



# Vietnam Veterans In Canada

## General Meeting (2006-17)

# AGENDA 505

17 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 02 August 2006

**Pfc. Jason Hanson, 21, of Forks, Wash.**, 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. Ryan D. Jopek, 20, of Merrill, Wis.**, died in Tikrit, Iraq on Aug. 2 of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy. Jopek was assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 127<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Waupun, Wis.

**Sgt. Dustin D. Laird, 23, of Martin, Tenn.**, died on Aug. 2 during combat operations in Rawah, Iraq. Laird was assigned to the Army National Guard 913th Engineer Company, 46th Engineer Battalion, Union City, Tenn.

**Cpl. Joseph A. Tomci, 21, of Stow, Ohio**, died Aug. 2 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Spc. Hai Ming Hsia, 37, of New York, N.Y.**, died Aug. 1 during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Hsia was assigned to the 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

**Sgt. George M. Ulloa Jr., 23, of Austin, Texas**, died Aug. 3 from wounds suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Sgt. Joshua A. Ford, 20, of Wayne, Neb.**, died on July 31 during combat operations in Al Numaniyah, Iraq. Ford was assigned to the Army National Guard 189th Transportation Company, 485th Corps Support Battalion, Norfolk, Neb.

**Lance Cpl. Kurt E. Dechen, 24, of Springfield, Vt.**, died Aug. 3 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, while attached to Regimental Combat Team 5, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Petty Officer 2nd Class Marc A. Lee, 28, of Hood River, Ore.**, was killed on Aug. 2 during combat operations while on patrol in Ramadi, Iraq. Lee was an aviation ordnanceman and a member of a West Coast-based SEAL Team.

**Staff Sgt. Daniel A. Suplee, 39, of Ocala, Fla.**, died on Aug 3 at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, Fla., of injuries sustained on Apr 1 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his HMMWV was involved in a traffic accident. Suplee was assigned to the National Guard 153rd Cavalry Squadron, Ocala, Fla.

**Staff Sgt. Clint J. Storey, 30, of Enid, Okla.** Storey died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on August 4, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

**Sgt. Bradley H. Beste, 22, of Naperville, Ill.** Beste died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on August 4, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

**Sgt. Leroy Segura Jr., 23, of Clovis, N.M.**, died on Aug 4, in Habbaniyah, Iraq, of injuries suffered from a HMMWV accident. Segura was assigned to the 362nd Engineer Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, Fort Benning, Ga.

**Pfc. Brian J. Kubik, 20, of Harker Heights, Texas**, died on Aug 5 in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries suffered on Aug 2 when his unit encountered enemy small arms fire in Baghdad, Iraq. Kubik was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Staff Sgt. Stephen A. Seale, 25, of Grafton, W.V.** Seale died in Baghdad, Iraq on Aug. 6, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV while conducting a combat operations. He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Brigade Troop Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Sgt. Carlton A. Clark, 22, of South Royalton, Vt.** Clark died in Baghdad, Iraq on Aug. 6, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV while conducting a combat operations. He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Brigade Troop Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Spc. Jose Zamora, 24, of Sunland Park, N.M.** Zamora died in Baghdad, Iraq on Aug. 6, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV while conducting a combat operations. He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Brigade Troop Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Staff Sgt. Tracy L. Melvin, 31, of Seattle, Wash.,** died of injuries sustained on Aug. 6, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Melvin was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

**Lance Cpl. Jeremy Z. Long, 18, of Sun Valley, Nev.,** died Aug. 10, while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Sgt. Steven P. Mennemeyer, 26, of Granite City, Ill.** Mennemeyer was declared Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown on Aug. 8, when his UH-60 Blackhawk crashed into a lake in the vicinity of Korean Village in Rubtbah, Iraq. His remains were recovered on Aug. 9 and 10, respectively. He was assigned to the 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Fort Riley, Kan. This incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. Jeffery S. Brown, 25, of Trinity Center, Calif.** Brown was declared Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown on Aug. 8, when his UH-60 Blackhawk crashed into a lake in the vicinity of Korean Village in Rubtbah, Iraq. His remains were recovered on Aug. 9 and 10, respectively. He was assigned to the 82nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Fort Riley, Kan. This incident is under investigation.

**Spc. Rogelio R. Garza, Jr., 26, of Corpus Christi, Texas.** Garza died in Nangalam, Afghanistan on Aug. 11, when his platoon came in contact with enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the Army 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Pfc. Andrew R. Small, 19, of Wiscasset, Maine.** Small died in Nangalam, Afghanistan on Aug. 11, when his platoon came in contact with enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the Army 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Pfc. James P. White, Jr., 19, of Huber Heights, Ohio.** White died in Nangalam, Afghanistan on Aug. 11, when his platoon came in contact with enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the Army 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

**1st. Sgt. Aaron D. Jagger, 43, of Hillsdale, Mich.** Jagger died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Aug 9, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. He was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

**Spc. Ignacio Ramirez, 22, of Henderson, Nev.** Ramirez died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Aug 9, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. He was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

**Spc. Shane W. Woods, 23, of Palmer, Alaska.** Woods died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Aug 9, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. He was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

**Staff Sgt. Michael C. Lloyd, 24, of San Antonio, Texas.** Lloyd died in Baghdad, Iraq of injuries sustained on Aug. 12, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol during combat operations. He was assigned to the Army's 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Staff Sgt. Kevin L. Zeigler, 31, of Overland Park, Kan.** Zeigler died in Baghdad, Iraq of injuries sustained on Aug. 12, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol during combat operations. He was assigned to the Army's 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Staff Sgt. Kenneth A. Jenkins, 25, of Fouke, Ark.,** died in Balad, Iraq of injuries sustained on Aug. 12, when he came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. Jenkins was assigned to the Army's 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**This brings the total U.S. deaths to 2785 plus those who died prior to 29 May 2003.**



# Charles A. Dunne Post 75

## The American Legion

Department of Washington  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

### Order of Business

17 August 2006

Please sign the attendance book, thank you.

- Opening – three raps of the gavel – all stand.
- To The Colors
- USA and Canadian Casualty Reports
- POW MIA Empty Chair
- Chaplin – Opening Prayer
- One rap of the gavel – take seats
- Roll Call (to determine if a quorum is present)
- Minutes of the previous meeting
- Introduction of Guest or prospective new members
- Committee Reports:
  - Membership Harold Gillespie
  - Entertainment
  - Parade Ted Snow
  - Finance Officer Harold Gillespie
  - Balloting on Applications
  - Service Officer Report Larry Reid
  - Sick Call, Relief, and Unemployment
  - **Unfinished Business**
  - Good and Welfare of the Legion
  - **New Business**
- Closing Ceremony
  - Chaplin – Closing Prayer
  - Commander

# VVIC Meeting

**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.

VVIC General meeting #504-held on 03 Aug 2006 at the BCR in Vancouver B.C.

VVIC President W. Carmack chaired the meeting.

15 People were on the sign in sheet which includes Dave Holwill our faithful barkeep, Family Members S. Carmack (thanks for the blueberries, they were very much enjoyed by all), and Jane Mella, Associate Members B. Montgomery, S. McSkimmings and wife Gail as well as Vietnam era Vet Danny Koch.

Moment of Silence and the names of 32 US and Canadian deceased service casualties read out.

Attachments and handouts:

- 1: Agenda #504.
- 2: Minutes of meeting # 503.
- 3: 2006 Edition of Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents.

VVIC President Carmack's remarks; A welcome to Vietnam Vet and longtime VVIC member Ron Mella and wife Jane.

1st VP Ken Payne's remarks;

1: A quick comment on our web-site the Vet rant. Ken is not happy with it. Ken is slowly getting his computer skills upgraded. Offers of help from other VVIC members to assist him.

A thanks from all VVIC members is owed to our 1st VP for bringing in nicely designed copies of "The Elder's Thoughts" for members to purchase for \$5.00. \$4.00 of which went into the VVIC kitty.

Sergeant At Arms Gerry Flowers remarks:

1: Gerry will be traveling again to the South Pacific with the "Moore's Marauders". Trip will be from 5 Sept., to the 20th.

2: Good news, Gerry's motorbike has been repaired after sustaining considerable damage on his return trip to Vancouver from the "Our Way Home" reunion in Nelson, B.C. last month.

Administrative Items:

1: VVIC member Larry Reid now on the VVIC Board of Directors and as of now is in charge of all our money and financial matters. For the moment his position will be untitled however that will be remedied soon.

2: VVIC President Carmack did make contact with former VVIC Board member Will Turpin. Word is Will will not be continuing as a VVIC member as he is busy elsewhere. Also contacted was VVIC Member Jim Clark who is still in the Vancouver area. Member Don Sinclair will deliver a new VA card to Jim.

3: Longtime VVIC member George Robinson remembered. George is presently living in the Mission B.C. Area. We do miss George's wonderful sense of humor and all the years of dedicated service he gave to our VVIC. Stay well George, please drop in one Thursday night if possible in the future.

4: Short notice will be given to those VVIC Board Members who have yet to pay their 2006 dues.

Replacements will be called for. Suggestion from Member Flowers to post a reminder on the Vet Rant.

5: Noted also that P.O. Box 193 is closed to VVIC members and the Vet line has been reduced to answering machine only. Answering machine is activated after only one ring.

6: Recommended by VVIC President Carmack that the "VONAGE" phone concept be used in the future for the group. Noted that is a good system and a 604 number costs only \$19.95/month for 500 Minutes.

7: VVIC membership cards will be given to member Larry Reid. Larry will be making new cards and they will be given out as the new 2007 dues are paid.

Quartermaster Activities:

Still have items on stock to be sold. Member Gerry Flowers suggests a few items such as mugs, caps and tee-shirts be taken to our partners in the Bellingham Veteran Center.

Other items discussed were;

1: AFVC- Armed forces vacation club. For more info easily found on the AFVC website.

2: American Legion members joining the VVIC.

Meeting adjourned 2043.

Next VVIC meeting to be held on the 17th of Aug., at the BCR following the American Legion meeting which will be starting at 19:30 sharp.

Steve O'Grady,  
Chief of Staff.

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

1. All Financial records turned over L. Reid, Board Member. As of 0001 hours, 05 August 2006 the responsibility for VVIC Financial matters is handed over to L. Reid.
2. Bank Signing authority update.
3. Past Dues Issue – Members in good standing.

4. Establish L. Reid's home address as the Financial mailing address of the group.
5. Future main mailing address.
6. Future VVIC phone number.
7. Memorandum of Understanding/Confidentiality Oath regarding VVIC data.
8. Transfer of basic membership records to the Chief of Staff and Acting Treasurer L. Reid.

### **Veterans Legislation Update**

H.R.995: The 'Combat Military Medically Retired Veteran's Fairness Act of 2005' to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of Combat-Related Special Compensation under that title to members of the Armed Forces retired for disability with less than 20 years of active military service who were awarded the Purple Heart. No new sponsors were added to this bill which has a total of 31

H.R.1366: The Combat-Related Special Compensation Act of 2005 to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Combat-Related Special Compensation paid by the uniformed services in order to permit certain additional retired members who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for that disability and Combat-Related Special Compensation by reason of that disability.

H.R.2076: The 'Retired Pay Restoration Act of 2005' To amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation. No new sponsors were added to this bill which has a total of 28. Related bills are H.R.303, S.558, S.845

### **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:**

1. Minutes of VVIC Meeting 503
2. My Soldier

3. Ride Across America
4. DNA Injury confirmed in Vietnam Veterans

**American Legion:**

**New Business:**

1. Associate Membership for:
  1. Dave Holwill, BCR
  2. S. McSkimmings, U.S. Army, Iraq Veteran

**New business from the floor:**

*The next General Meeting is 31 August 2006 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.*

