghdad, Iraq, by a large explosion while performing site security. He was assigned to the Army Reserve's Detachment 1, 3rd Battalion, 304th Regiment, 98th Division, Lewiston, Maine. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Elmer C. Krause, 40, of Greensboro, N.C., has been unaccounted for since April 9, in Iraq, when his convoy came under attack by individuals using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. On April 23 his remains were identified. Sgt. Krause was assigned to the Army Reserve's 724th Transportation Company, Bartonville, Ill. The incident remains under investigation.

Pfc. Keith M. Maupin, 20, of Batavia, Ohio, was declared **captured** on April 16. Maupin had been unaccounted for since April 9, in Iraq, when his convoy came under attack by individuals using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. Maupin is assigned to the Army Reserve's 724th Transportation Company, from Bartonville, Ill.

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

No. 327-04 Apr 15, 2004, No. 328-04 Apr 15, 2004, No. 329-04 Apr 15, 2004, No. 330-04 Apr 16, 2004, No. 334-04 Apr 19, 2004, No. 335-04 Apr 19, 2004, No. 336-04 Apr 19, 2004, No. 339-04 Apr 19, 2004, No. 340-04 Apr 19, 2004, No. 341-04 Apr 19, 2004, No. 344-04 Apr 20, 2004, No. 342-04 Apr 19, 2004, No. 343-04 Apr 19, 2004, No. 351-04 Apr 21, 2004, No. 355-04 Apr 22, 2004, No. 359-04 Apr 22, 2004, No. 360-04 Apr 22, 2004, No. 362-04 Apr 23, 2004, No. 365-04, Apr 23, 2004, 366-4, Apr 23, 2004, 367-04, Apr 24, 2004, No. 368-04 Apr. 24, 2004, No. 369-04, Apr 26, 2004, 370-04 Apr 26, 2004, No. 373-04 Apr 26, 2004, No. 371-20 Apr 26, 2004, No. 378-04 Apr 27, 2004, No. 381-04 Apr 28, 2004, No. 382-04 Apr 28, 2004, No. 383-04 Apr 28, 2004,

Introduction of Scheduled Guests, New Members, and Visitors.

Announcements and Acknowledgements

Acting 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

Finance Reports

Mail Call

Aid & Comfort

Spc. Brian Connolly is in the Ridge-Meadows hospital in Maple Ridge. He has suffered head injuries and subsequently, a stroke. It doesn't look good. The VA needs to be notified that Brian is in need of "aid & attendance" benefits.

Administrative Items

1.

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

1. Review of phone line.
2. Review of VVIC.ORG
3. Status of the President

New Business from the floor:

The next General Meeting is 13 May 2004 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.