



Vietnam Veterans In Canada

General Meeting (2006-18)

AGENDA 506

31 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 Military Casualty Reports

Received since 15 August 2006

Sgt. John P. Phillips, 29, of St. Stephen, S.C., died Aug. 16 at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq, on March 7. He was assigned to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.

Capt. John J. McKenna IV, 30, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Aug. 16 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Albany, N.Y.

Lance Cpl. Michael D. Glover, 28, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Aug. 16 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Albany, N.Y.

Senior Airman Adam P. Servais, 23, of Onalaska, Wis., died Aug. 19, when his vehicle came under hostile fire in Uruzgan province. He was assigned to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey S. Loa, 32, of Waianae, Hawaii, died on Aug 16 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol. Loa was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

Hospitalman Chadwick T. Kenyon, 20, of Tucson, Ariz., died Aug. 20 of injuries suffered when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province, Iraq. Kenyon was assigned to the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Cpl. Adam A. Galvez, 21, of Salt Lake City, Utah. Galvez died Aug. 20 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.

Lance Cpl. Randy L. Newman, 21, of Bend, Ore. Newman died Aug. 20 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. Gabriel G. DeRoo, 25, of Paw Paw, Mich., died on Aug. 20 in Mosul, Iraq, of injuries suffered when he encountered enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. DeRoo was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Sgt. Wakkuna A. Jackson, 21, of Jacksonville, Fla. Jackson died in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. He was assigned to the 710th Combat Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Spc. Robert E. Drawl Jr., 21, of Alexandria, Va. Drawl died in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Spc. Christopher F. Sitton, 21, of Montrose, Colo. Sitton died in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. He was assigned to the 710th Combat Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Pvt. Joseph R. Blake, 34, of Portland, Ore., died on Aug 17 in Turkalay, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered when his platoon encountered enemy forces small arms fire. Blake was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Pfc. James J. Arellano, 19, of Cheyenne, Wyo., died on Aug 17 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his patrol encountered enemy forces using improvised explosive devices and small arms fire. Arellano was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Master Sgt. Brad A. Clemmons, 37, of Chillicothe, Ohio, died Aug. 21 when an improvised explosive device struck his vehicle. The vehicle was part of a transportation convoy enroute to Taji, Iraq. Clemmons was assigned to the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

Sgt 1st Class Ruben J. Villa Jr., of El Paso, Texas, died on Aug 18, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from a non-combat related cause. Villa was assigned to the Army's Area Support Group (CFLCC) , Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The incident is under investigation.

Chief Petty Officer Paul J. Darga, 34, of Lansing, Mich., died Aug. 22 when his Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team was struck by an improvised explosive device while responding to a previous strike. His unit was conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province, Iraq. Darga was assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Two, serving with the 1st Marine Logistics Group.

Lance Cpl. James D. Hirston, 21, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died Aug. 23 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Spc. Thomas J. Barbieri, 24, of Gaithersburg, Md., died on Aug. 23 south of Baghdad, Iraq when his patrol encountered enemy forces small arms fire during combat operations. Barbieri was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Dwayne E. Williams, 28, of Baltimore, Md., died Aug. 24 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.

Sgt. Jeremy E. King, 23, of Meridian, Idaho, died on Aug. 24, in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained by enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. King was assigned to the 8th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Marquees A. Quick, 28, of Hoover Ala., died on Aug 19, in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of injuries suffered while conducting security and observation operations, when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using multiple grenades. Quick was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

Staff Sgt. Gordon G. Solomon, 35, of Fairborn, Ohio, died Aug. 24 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Pfc. William E. Thorne, 26, of Hospers, Iowa, died on Aug 24, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Thorne was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Cpl. Jordan C. Pierson, 21, of Milford, Conn., died Aug. 25 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Plainville, Conn.

Cpl. David G. Weimortz, 28, of Irmo, S.C. died Aug. 26 from injuries suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Spc. Edgardo Zayas, 29, of Dorchester, Mass., died on Aug. 26, in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol during combat operations. Zayas was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Lance Cpl. Donald E. Champlin, 28, of Natchitoches, La., died Aug. 28 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq, on Aug. 27. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey J. Hansen, 31, of Cairo, Neb., died on Aug. 27, in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries suffered on Aug. 21 from a vehicle accident in Balad, Iraq. Hansen was assigned to the Army National Guard 1st Squadron, 167th Cavalry Regiment, Lincoln, Neb.

Sgt. Darry Benson, 46, of Winterville, N.C., died on Aug 27, in Camp Virginia, Kuwait, from a non-combat related cause. Benson was assigned the Army National Guard's 730th Quartermaster Battalion, Ahoskie, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. David J. Almazan, 27, of Van Nuys, Calif., died on Aug 27, in Hit, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Almazan was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

Spc. Joshua D. Jones, 24, of Pomeroy, Ohio, died Aug 27, in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his HMMWV came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. Jones was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Spc. Kenneth M. Cross, 21, of Superior, Wis. Cross died during combat operations Aug 27, in Baghdad, Iraq, when his M1126 Stryker Vehicle came in contact with enemy forces using an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Pfc. Daniel G. Dolan, 19, of Roy, Utah. Dolan died during combat operations Aug 27, in Baghdad, Iraq, when his M1126 Stryker Vehicle came in contact with enemy forces using an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

This brings the total U.S. deaths to 2819 plus those who died prior to 29 May 2003.

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)

1st Vice President's Remarks

(K. Payne, USN)

2nd 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 #505 was held on 17 Aug. 2006 at the BCR in Vancouver B.C.

VVIC President Carmack Chaired the meeting.

Thirteen people were on the sign-in sheet which include Dave Holwill our BCR barkeep, Associate Member B. Montgomery plus family members S. Carmack and G. McSkimmings.

Moment of Silence and the names of 30 recent U.S. Military Service casualties were read out.

Attachments and Handouts:

1: Agenda #505.

2: My Soldier: written by the girlfriend of Lt. Lionel Taylor of the former Rhodesian Army.

3: Veteran Ride across America for Kids of Fallen Heroes: For more info go to website wsloan@legion.org.

4: DNA Injury confirmed in Vietnam veterans: The New Zealand Herald.

Also included in the #505 agenda are the minutes to VVIC general meeting #503.

A welcome to Vietnam era USMC Veteran Robert Pfeiffer who attended this meeting. Introductions all around and from Robert a short background history. Again welcome Robert, we look forward to having you join more of our meetings.

VVIC President Carmack's remarks: mentions that appeals to the U.S. Social Security Administration can now be done from home by telephone eliminating the need for us living in Canada to travel to the States. Noted also that all VVIC business matters now being slowly turned over to the VVIC Board members as Woody and family prepare to depart Canada.

1st VP Ken Payne's remarks: Today 17 Aug., DR. Bokan is at the Bellingham Vet Center. Noted also that the laptop computer recently stolen from the home of a USDVA employee has been found and we are to believe that the young person or persons responsible for the theft had no idea of what material information the computer contained.

It was reported that VVIC 2nd VP Keith Lang has been ill for the past 3 weeks. Hope you are feeling better soon Keith. Your presence at our meetings is sorely missed.

Chief of Staff's Steve O'Grady's remarks: A thanks to all members who responded to his "RANT" request for members to send get well wishes to a fellow Vietnam Veteran who is seriously ill in Knoxville Tenn. David did receive wishes from several members and according to his nurse "was honestly moved to tears". Thanks guys, David Johnson was a great soldier and is a wonderful person.

Sgt. at Arms Gerry Flowers remarks: An update on the works and travels of "Moore's Marauders". As we know they are involved in finding the remains of missing U.S. service personnel abroad from wars past.

A Motion to accept the minutes of VVIC meetings #503 and #504 was put forward. The Motion was accepted and it was noted that in the future the minutes of the American Legion meetings will be added to the VVIC agendas which are presently compiled and put together by VVIC President Carmack.

Administrative Items (S-1):

1: Noted that all financial records and receipts of the VVIC since 1994 have been turned over to our new Board Member L. Reid.

2: Bank signing authority is in the hands of VVIC members G. Flowers, K. Payne, R. Peragallo and L. Reid.

3: Two weeks more given to members who have yet to pay their 2006 dues. If not paid by then they will be deemed as "members not in good standing". And will be reminded that non-payment of dues is in actual fact "disrespectful" to all other members of our group. Perhaps a reminder is also needed here

that the primary role of the VVIC as a group is to help fellow veterans from whatever war from whatever nation and to accomplish this mission our meager income from dues and the occasional donation is needed for us to continue our calling. In the past on a few occasions VVIC has run out of funds to do its' work, this we have to avoid in fairness to all veterans. Please note that our work did continue only because of the generosity of individual members and in particular our President. Let's not forget that. The last thing VVIC needs, as the very proud group that we are, is to have "members not in good standing".

4: Noted that Member Larry Reid's home address is now the financial mailing address for VVIC and in the future we also will need a main VVIC mailing address as well as a VVIC phone number.

5: Noted that there is an "understanding/confidentiality oath" regarding VVIC data that has been collected through the years. Info such as DD214's will be turned over to somebody and note that it has to be readily available at times. Basic membership records will be given to VVIC's Chief of Staff and acting Treasurer.

6: Also in our VVIC #505 agenda are the Veterans Legislation updates HR995, HR 1366 and HR 2076.

New Business from the Floor:

1: VVIC Member Don Sinclair notes that U.S burial flags are available from the U.S. Postal Office in Blaine Wash.

2: VVIC President Carmack to get more info on Canadian Military casualties from the newsroom of the Dept. of Defence and will by next meeting have the official web-site to obtain necessary info required.

3: Copy of an e-mail sent to VVIC member G. Flowers passed around concerning a Vietnam Veteran in Alberta in need of assistance. His name is Dave Salamandick. And work will start on this immediately.

4: VVIC Member Don Sinclair whose work is in the medical field in B.C. is currently looking into the possibility of getting used but still workable medical equipment that is presently in storage here in the province donated to other not so-well-off nations that badly need this equipment. One nation in particular in need of such is Vietnam. Great idea Don that is how all wars should be won.

New Business:

1: Motion put forward By VVIC President Carmack that Dave Holwill of BCR and Sean McSkimmings, Iraqi War Veteran be inducted into VVIC as Associate Members. Motion carried unanimously. Welcome to the group Dave and Sean. We're proud to have you in our midst.

2. Noted that the new Veteran Identification Cards are being issued by the USVA. The cards are issued to those enrolled in the VA health care system. Vets can request a new card and have their photo taken at their local medical center. Processing normally takes 5 - 7 days. The VA is encouraging any FPOW or Purple Heart recipient that has not enrolled to now enroll and request a VIC.

VVIC meeting #505 took place between 20:11 and 20:56 on the 17th of Aug. It was preceded by the American Legion meeting which started at 19:47 and ended at 20:11. Next VVIC General meeting will take place on the 31st of Aug., at 19:30 sharp. The next American legion meeting will be on the 14th of Sept., 19:30 sharp and will be followed by the VVIC General meeting.

Steve O'Grady,
Chief of Staff.

Administrative Items (S-1)

1. Dues and good standing. Final decision & subsequent administrative action.
2. G. Flowers trip to Washington.

Veterans Legislation 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:

1. Study Finds Fewer Cases of Post-Traumatic Stress in Vietnam Veterans.
2. Stressed out Vets – Believing the worst about PTSD
3. Symbol of fight against Agent Orange dies.

American Legion:

1. Need to cash cheques from Members in a timely manner.

New Business:

1. Nominations for Chairman and Board positions for the National Vietnam & Gulf War Veterans Coalition.

New business from the floor:

The next General Meeting is 14 September 2006 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.

