



Vietnam Veterans In Canada

451st General Meeting (2004-12)

AGENDA

10 June 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 27 May 2004**

(Reading of the Names)

Pfc. Richard H. Rosas, 21, of Saint Louis, Mich. Rosas died May 25 in Fallujah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device hit his patrol. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. James P. Lambert, 23, of New Orleans, La. Lambert died May 25 in Fallujah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device hit his patrol. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Daniel P. Unger, 19, of Exeter, Calif., died May 25 in Forward Operating Base Kalsu (Iskandariyah, Iraq) during a rocket attack. Unger was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 185th Armor, 81st Separate Armor Brigade, Visalia, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Kyle W. Codner, 19, of Wood River, Neb. Codner died May 26, due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Matthew C. Henderson, 25, of Lincoln, Neb. Henderson died May 26, due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Benjamin R. Gonzalez, 23, of Los Angeles, Calif., died May 29 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, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Capt. Daniel W. Eggers, 28, of Cape Coral, Fla. Eggers died May 29 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when his vehicle hit a land mine. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), from Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Mogensen, 26, of Leesville, La. Mogensen died May 29 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when his vehicle hit a land mine. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Joseph A. Jeffries, 21, of Beaverton, Ore. Jeffries died May 29 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when his vehicle hit a land mine. He was assigned to the Army Reserve's 329th Psychological Operations Company, Portland, Ore. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Michael J. Wiesemann, 20, of North Judson, Ind., died May 29, at Forward Operating Base Q-West (Quyarrah Air Base, Iraq) of non-combat related injuries. Wiesemann was assigned to the Army's 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

Petty Officer 1st Class Brian J. Ouellette, 37, of Needham, Mass., was a U.S. Navy SEAL serving with Navy Special Warfare Group Two, Little Creek, Va. He was killed while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Pfc. Cody S. Calavan, 19, of Lake Stevens, Wash., died May 29 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, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Lance Cpl. Rafael Reynosasuarez, 28, of Santa Ana, Calif., died May 29 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Dominique J. Nicolas, 25, of Maricopa, Ariz., died May 26 from 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.

Pfc. Nicholas E. Zimmer, 20, of Columbus, Ohio, died May 30 in Kufa, Iraq, when his vehicle came under attack by rocket-propelled grenades. Zimmer was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedburg, Germany. The incidents are under investigation.

Sgt. Aaron C. Elandt, 23, of Lowell, Mich., died May 30 in Al Musayyib, Iraq, when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Elandt was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany. The incidents are under investigation.

Pvt. Bradli N. Coleman, 19, of Ford City, Pa., died May 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries sustained on May 29 in Mosul, Iraq, when mortar rounds hit his living quarters. Coleman was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash. The incidents are under investigation.

Spc. Charles E. Odums II, 22, of Sandusky, Ohio died May 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his military convoy hit an improvised explosive device. Odums was assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, Texas. The incidents are under investigation.

1st Lt. Kenneth Michael Ballard, 26, of Mountain View, Calif., died May 30 in Najaf, Iraq, during a firefight with insurgents. 1st Lt. Ballard was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, from Friedburg, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Dustin L. Sides, 22, of Yakima, Wash., died May 31 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 9th Communications Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Markus J. Johnson, 20, of Springfield, Mass., died June 1 in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, when an Avenger rolled over. Johnson was assigned to D Battery, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Kitzingen, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Capt. Robert C. Scheetz Jr., 31, of Dothan, Ala., died May 30 in Musayyib, Iraq, when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Scheetz was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, Baumholder, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Todd J. Bolding, 23, of Manvel, Texas, died June 3 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, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Melvin Y. Mora, 27, of Columbia, Mo. died in Taji, Iraq, on June 6 when his camp was hit by a mortar attack. Mora was assigned to the Army Reserve's 245th Maintenance Company, St. Louis, Mo. The incidents are under investigation.

1st Lt. Erik S. McCrae, 25, of Portland, Ore. McCrae died June 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his convoy. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Army National Guard, headquartered in Cottage Grove, Ore. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Justin L. Eyerly, 23, of Salem, Ore. Eyerly died June 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his convoy. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Army National Guard, headquartered in Cottage Grove, Ore. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Justin W. Linden, 22, of Portland, Ore. Linden died June 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his convoy. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Army National Guard, headquartered in Cottage Grove, Ore. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Frank T. Carvill, 51, of Carlstadt, N.J. Carvill died June 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his convoy. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, Army National Guard, Lawrenceville, N.J. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Christopher M. Duffy, 26, of Brick, N.J. Duffy died June 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his convoy. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, Army National Guard, Lawrenceville, N.J. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Humberto F. Timoteo, 25, of Newark, N.J. Timoteo died June 5 in Baghdad, Iraq when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the New Jersey Army National Guard's, Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, Morristown, N. J. The incident is under investigation.

Spc. Ryan E. Doltz, 26, of Mine Hill, N.J. Doltz died June 5 in Baghdad, Iraq when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to New Jersey Army National Guard's Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, Lawrence, N.J. The incident is under investigation.

Pfc. Melissa J. Hobart, 22, of Ladson, S.C., died June 6 in Baghdad, Iraq, after collapsing while on guard duty. Hobart was assigned to Company E, 215th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Jamie A. Gray, 29, of Montpelier, Vt. died June 7 in Scania, Iraq, when his -military vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Gray was assigned to Army National Guard's Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 86th Field Artillery, Williston, Vt. The incidents are under investigation.

Lance Cpl. Jeremy L. Bohlman, 21, of Sioux Falls, S.D., died June 7 from hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. David M. Fraise, 24, of New Orleans, La., died June 7 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when an improvised explosive device hit his patrol. Fraise was assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. The incident is under investigation.

Capt. Humayun S. M. Khan, 27, of Bristow, Va., died June 8 in Baquabah, Iraq, after a vehicle packed with an improvised explosive device drove into the gate of his compound while he was inspecting soldiers on guard duty. Khan was assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 201st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany. The incidents are under investigation.

This brings the total U.S. KIAs to 838.

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

No. 514-04 May 27, 2004, No. 515-04 May 27, 2004, No. 518-04 May 27, 2004, No. 521-04 May 31, 2004, No. 522-04 May 31, 2004, No. 523-04 May 31, 2004, No. 524-04 May 31, 2004, No. 526-04 Jun 01, 2004, No. 527-04 Jun 01, 2004, No. 528-04 Jun 01, 2004, No. 530-04 Jun 01, 2004, No. 531-04 Jun 01, 2004, No. 529-04 Jun 01, 2004, No. 537-04 Jun 02, 2004, No. 536-04 Jun 02, 2004, No. 546-04 Jun 05, 2004, No. 550-04 Jun 07, 2004, No. 551-04 Jun 07, 2004, No. 552-04 Jun 07, 2004, No. 553-04 Jun 07, 2004, No. 556-04 Jun 08, 2004, No. 555-04 Jun 09, 2004, No. 559-04 Jun 09, 2004, No. 561-04 Jun 09, 2004

Introduction of Scheduled Guests, New Members, and Visitors.

Announcements and Acknowledgements

President's Remarks

(W. Carmack, USMC, Ret.)

Today, in Washington, a state funeral was held for

**Ronald Wilson Reagan,
40th President of the United States**

I want to make a few remarks to honour Mr. Reagan not as a Democrat or a Republican or partisan, but simply as an American.

Regardless of what one thinks of the social and economic policies in place during his watch he certainly accomplished several great feats.

I do think he did more than any other person, through his political posture, to bring about the end of the Soviet Empire and at least allow democracy to try and thrive in places long denied these things.

Further, I credit Ronnie with enhancing America's image of itself following the turbulent times of the sixties and seventies. It is essential that a nation have a somewhat positive image of itself. He accomplished that. He made America feel better again.

He certainly had a sense of humour.
Like him or not politically
He was by all accounts, a nice, decent man
Never given to the type of personal attacks
So common in today's time.

Finally, and to me the grandest thing of all, was his almost 50 year relationship with his wife Nancy. The love they shared together, "to the exclusion of all others" some pointed out, was something to be admired by anyone who believes in the power of love. I know I admire it.

And finally, his suffering of the last decade with Alzheimer's disease is finally over.

Farewell Ron.....

Woody Carmack
President
Vietnam Veterans In Canada

Continuing on.....

I'd like to than LT. Jim Johnson for the excellent job he did getting the VVIC patch reproduced in dress crest form. It is a fine piece of work. I would urge each and every member who wants a crest or crests to make that fact known. You can do so by contacting Jim at jej@turistano.com.

All of the patches so far produced were shamelessly scarfed up at the previous meeting. Therefore, out of respect for the LT's time and effort, future orders should be done in as much quantity as possible. The cost of production was \$17 CDN. However, respecting the various incidentals involved in arranging the orders, I, as current MFIC, would suggest, unless over ruled at tonight's meeting, that the cost be \$20.

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 were recorded by 1st VP Ken Payne and entered into permanent records, but were not published for this meeting. They were not published because of "rapidly moving events". Unless there is an objection from a member in attendance, they won't be published for a meeting.

Finance Reports

First quarter reports still delayed. Hopefully next meeting. Missing check (\$30). No one could be more frustrated by this than the acting scribe. The problem is a missing \$30 deposit.

Mail Call

Aid & Comfort

Administrative Items

1. VVIC Annual Picnic – Peace Arch Park, U.S. Border, Blaine

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:

The next General Meeting is 24 June 2004 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.