



# Vietnam Veterans In Canada

## General Meeting (2006-16)

# AGENDA 504

03 August 2006

*British Columbia Regiment (DCO), Vancouver, B.C.*

### Ten Minute Warning

1920 Hours

(Sergeant At Arms)

### Call to Order

1930 Hours

(Sergeant at Arms)

### Moment of Silence

## United States and Canadian Military Casualty Reports

Received since 20 July 2006

**Staff Sgt. Michael A. Dickinson II, 26, of Battle Creek, Mich.**, died on July 17 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when his dismounted patrol encountered enemy forces small arms fire. Dickinson was assigned to the 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations Group, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Staff Sgt. Kenneth I. Pugh, 39, of Houston Texas**, died on July 17 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained when his M1A2 Abrams tank encountered enemy forces small arms fire. Pugh was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. This incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. 1st Class Scott R. Smith, 34, of Punxsutawney, Pa.**, died on July 17 in Al Iskandariyah, Iraq, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated during a controlled ordnance clearing mission. Smith was assigned to the 737th Explosive Ordnance Detachment, 52nd Ordnance Group, Fort Belvoir, Va.

**Spc. Manuel J. Holguin, 21, of Woodlake, Calif.**, died on July 15 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained when his dismounted patrol encountered enemy small arms fire and an improvised explosive device. Holguin was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

**Lance Cpl. Geoffrey R. Cayer, 20, of Fitchburg, Mass.**, died July 18 from a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. The incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. Mark R. Vecchione, 25, of Tucson Ariz**, died on July 18 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his M1A1 Abrams tank. Vecchione was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

**Staff Sgt. Robert J. Chiomento, 34, of Fort Dix, N.J.**, died on July 17 in Khwaya Ahmad, Afghanistan, when his patrol encountered enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenades and mortars. Chiomento was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Polk, La.

**Staff Sgt Eric Caban, 28, of Fort Worth, Texas**, died on July 19 in southern Afghanistan of injuries sustained when his combat reconnaissance patrol came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations on July 18. Caban was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Pfc. Derek J. Plowman, 20, of Everton, Ark.**, died on July 20 in Baghdad, Iraq, from a gun shot wound. Plowman was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 142nd Fires Brigade, Rogers, Ark. This incident is under investigation.

**Cpl. Julian A. Ramon, 22, of Flushing, N.Y.**, died July 20 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Cpl. Matthew P. Wallace, 22, of Lexington Park, Md.**, died on July 21, in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Bradley Fighting Vehicle during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq, on July 16. Wallace was assigned to the 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Capt. Christopher T. Pate, 29, of Hampstead, N.C.**, died July 21 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, Command Element, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**1st Sgt. Christopher C. Rafferty, 37, of Brownsville, Pa.**, died on July 21 in Sharana, Afghanistan of injuries sustained on July 20, when his unit encountered small arms fire during combat operations. Rafferty was assigned to 37th Engineer Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C. This incident is under investigation.

**Capt. Blake H. Russell, 35, of Fort Worth, Texas** died on July 22 of injuries sustained from enemy forces munitions while investigating a possible mortar cache during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. Russell was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Cpl. Francisco Gomez, 44, of Edmonton, Alberta**, serving with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, was killed when a car packed with explosives rammed his armoured vehicle on 22 July.

**Cpl. Jason Patrick Warren, 29, of the Black Watch, the Royal Highland Regiment of Canada**, based in Montreal, was killed when a car packed with explosives rammed his armoured vehicle.

**Spc. Stephen W. Castner, 27, of Cedarburg, Wis.**, died on July 24, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMV during combat operations in Tallil, Iraq. Castner was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery, Milwaukee, Wis.

**Cpl. Adam J. Fargo, 22, of Ruckersville, Va.**, died on July 22 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained when his convoy encountered enemy forces small arms fire. Fargo was assigned to the 4th Brigade Troop Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Spc. Dennis K. Samson Jr., 24, of Hesperia, Mich.**, died on July 24 in Taqaddum, Iraq, of injuries sustained by enemy small arms fire. Samson was assigned to 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Spc. Joseph A. Graves, 21, of Discovery Bay, Calif.**, was killed on July 25 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his convoy encountered enemy fire. Graves was assigned to the 110th Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Staff Sgt. Christopher W. Swanson, 25, of Rose Haven, Md.**, died on July 22 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of injuries sustained when his patrol encountered enemy forces small arms fire. Swanson was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

**Spc. Andrew Velez, 22, of Lubbock, Texas**, died on July 25 in Sharona, Afghanistan, from a non-combat related injury. Velez was assigned to the Corps Support Battalion, Theater Support Command, Fort Irwin, Calif. This incident is under investigation.

**Capt. Jason M. West, 28, of Pittsburg, Pa.**, died on July 24 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when he encountered enemy forces using small arms fire. West was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

**Major Paeta Derek Hess-von Kruedener, 43, of Kinston, Ontario** was reported missing and presumed dead after his United Nations Observation Post was attacked and destroyed by Israeli Defense Forces on July 25. Three other U.N. observers -- from China, Austria and Finland -- died in the border post in the attack. Major Hess-von Kruedener was a member of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He was serving with the unarmed UN Truce Supervision Organization, which was formed in 1948.

**Petty Officer 2nd Class Edward A. Koth, 30, of Towson, Md.,** died July 26 at Camp Victory, Iraq, after ordnance exploded during a disposal operation. Koth was assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eight, serving with Multinational Corps Iraq in Baghdad. The incident is under investigation.

**Lance Cpl. James W. Higgins, 22, of Frederick, Md.,** died July 27 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Lance Cpl. Adam R. Murray, 21, of Cordova, Tenn.,** died July 27 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Cpl. Timothy D. Roos, 21, of Cincinnati, Ohio,** died July 27 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Pfc. Enrique C. Sanchez, 21, of Garner, N.C.,** died July 27 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Lance Cpl. Anthony E. Butterfield, 19, of Clovis, Calif.** Butterfield died July 29 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Sgt. Christian B. Williams, 27, of Winter Haven, Fla.** Williams died July 29 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Cpl. Phillip E. Baucus, 28, of Wolf Creek, Mont.,** died July 29 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**This brings the total U.S. deaths to 2755 plus those who died prior to 29 May 2003.**

**Perimeter Check (Sergeant At Arms)**

**Call to Order (Sergeant At Arms)**

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

**Announcements and Acknowledgements**

**President's Remarks**

(W. Carmack, USMC)

**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)

**Sergeant At Arms Remarks**

(G. Flowers, USMC)

**Service Officer's Remarks**

(L. MacKay, USMC)

**General Collection**

**Minutes of the previous VVIC General Meeting**

Chief of Staff.

Not available.

**Administrative Items (S-1)**

1. Placing L. Reid on the Board of directors
2. Unpaid dues.
3. Final closing of P.O. Box 193 to VVIC Members.
4. Vet line being reduced to answering machine only.
5. The Vonage phone concept for a future group number.

**Veterans Affairs Update**

**Quartermaster Activities**

(Senior Chief Mac McInnes, USN Ret)

There is inventory of all items.

**Veteran Outreach**

**Constitutional Tweaks.**

Adjusting the Constitution to allow for more than one Past President on the Board which was passed at the last AGM. This is still not complete yet.

**Attached Articles:**

**American Legion:**

**New Business:**

**New business from the floor:**

*The next General Meeting is 17 August 2006 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.*