



# Vietnam Veterans In Canada

## 454<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (2004-15)

# AGENDA

22 July 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 08 July 2004

**(Reading of the Names)**

**Cpl. Jeffrey D. Lawrence, 22, of Tucson, Ariz.**, died July 6 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Sgt. Michael C. Barkey, 22, of Canal Fulton, Ohio**, died July 7 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when a tire on his military vehicle blew out, the driver lost control and the vehicle turned over. Barkey was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1484th Transportation Company, Akron, Ohio. The incident is under investigation.

**Return to Military Control** - The status of **Cpl. Wassef A. Hassoun, 24, of Salt Lake City, Utah**, was changed from "captured" to "returned to military control." The circumstances regarding his whereabouts between June 19 and July 8 are under investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Hassoun is assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Pvt. 1st Class Samuel R. Bowen, 38, of Cleveland, Ohio**, died July 7 in Samarra, Iraq, when a rocket-propelled grenade exploded near his vehicle. Bowen was assigned to the Army National Guard's 216th Engineer Battalion, Akron, Ohio. The incident is under investigation.

**Lance Cpl. Scott E. Dougherty, 20, of Bradenton Fla.** Dougherty died July 6 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Pfc. Rodricka A. Youmans, 22, of Allendale, S.C.** Youmans died July 6 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Spc. Shawn M. Davies, 22, of Aliquippa, Pa.,** died July 8 in Baghdad, Iraq, of a non-combat related illness. Davies was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

**Spc. Jeremiah W. Schmunk, 21, of Richland, Wash.,** died July 8 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his vehicle came under attack by rocket propelled grenade and small arms fire. Schmunk was assigned to the Company C, 1st Battalion, 161<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1st Cavalry, Washington National Guard, Moses Lake, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

**Staff Sgt. Dustin W. Peters, 25, of El Dorado, Kan.,** died July 11 as result of enemy action near the Forward Operating Base Summerall in Iraq. He was assigned to the 314th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

**Cpl. Terry Holmes, 22, of Hollywood, Fla.** Holmes died July 10 due a non-combat related vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, of Burke, Va.** Nachampassak died July 10 due a non-combat related vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

**Pfc. Christopher J. Reed, 20, of Craigmont, Idaho.** Reed died July 10 due a non-combat related vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

**Staff Sgt. Trevor Spink, 36, of Farmington, Mo.** Spink died July 10 due a non-combat related vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. Robert E. Colvill, Jr., 31, of Anderson, Ind.** Colvill died July 8 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was in the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters when it came under a mortar attack. Colvill was assigned to 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

**Spc. William R. Emanuel, IV, 19, of Stockton, Calif.** Emanuel died July 8 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was in the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters when it came under a mortar attack. Emanuel was assigned to 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

**Spc. Joseph M. Garmback, Jr., 24, of Cleveland, Ohio.** Garmback died July 8 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was in the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters when it came under a mortar attack. Garmback was assigned to 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

**Spc. Sonny G. Sampler, 23, of Oklahoma City, Okla.** Sampler died July 8 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was in the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters when it came under a mortar attack. Sampler was assigned to 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

**Pfc. Collier E. Barcus, 21, of McHenry, Ill.** Barcus died July 8 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was in the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters when it came under a mortar attack. Barcus was assigned to 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. 1st Class Linda Ann Tarango-Griess, 33, of Sutton, Neb.** Tarango-Griess died July 11 in Samarra, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near her convoy vehicle. She was assigned to the 267th Ordnance Company, Nebraska National Guard, Lincoln, Neb. The incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. Jeremy J. Fischer, 26, of Lincoln, Neb.** Fischer died July 11 in Samarra, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. He was assigned to the 267th Ordnance Company, Nebraska National Guard, Lincoln, Neb. The incident is under investigation.

**Pfc. Torry D. Harris, 21, of Chicago, Ill.,** died July 13 in Tikrit, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries. Harris was assigned to the 12th Chemical Company, Kitzingen, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

**Spc. Juan M. Torres, 25, of Houston, Texas,** died July 12 in Bagram, Afghanistan, of non-combat related injuries. Torres was assigned to the 453<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Company, U.S. Army Reserve, Houston, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. James G. West, 34, of Watertown, N.Y.** West died July 11 near Al Hillah, Iraq, when the vehicle he was riding in was involved in a head-on collision with another vehicle. He was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Brigade, Baumholder, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

**Spc. Dana N. Wilson, 26, of Fountain, Colo.** Wildon died July 11 near Al Hillah, Iraq, when the vehicle he was riding in was involved in a head-on collision with another vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Brigade, Baumholder, Germany. The incident is under investigation.

**Staff Sgt. Paul C. Mardis, Jr., 25, of Palmetto, Fla.,** died July 15 in Washington, D.C., from injuries sustained on May 20 in Mosul, Iraq, when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. Mardis was assigned to the Army's 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, from Fort Campbell, Ky. The incident is under investigation.

**Cpl. Demetrius L. Rice, 24, of Ortonville, N.M.** Rice died July 14 in Talafar, Iraq, when his vehicle rolled over as the driver tried to avoid another vehicle. He was assigned to the Army's 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, from Fort Lewis, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

**Pfc. Jesse J. Martinez, 20, of Tracy, Calif.** Martinez died July 14 in Talafar, Iraq, when his vehicle rolled over as the driver tried to avoid another vehicle. He was assigned to the Army's 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, from Fort Lewis, Wash. The incident is under investigation.

**Lance Cpl. Bryan P. Kelly, 21, of Klamath, Ore.,** died July 16 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Sgt. 1st Class David A. Hartman, 41, of Akron, Mich.,** died July 17 in Bayji, Iraq, when the vehicle he was driving was hit by an improvised explosive device. Hartman was assigned to the Army Reserve's 401st Transportation Company from Battle Creek, Mich. The incident is under investigation.

**Spc. Craig S. Frank, 24, of Lincoln Park, Mich.,** died July 17 near Baghdad, Iraq, when his convoy vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Frank was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1775th Military Police Company from Pontiac, Mich. The incident is under investigation.

**Cpl. Todd J. Godwin, 21, of Muskingum County, Ohio,** died July 20 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Pfc. Charles C. Persing, 20, of Albany, La.** Persing died July 19 in Scandaria, Iraq, when multiple mortars rounds hit his forward operating base. He was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 32nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. The incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. Dale T. Lloyd, 22, of Watsonstown, Penn.** Lloyd died July 19 in Scandaria, Iraq, when multiple mortars rounds hit his forward operating base. He was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 32nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. The incident is under investigation.

**Staff Sgt. Michael J. Clark, 29, of Leesburg Lake, Fla.**, died July 20 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, 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.

**This brings the total U.S. deaths to 921 plus the number who died prior to 29 May 2003.**

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

No. 653-04 Jul 08, 2004, No. 655-04 Jul 08, 2004, No. 657-04 Jul 09, 2004, No. 659-04 Jul 09, 2004, No. 660-04 Jul 09, 2004, No. 669-04 Jul 13, 2004, No. 668-04 Jul 13, 2004, No. 671-04 Jul 13, 2004, No. 672-04 Jul 13, 2004, No. 673-04 Jul 13, 2004, No. 676-04 Jul 14, 2004, No. 677-04 Jul 14, 2004, No. 679-04 Jul 14, 2004, No. 683-04 Jul 16, 2004, No. 684-04 Jul 16, 2004, No. 687-04 Jul 19, 2004, No. 688-04 Jul 19, 2004, No. 694-04 Jul 21, 2004, No. 695-04 Jul 21, 2004, No. 698-04 Jul 21, 2004

**Introduction of Scheduled Guests, New Members, and Visitors.**

D. Crockett, USMC, Vernon. B.C.

**Announcements and Acknowledgements*****Harold "Woody" Woodruff, Activist Vietnam Veteran Dies***

Brother and Sisters,

It is my sad task to inform you all of the Passing of Our Brother Woody.. We were at our Daughters for dinner this evening and when we got home I had a message from Bob and Sally Bunnell and from Marianne Woodruff relating the passing of Woody. I will be talking to Marianne tomorrow AM to find out the arrangements. As soon as I have them I will pass them along. I do know that he was in the hospital Monday due to having a hard time breathing, but came home on Tuesday. As far as I know at this time Woody passed sometime between 4:00 and 6:00 this evening. (21 July 2004)

Our prayers go out to Marianne and family.

Dan Daniels  
Vietnam Veterans of America, Lynnwood, WA

Woody Woodruff was a long time Vietnam Veteran activist, first in Washington State, then the Pacific Northwest, and finally nationally as a board member of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

He will be missed by many.

***VVIC Member's son deploys to Afghanistan***

Master Corporal Mathew Schraeder, Canadian Forces, son of Vietnam Vet Greg Schraeder of Ontario is deploying to Afghanistan.

His address is:

MCpl Mathew Schraeder  
PO Box 5006  
Stn Forces  
Belleville Ontario  
K8N 5W6

The father writes, by email: "Our son goes on tour. Afghanistan has requested his help. He goes as a crew chief of a Bison. And as senior medic. But he is and always will be Airborne first. As he says light winds and soft landings. God look after my Son."

Greg

The Chair requests Rev. Peragallo lead the group in a prayer for the safe keeping of MCPL Schraeder as well as all those presently in harm's way.

### ***Bellingham Vet Center Picnic***

Larry MacKay informs us by email: The Bellingham Vet Centre is holding this year's picnic on Saturday , September 4. I am unsure of the location, however, early next week I will confirm the location with Mike. The Vet Centre knows of the VVIC picnic and location. They extended the VVIC an invitation to attend theirs and the VVIC reiterated the invitation.

### ***Vet Center "Med-meetings"***

Larry MacKay also reports: In addition Dr. Bokan, the veterans who attend the "med-meeting" this Thursday last and the management of the Vet Centre have agreed to change the "med meeting" from every third Thursday of the month to the first Friday after the third Thursday of the month. Of course if a Friday is an upcoming holiday, Dr. Bokan will notify those in attendance of the new date. This change was to help accommodate the lack of available parking at the Bellingham Vet Centre and to help Dr. Bokan with his schedule. The Friday meetings will start in August and be from 10 AM until noon hour.

## **President's Remarks**

(W. Carmack, USMC, Ret.)

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Remarks**

(K. Payne, USN)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Remarks**

(G. Robinson, AUS)

## **Chief of Staff**

(S. O'Grady, AUS)

## **Collection & Auction**

(Chief of Staff)

## **Minutes**

### ***VVIC General meeting #453.***

Meeting chaired by VVIC President W. Carmack, USMC, Ret.

Moment of Silence

Names of 26 fallen U.S. soldiers read out plus the name of one captured soldier.

15 Members present.

- Handouts:
- 1: Agenda for the meeting
  - 2: 2004 Mid-year financial report, bank statements plus transaction report.
  - 3: Meeting schedule for American Legion Post 75.

President's Remarks: The VVIC group should think about filling the VVIC President's position next year after President Carmack relocates to Colombia S.A. The position does require the dealing with many people of various backgrounds. The position is both rewarding and at times very frustrating.

VVIC Vice President Ken Payne's Report:

- 1: H. Grossman at the Bellingham Vet Center Fri 9th of July.
- 2: Dr. Bokan at the Vet Center Thurs. 15th.
- 3: VVIC Vice President currently suffering with a Kidney stones problem. Future treatment yet to be determined.

Note from member Steve O'Grady: Web-site for U.S. armed forces vacation Club is [www.afvclub.com](http://www.afvclub.com).

Aid & Comfort: Prayers for ailing Veterans led by member Bob Peragallo.

- 1: Bob Birchett USMC
- 2: Joe Langheim USMC
- 3: Larry Beber
- 4: Ken Payne USN.

Current business:

1: Member Gerry Flowers to Seattle for Dental Work. Gerry will attempt to get dental work done in Canada as a test case for the Reciprocal Agreement. He will contact Christine Lecuyer in Ottawa for assistance. Discussion follows.

2: The VVIC Vet 1-800 phone line is no more due to non-payment of phone bill. 340.00 is presently owed to the phone co. Members Bob Peragallo and Ken Payne each donated \$20.00 toward the bill. VVIC President Carmack would like to see the phone line continue until at least the end of 2004. Discussion follows.

3: An unofficial presidential poll was conducted within the group. Results; 6 votes for John Kerry, 3 for President Bush, 3 spoiled ballots and one refusal to vote..

Meeting Adjourned 2056

Steve O'Grady  
Chief of Staff.

### Finance Reports

Thankfully, none due.

## Mail Call

### Aid & Comfort

Bob Birchett, USMC, Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada

### Administrative Items

1. VVIC Annual Picnic – Peace Arch Park, U.S. Border, Blaine 05 Sept 2004
2. Update on an old case. (Ski)

### 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. VVIC Telephone Line back in service
2. VVIC Internet moved to Canaca.ca  
Email addresses available to members, along with email aliases, and group mailing list along with other features my simple little mind has yet to process.

### New Business from the floor:

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