



Vietnam Veterans In Canada

450th General Meeting (2004-11)

AGENDA

27 May 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 Military Casualty Reports Reported since 13 May 2004

(Reading of the Names)

Spc. Kyle A. Brinlee, 21, of Pryor, Okla., died May 11 in Al Asad, Iraq, when his convoy vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. Brinlee was assigned to the Army National Guard's Detachment 1, Company B, 120th Combat Engineer Battalion, Pryor, Okla. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Jeffrey R. Shaver, 26, of Maple Valley, Wash., died May 12 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his convoy vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Shaver was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry, Spokane, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Jeremiah E. Savage, 21, of Livingston, Tenn, died May 12 of wounds received due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Brud J. Cronkrite, 22, of Spring Valley, Calif., died May 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries he sustained on May 13, in Karbala when a rocket-propelled grenade fired into a building near him during a security patrol. Cronkrite was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Command Sgt. Maj. Edward C. Barnhill, 50, of Shreveport, La., died May 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries. Barnhill was assigned to the Army Reserve's 431st Civil Affairs Battalion, North Little Rock, Ark. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Philip I. Spakosky, 25, of Browns Mill, N.J., died May 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained on May 13, in Karbala, Iraq when he was shot by a suspected sniper. Spakosky was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 37th Armor, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Senior Airman Pedro I. Espailat Jr., 20, of Colombia, Tenn., died May 15 as a result of non-hostile injuries in Kirkuk, Iraq. He was assigned to the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

Pfc. Michael A. Mora, 19, of Arroyo Grande, Calif., died May 14 in An Najaf, Iraq, when his military vehicle slid off the road and turned over. Mora was assigned to the Army's 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Polk, La. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Rene Ledesma, 34, of Abilene, Texas, died May 15 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device exploded near his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Ledesma was assigned to the Army's 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

2nd Lt. Leonard M. Cowherd, 22, of Culpeper, Va., died May 16 in Karbala, Iraq, when he received sniper and rocket propelled grenade fire while securing a building near the Mukhayam Mosque. Cowherd was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Chief Warrant Officer Bruce E. Price, 37, of Maryland, died May 15, in Kajaki, Afghanistan, when individuals using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire ambushed his unit. Price was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Brian K. Cutter, 19, of Riverside, Calif., was found unconscious on May 13, and was later pronounced dead in Al Asad, Iraq. Cause of death is under investigation. He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Brandon C. Sturdy, 19, of Urbandale, Iowa, died May 13 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Spc. Mark J. Kasecky, 20, of McKees Rocks, Pa. Kasecky died May 16 in Al Karmah, Iraq, when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's Battery C, 1st Battalion, 107th Field Artillery Regiment, Oil City, Pa. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Carl F. Curran, 22, of Union City, Pa. Curran died May 16 in Al Karmah, Iraq, when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's Battery C, 1st Battalion, 107th Field Artillery Regiment, Oil City, Pa. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. James W. Harlan, 44, of Owensboro, Ky., died May 14 at Camp Anaconda, Iraq, when a suicide bomber detonated a car bomb next to his vehicle. Harlan was assigned to the Army Reserve's 660th Transportation Company, 88th Regional Readiness Command, Zanesville, Ohio. The incident is under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Bob W. Roberts, 30, of Newport, Ore., died May 17, due to hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Joseph P. Garyantes, 34, of Rehoboth, Del., died May 18 by sniper fire in Muqadiyah, Iraq, while on a combat patrol. Garyantes was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Marcos O. Nolasco, 34, of Chino, Calif., died May 18 in Baji, Iraq, as a result of an electrocution accident. Nolasco was assigned to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Bamberg, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. William D. Chaney, 59, of Schaumburg, Ill., died May 18, in Landstuhl, Germany due to a non-combat related injury. Initial reports indicate that Chaney was medically evacuated from Iraq to Germany for surgery due to a sudden medical condition. He died from complications after surgery. Chaney was assigned to the Army National Guard, Company B, 1st Battalion, 106th Aviation Regiment, Chicago, Ill. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Michael M. Carey, 20, of Prince George, Va., died May 18 in Iraq. He apparently fell into a canal and did not resurface. His remains were recovered on May 18. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Spc. Michael C. Campbell, 34, of Marshfield, Mo., died May 19, in Samarra, Iraq, when his convoy hit an improvised explosive device. Campbell was assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incidents are under investigation.

Pfc. Leslie D. Jackson, 18, of Richmond, Va., died May 20, in Baghdad, Iraq, when her military vehicle hit an improvised explosive device as it was returning to Camp Eagle. Jackson was assigned to A Company, 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, Texas. The incidents are under investigation.

Sergeant First Class Troy L. Miranda, 44, of DeQueen, Ark., died May 20, on Hipha Street in Baghdad, Iraq, when a grenade was thrown near his foot patrol. Miranda was assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, 39th Brigade Combat Team, Arkansas Army National Guard, assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division. The incidents are under investigation.

Cpl. Rudy Salas, 20, of Baldwin Park, Calif., died May 20, due a non-combat related vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Jeremy R. Horton, 24, of Carneys Point, Penn., died May 21, 2004 near Al Iskandariyah, Iraq when an improvised explosive device exploded. Horton was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Andrew J. Zabierek, 25, of Chelmsford, Mass., died May 21 due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. His unit was attached to I MEF in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Jeremy R. Horton, 24, of Erie, Penn., died May 21, 2004 in near Al Iskandariyah, Iraq when an improvised explosive device exploded. Horton was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Jeremy L. Ridlen, 23, of Maroa, Ill., died May 23 in East Fallujah, Iraq, from small arms fire after a dump truck on the side of the road was detonated while his military convoy passed by. Ridlen was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1544 Transportation Company, Paris, Ill. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Jorge A. MolinaBautista, 37, of Rialto, Calif., died May 23 as a result of hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Owen D. Witt, 20, of Sand Springs, Mont., died May 24 in Ad Dawr, Iraq, when his armored high-mobility-multipurpose-wheeled vehicle rolled over. Witt was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Beau R. Beaulieu, 20, of Lisbon, Maine, died May 24 in Taji, Iraq, during a mortar attack on Camp Cooke. Beaulieu was assigned to the 27th Main Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Alan N. Bean Jr., 22, of Bridport, Vt. Bean died May 25 in Forward Operating Base Kalsu (Iskandariyah, Iraq,) when his unit came under mortar attack. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 86th Field Artillery, from Williston, Vt. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Kevin F. Sheehan, 36, of Milton, Vt. Sheehan died May 25 in Forward Operating Base Kalsu (Iskandariyah, Iraq,) when his unit came under mortar attack. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 86th Field Artillery, from Williston, Vt. The incident is under investigation.

This brings the total U.S. KIAs to 802.

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

No. 451-04 May 13, 2004, No. 453-04 May 13, 2004, No. 452-04 May 13, 2004, No. 456-04 May 15, 2004, No. 457-04 May 15, 2004, No. 461-04 May 17, 2004, No. 463-04 May 17, 2004, No. 466-04 May 17, 2004, No. 467-04 May 17, 2004, No. 468-04 May 17, 2004, No. 469-04 May 18, 2004, No. 475-04 May 18, 2004, No. 478-04 May 18, 2004, No. 480-04 May 18, 2004, No. 479-04 May 18, 2004, No. 483-04 May 19, 2004, No. 484-04 May 19, 2004, No. 485-04 May 20, 2004, No. 488-04 May 21, 2004, No. 492-04 May 22, 2004, No. 493-04 May 21, 2004, No. 494-04 May 23, 2004, No. 499-04 May 24, 2004, No. 494-04 May 23, 2004, No. 501-04 May 25, 2004, No. 502-04 May 25, 2004, No. 506-04 May 26, 2004, No. 508-04 May 26, 2004, No. 510-04 May 26, 2004,

Introduction of Scheduled Guests, New Members, and Visitors.

Announcements and Acknowledgements

President's Remarks

(W. Carmack, USMC, Ret.)

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

Finance Reports

First quarter reports still delayed. Hopefully next meeting. Missing check (\$30).

Mail Call

Aid & Comfort

A funeral service was conducted for Spc. Brian Connolly, U.S. Army (Europe) on Tuesday 25 May, 1100 hours at the Garden Hill Funeral Chapel in Maple Ridge, B.C.

Administrative Items

1. Independence Day Reception, U.S. Consul General
(Awaiting word from American Legion)
2. Jim Johnson, VVIC Crests: "I have some more of the blazer badges. If Rick Shand takes 2 and I take 1, then there will be 5 for the guys to pick up Thursday. The price is \$17.00 per crest."

3. Adrian Abeling, FBC 2005

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. Need to get more burial flags in stock.

New Business from the floor:

1. John Watje letter of invitation to Senator John Kerry.
2. WVIC.ORG

The next General Meeting is 10 June 2004 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.