



# Vietnam Veterans In Canada

## General Meeting (2005-19)

# AGENDA 482

15 September 2005

*British Columbia Regiment (DCO)  
Beatty Street Armoury  
620 Beatty Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

**Ten Minute Warning**  
**1920 Hours**  
(Sergeant At Arms)

**Call to Order**  
**1930 Hours**  
(Sergeant at Arms)

**Moment of Silence**

## **United States Military Casualty Reports**

Received since 01 September 2005

**Chief Warrant Officer Dennis P. Hay, 32, of Valdosta, Ga.**, died on Aug. 29, 2005, in Tal Afar, Iraq, where his OH-58D Kiowa helicopter came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Hay was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

**2nd Lt. Charles R. Rubado, 23, of Clearwater, Fla.**, died on Aug. 29, 2005, in Tal Afar, Iraq, when his M1A2 Abrams tank came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Rubado was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

**Maj. Gregory J. Fester, 41, of Grand Rapids, Mich.**, died on Aug. 30, 2005, in Iskandariyah, Iraq, where an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol. Fester was a reservist assigned to the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Sgt. Monta S. Ruth, 26, of Winston-Salem, N.C.**, died on Aug. 31, 2005, in Samarra, Iraq, where an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle during security patrol operations. Ruth was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga. Spc.

**Jason E. Ames, 21, of Cerulean, Ky.**, died on Aug. 31, 2005, in Mosul, Iraq, from non-combat related injuries. Ames was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

**Capt. Lowell T. Miller, II, 35, of Flint, Mich.**, died on Aug. 31, 2005, in Iskandariyah, Iraq, when his military training team was conducting operations with the Iraqi Army and they came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Miller was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 155<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, McComb, Miss.

**1st Lt. Derek S. Hines, 25, of Newburyport, Mass.**, died on Sept. 1, 2005, in Baylough, Afghanistan, when his unit was conducting security operations and came under attack by enemy forces using small arms fire. Hines was assigned to the 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, Vicenza, Italy.

**Sgt. George R. Draughn Jr., 29, of Decatur, Ga.** Draughn died on Sept. 1, 2005, in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during patrol operations. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 108th Cavalry Regiment, 48th Infantry Brigade, Griffin, Ga.

**Staff Sgt. Robert L. Hollar Jr., 35, of Griffin, Ga.** Hollar died on Sept. 1, 2005, in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during patrol operations. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 108th Cavalry Regiment, 48th Infantry Brigade, Griffin, Ga.

**Sgt. 1st Class Lonnie J. Parson, 39, of Norcross, Ga.**, died on Sept. 2, 2005, in Baghdad, Iraq, when his M3A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle was struck by an enemy explosive device. Parson was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Lance Cpl. Ryan J. Nass, 21, of Franklin, Wis.**, died Sept. 3 from a non-hostile gunshot wound at Camp Blessing, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. The incident is under investigation.

**Spc. Luke C. Williams, 35, of Knoxville, Tenn.**, died on Sept. 5, 2005 in Baghdad, Iraq, when the HMMWV he was riding in accidentally rolled over into a ditch. Williams was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Sgt. Matthew C. Bohling, 22, of Eagle River, Alaska**, died on Sept. 5, 2005, in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, where an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Bohling was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 69<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

**Hospitalman Robert N. Martens, 20, of Queen Creek, Ariz.**, died Sept. 6, from injuries sustained as a passenger when his HMMWV rolled over in Al Qaim, Iraq. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Martens was assigned to II Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Spc. Jeffrey A. Williams, 20, of Warrenton, Ill.**, died on Sept. 5, 2005, in Tal Afar, Iraq, where an improvised explosive device detonated near his combat patrol. Williams was assigned to the Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

**Staff Sgt. Jude R. Jonaus, 27, of Miami, Fla.** Jonaus died on Sept. 6, 2005, in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV causing it to rollover. He was assigned to the Brigade Troops Battalion, Division Support Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Sgt. Franklin R. Vilorio, 26, of Miami, Fla.** Vilorio died on Sept. 6, 2005, in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV causing it to rollover. He was assigned to the Brigade Troops Battalion, Division Support Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Staff Sgt. Christopher L. Everett, 23, of Huntsville, Texas**, died on Sept. 7, 2005, in Al Taqqadum, Iraq, where an accident occurred in the motor pool. Everett was assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 112th Armor Regiment, 56th Brigade Combat Team, Arlington, Texas.

**Spc. Jeremy M. Campbell, 21, of Middlebury, Pa.**, died on Sept. 11, 2005, in Baghdad, Iraq, where an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during patrol operations. Campbell was assigned to the 108th Military Police Company, 503rd Military Police Battalion (Airborne), 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Sgt. Kurtis D. K. Arcala, 22, of Palmer, Alaska**, died on Sept. 11, 2005, in Tikrit, Iraq, where an improvised explosive device detonated near his position during convoy escort operations. Arcala was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

**This brings the total U.S. deaths to 2002 plus those who died prior to 29 May 2003.**

## **Perimeter Check (Sergeant At Arms)**

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

None scheduled

## **Announcements and Acknowledgements**

### **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**

(K. Lang, AUS)

### **Chief of Staff's Remarks**

(S. O'Grady, AUS)

## **General Collection**

## **Minutes of the previous VVIC General Meeting**

Chief of Staff.

VVIC General meeting #481-held on 1 Sept. 2005.  
10 Members present plus family member S. Carmack.

Moment of Silence-Names of 28 Deceased U.S. Service Members Read out.

Handouts and Attachments:

- 1: Agenda for general meeting #481.
- 2: A draft questionnaire from member Don Sinclair.
- 3: Vet Stress might rise with review of 72,00 PTSD cases. By Tom Philpott of Military .com.
- 4: Canada trust Bank statement from VVIC president to Chief of Staff.
- 5: Report, included in the agenda from Member Chief McInnes on Location of Firebase Canada 2006.

VVIC President Carmack's Remarks: An explanation of events that happened at the last VVIC general meeting. VVIC President apologizes for the way the meeting went. It is noted that the Armoury's Sgt's Mess is for the use of VVIC members on every second Thursday starting at 19:30 hours.

1st V.P. Payne's Remarks:

- 1: On the 3rd of Sept., at Bellingham, picnic will be held at Bertheson Park.
- 2: A reminder that any Veteran moving to Washington State gets a tax deferment.
- 3: Hayyim Grossman to be at the Bellingham Vet Center on Sept 2nd., and if possible maybe in the near future come to a VVIC meeting.
- 4: Ken Payne to have an operation in Seattle on 12 Sept. 05.

2nd V.P. Lang's Remarks:

- 1: Off to Bellingham on the 2nd.
- 2: A wallet was found by Keith in downtown Vancouver. A cell phone number was found, the person was contacted, he will come to the armoury to pick up during the meeting.

Chief of Staff O'Grady's Remarks:

- 1: Comments on his recent 17 day stay at 7W in Seattle and his, to be return trip on 14 Sept., to pick up new hearing aids.
- 2: Noted that VVIC friend Dr. Prupus was in touch and sends his regards to all members.

Note from member P. Knauth that pill boxes with day initials on the top are available at the Bellingham veteran Center from Dr. Bokan.

Administrative items:

- 1: Main VVIC address ownership reverting to CFT on 2 Sept. 05
- 2: Effect of Southern Cross on VVIC operations- period winding down - VVIC president will be away during the month of Oct., but back in Nov.
- 3: Operation Lazarus- names starting with A's handed over to member Don Sinclair.
- 4: Health identification card for member Jim Clark arrives. To go to Jim if we can find him.

Firebase Canada 2006 Report: VVIC Member Chief McInnes visited Nelson. Trip went well, he met with Nelson Mayor Dave Elliott. Chief MacInnes's final conclusion is the firebase can happen but only if the airport site is available to use as a campsite.

Motion put forward to appoint Chief MacInnes our Nelson representative. All in favor. Chief McInnes appointed.

Proposal by member Don Sinclair to have a questionnaire put on our website to reach out and inform all Vietnam Veterans of goings-on within the veteran community in the B.C. area who cannot attend our regular meetings. VVIC President Carmack to put the questionnaire on the website.

A computer good enough for E-Mailing and web-surfing is available to anyone in need of one. Interested get in touch with VVIC President Carmack.

New Business:

- 1: Don Ramsden now a member of VVIC with dues now paid.
- 2: Member Larry MacKay to organize a U.S. Thanksgiving Day picnic as per last years.

Meeting Adjourned 2058

Steve O'Grady,  
Chief of Staff.

### **Administrative Items (S-1)**

1. Main VVIC telephone ownership reverting to CFT, effective 31 December 2005.
2. Southern Cross III update.

3. Operation Lazarus
  - a. Alpha list being reviewed by D. Sinclair
  - b. SFC Ray Heimes, U.S. Army Retired checks in. (Prince George)
4. August Bank Statement
5. Internet activity
  - a. Project Mercury (Server)
  - b. VVIC-L
  - c. Vet-Rant-I
6. Listing the email address of the 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, COS and IG on the website.
7. Board Meeting

### **Firebase Canada 2006 (Nelson)**

No activity to report

### **VDBC**

1. The Questionnaire, the timing and the short response period.
2. The need for Veterans to be responsive.

### **Quartermaster Activities**

(Senior Chief Mac McInnes, USN Ret)

### **Veteran Outreach**

### **New Business from the Floor:**

The next General Meeting is 30 September 2005 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.