



Vietnam Veterans In Canada

463rd General Meeting (2004-24)

AGENDA

09 December 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
Received since 25 November 2004**

(Reading of the Names)

Cpl. Dale E. Fracker, Jr., 23, of Apple Valley, Calif. Fracker died on November 24 in Deh Rawod, Afghanistan, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit. He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Cpl. Jacob R. Fleischer, 25, of St. Louis, Mo. Fleischer died on November 24 in Deh Rawod, Afghanistan, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit. He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Sgt. Benjamin C. Edinger, 24, of Green Bay, Wisc., died Nov. 23, at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., from injuries received as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq on Nov 14. He was assigned to 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc. Ryan J. Cantafio, 22, of Beaver Dam, Wisc., died Nov. 25, as result of enemy action in Al Andar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, headquartered in Chicago, Ill.

Pvt. Brian K. Grant, 31, of Dallas, Texas, died Nov. 26 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Grant was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Camp Howze, Korea.

Pfc. Harrison J. Meyer, 20, of Worthington, Ohio, died Nov. 26 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Meyer was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Camp Howze, Korea.

Cpl. Kirk J. Bosselmann, 21, of Napa, Calif. Bosselmann died Nov. 27, as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Bradley M. Faircloth, 20, of Mobile, Ala. Faircloth died Nov. 26, as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Jeffery S. Holmes, 20, of White River Junction, Vt. Holmes died Nov. 25, as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. David B. Houck, 25, of Winston Salem, N.C. Houck died Nov. 26 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Joshua E. Lucero, 19, of Tucson, Ariz. Lucero died Nov. 27 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Sgt. Nicholas S. Nolte, 25, of Falls City, Neb. Nolte died Nov. 24 at the National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, Md., from injuries received Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point N.C.

Lance Cpl. Jordan D. Winkler, 19, of Tulsa, Okla, died Nov 26 due to a non-combat related incident at Camp Fallujah, 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.

Staff Sgt. Michael B. Shackelford, 25, of Grand Junction, Colo. Shackelford died Nov. 28 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when his unit was conducting a dismounted patrol and they encountered enemy forces using small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea.

Sgt. Carl W. Lee, 23, of Oklahoma City, Okla. Lee died Nov. 28 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when his unit was conducting a dismounted patrol and they encountered enemy forces using small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea.

Sgt. Trinidad R. Martinezluis, 22, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Nov. 28 in Baqubah, Iraq, when his 5-ton vehicle rolled over and pinned him underwater. Martinezluis was assigned to the Army's 201st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

Spc. Jeremy E. Christensen, 27, of Albuquerque, N.M., died Nov. 27 in Ad Duilayah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol vehicle. Christensen was assigned to 1st Squadron, 4th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Lance Cpl. Adam R. Brooks, 20, of Manchester, N.H. Brooks died Nov. 28 as a result of enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Charles A. Hanson Jr., 22, of Panacea, Fla. Hanson died Nov. 28 as a result of enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc. Stephen C. Benish, 20, of Clark, N.J., died Nov. 28 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when he received enemy fire while on a dismounted patrol. Benish was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea.

Cpl. Gentian Marku, 22, of Warren, Mich., died Nov. 25 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Blake A. Magaoay, 20, of Pearl City, Hawaii, died Nov. 29 as a result of enemy 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.

Sgt. Michael A. Smith, 24, of Camden, Ark., died Nov. 26 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., from injuries sustained in Baghdad, Iraq, on Nov. 7 when he was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Smith was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, Texarkana, Ark.

Sgt. Christian P. Engeldrum, 39, of Bronx, N.Y. Engeldrum died Nov. 29 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his military vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y.

Pfc. Wilfredo F. Urbina, 29, of Baldwin, N.Y. Urbina died Nov. 29 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his military vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y.

Lt. Col. Michael J. McMahon, 41, of Connecticut. McMahon died Nov. 27 in Bamian, Afghanistan, when his contract aircraft crashed. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Chief Warrant Officer Travis W. Grogan, 31, of Virginia Beach, Va. Grogan died Nov. 27 in Bamian, Afghanistan, when his contract aircraft crashed. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Spc. Harley D. R. Miller, 21, of Spokane, Wash. Miller died Nov. 27 in Bamian, Afghanistan, when his contract aircraft crashed. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Spc. Sergio R. Diazvarela, 21, of Lomita, Calif., died Nov. 24 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol. Diazvarela was assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Camp Howze, Korea.

Sgt. Pablo A. Calderon, 26, of Brooklyn, N.Y. Calderon died Nov. 30 in Fallujah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Jose Guereca, Jr., 24, of Missouri City, Texas. Guereca died Nov. 30 in Fallujah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, of Falls Church, Va., died Dec. 1 at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, from injuries received Nov. 25, as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Cpl Zachary A. Kolda, 23, of Corpus Christi, Texas, died Dec. 1 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the Marine Forces Reserves' 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Houston, Texas.

Spc. Daryl A. Davis, 20, of Orlando, Fla., died Nov. 29 in Iraq when his HMWWV was involved in a traffic accident. Davis was assigned to the Army National Guard's 144th Transportation Company, Marianna, Fla.

Spc. Erik W. Hayes, 24, of Cascade, Md., died Nov. 29 in Al Miqdadiyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. Hayes was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

Spc. David M. Fisher, 21, of Green Island, N.Y., died Dec. 1 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his unit was on patrol and the HMWWV in which he was riding rolled over. Fisher was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 101st Cavalry Regiment, Newburgh, N.Y.

Spc. Isaac E. Diaz, 26, of Rio Hondo, Texas, died Dec. 1 in Sharona, Afghanistan, when his military vehicle rolled over. Diaz was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light) from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Cpl. Bryan S. Wilson, 22, of Otterbein, Ind., died Dec. 1 as result of a non-hostile vehicle incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. George D. Harrison, 22, of Knoxville, Tenn., died December 2 in Mosul, Iraq, when his HMMWV was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Harrison was assigned to the 293rd Military Police Company, 3rd Military Police Battalion (Provisional), 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Spc. David P. Mahlenbrock, 20, of Maple Shade, N.J., died Dec. 3 in Kirkuk, Iraq, when he was clearing a route and an improvised explosive device detonated. Mahlenbrock was assigned to the 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria, Va. Le died Dec. 3 from injuries received as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Cpl. Matthew A. Wyatt, 21, of Millstadt, Ill. Wyatt died Dec. 3 from injuries received as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Salamo J. Tuialuuluu, 23, of Pago Pago, American Samoa. Tuialuuluu died Dec. 4 in Mosul, Iraq, when his Stryker military vehicle received enemy fire during convoy operations. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Washington.

Sgt. David A. Mitts, 24, of Hammond, Ore. Hammond died Dec. 4 in Mosul, Iraq, when his Stryker military vehicle received enemy fire during convoy operations. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Washington.

Staff Sgt. Henry E. Irizarry, 38, of Bronx, New York, died Dec. 3 in Taji, Iraq, when his unit was on patrol and an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV. Irizarry was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment, New York, N.Y.

Sgt. Cari A. Gasiewicz, 28, of Depew, N.Y., died Dec. 4 in Baqubah, Iraq, when two improvised explosive devices detonated near her convoy. Gasiewicz was assigned to the 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Gordon, Ga.

Sgt. Michael L. Boatright, 24, of Whitesboro, Texas died Dec. 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, when he was struck by an improvised explosive device. Boatright was assigned to the 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Kyle A. Eggers, 27, of Euless, Texas, died Dec. 5 in Habbaniyah, Iraq, when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. Eggers was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.

Cpl. Joseph O. Behnke, 45, of Brooklyn, New York, died Dec. 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, when he was in a vehicle accident. Behnke was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 258th Field Artillery Regiment, Brooklyn, New York.

Pfc. Andrew M. Ward, 25, of Kirkland, Wash., died Dec. 5 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Ward was assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Howze, Korea.

Cpl. In C. Kim, 23, of Warren, Mich., died Dec. 7 as result of a non-hostile vehicle incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 9th Communications Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

This brings the total U.S. deaths to 1312 plus those who died prior to 29 May 2003.

The Information of U.S. Casualties is taken from United States Department of Defense Press Releases:

No. 1213-04 Nov 26, 2004, No. 1214-04 Nov 27, 2004, No. 1215-04 Nov 27, 2004, No. 1217-04 Nov 29, 2004, No. 1218-04 Nov 29, 2004, No. 1219-04 Nov 29, 2004, No. 1220-04 Nov 29, 2004, No. 1222-04 Nov 29, 2004, No. 1223-04 Nov 29, 2004, No. 1224-04 Nov 29, 2004, No. 1221-04 Nov 30, 2004, No. 1226-04 Nov 30, 2004, No. 1227-04 Nov 30, 2004, No. 1228-04 Dec 01, 2004, No. 1230-04 Dec 01, 2004, No. 1233-04 Dec 01, 2004, No. 1234-04 Dec 01, 2004, No. 1235-04 Dec 01, 2004, No. 1236-04 Dec 01, 2004, No. 1238-04 Dec 02, 2004, No. 1239-04 Dec 02, 2004, No. 1240-04 Dec 02, 2004, No. 1241-04 Dec 02, 2004, No. 1242-04 Dec 02, 2004, No. 1243-04 Dec 02, 2004, No. 1247-04 Dec 03, 2004, No. 1249-04 Dec 05, 2004, No. 1253-04 Dec 06, 2004, No. 1252-04 Dec 06, 2004, No. 1255-04 Dec 06, 2004, No. 1257-04 Dec 06, 2004, No. 1256-04 Dec 06, 2004, No. 1259-04 Dec 06, 2004, No. 1261-04 Dec 07, 2004, No. 1263-04 Dec 07, 2004, No. 1267-04 Dec 08, 2004, No. 1268-04 Dec 08, 2004.

Introduction of Scheduled Guests, New Members, and Visitors

Announcements and Acknowledgements

President's Remarks

(W. Carmack, USMC, Ret.)

No Formal Business tonight.
Last Meeting of the Year.

We survived one more year beyond our time.

I ask Jehovah's Blessings on each and every one of you
And I hope we will have the wisdom
To handle the challenges in our futures.

1st Vice President's Remarks

(K. Payne, USN)

2nd Vice President's Remarks

(K. Lang, AUS)

Chief of Staff

(S. O'Grady, AUS)

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(Chief of Staff)

Minutes

Chief of Staff.

VVIC Annual general meeting #462 - Held on Nov. 25th 2004

VVIC President W. Carmack chaired the meeting.

Moment of Silence- Names of 122 Deceased U.S. Service Members read out.

Handouts and attachments:

1: I know not War- A tribute to Canada's Veterans by Erin Collins.

2: U.S. Flags won't be in Our Parade.

3: Federal Register- Selective Service system plus letter from acting Director of the system Mr. Jack Martin.

VVIC President's Remarks: Suggestion for both U.S. Vietnam Veterans and their Vietnamese counterparts to lay a wreath at the cenotaph on Nov. 11th Remembrance Day 2005.

1st VVIC Vice President's Remarks - Dr. Bokan to be at the Bellingham vet center on the 3rd Thursday of Dec. Dr. Bokan will take care of any veteran's medication problems.

Annual General Meeting Business.

- 1: Resolution in support of troops in Iraq- Approved.
- 2: Names of VVIC Board of Directors read out plus appointed positions plus special appointment of member Jim Johnson as Co-Chairperson of the firebase Canada committee.

Current Business:

- 1: The Johnson Document to be brought in for the next VVIC meeting on the 9th of Dec.
- 2: VVIC president and others to have a meeting with Issac Romano on Dec. 16th.
- 3: NY Times article with Issac Romano to be put on VVIC website shortly.

New Business:

- 1: Suggestion made by VVIC President that a VVIC Membership Certificate be made for new VVIC members outside the Vancouver area. VVIC member Steve O'Grady to bring in a sample next meeting.
- 2: VVIC President Carmack to check out another person posing as a veteran.
- 3: Start "Operation Paul Revere" in an attempt to bring back previous VVIC members.
- 4: VA Free Basic Program possibly cancelled-VVIC member Gerry Flowers to check out.

Meeting Adjourned 2104

Steve O'Grady
Chief of Staff.

New Business from the Floor:

The next General Meeting is 06 January 2005 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.