

**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 25 October 2006**

**Spc. Nicholas K. Rogers, 27, of Deltona, Fla.**, died Oct. 22 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when his patrol came in contact with enemy forces during combat operations. Rogers was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Lance Cpl. Richard A. Buerstetta, 20, of Franklin, Tenn.** Buerstetta died Oct. 23 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Nashville, Tenn.

**Lance Cpl. Tyler R. Overstreet, 22, of Gallatin, Tenn.** Overstreet died Oct. 23 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Nashville, Tenn.

**Spc. Carl A. Eason, 29, of Lovelady, Texas**, died Oct. 23 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Eason was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

**Spc. Nathaniel A. Aguirre, 21, of Carrollton, Texas.** Aguirre died Oct. 22 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his patrol came in contact with enemy forces. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Spc. Matthew W. Creed, 23, of Covina, Calif.** Creed died Oct. 22 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his patrol came in contact with enemy forces. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**1st Lt. Amos C. R. Bock, 24, of New Madrid, Mo.**, died on Oct. 23 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Bock was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Petty Officer 2nd Class Charles V. Komppa, 35, of Belgrade, Mont.**, died Oct. 25 from enemy action while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was serving with the 3rd Naval Construction Regiment, Multi-National Corps - Iraq, and was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18, Detachment 0618 in Billings, Mont.

**Pfc. Daniel B. Chaires, 20, of Tallahassee, Fla.**, died Oct. 25 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

**Lance Cpl. Jonathan B. Thornsberry, 22, of McDowell, Ky.**, died Oct. 25 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Johnson City, Tenn.

**Pfc. Donald S. Brown, 19, of Succasunna, N.J.**, died Oct. 25 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

**Sgt. Thomas M. Gilbert, 24, of Downers Grove, Ill.**, died Oct. 25 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Grand Rapids, Mich.

**2nd Lt. John S. Vaughan, 23, of Edwards, Colo.**, died in Mosul, Iraq, on June 7, when he encountered enemy small arms fire during a dismounted combat operations. Vaughan was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

**Sgt. 1st Class Clarence D. McSwain, 31, of Meridian, Miss.**, died in Baghdad, Iraq on June 8, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle during combat operations. McSwain was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Pvt. Benjamin J. Slaven, 22, of Plymouth, Neb.**, died on June 9, in Ad Diwaniyah, Iraq of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Slaven was assigned to the Army Reserve 308th Transportation Company, Lincoln, Neb.

**Seaman Apprentice Zachary M. Alday, 22, of Donalsonville, Ga.,** died June 9 from injuries sustained earlier in the day when the vehicle in which he was riding struck a land mine. His unit was conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. Alday was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 7th Regimental Combat Team, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Lance Cpl. Salvador Guerrero, 21, of Los Angeles, Calif.,** died June 9, of wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Lance Cpl. Brent B. Zoucha, 19, of Merrick, Neb.,** died June 9, of wounds received 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. Luke J. Zimmerman, 24, of Luxemburg, Wis.,** died Oct. 27 from injuries suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Pvt. Michael V. Bailey, 20, of Waldorf, Md.,** died on Oct. 27 in Salerno, Afghanistan, from non-combat related injuries. Bailey was assigned to 4th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, New York.

**Lance Cpl. Troy D. Nealey, 24, of Eaton Rapids, Mich.,** died Oct. 29 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Lansing, Mich.

**Staff Sgt. Kyu H. Chay, 34, of Fayetteville, N.C.,** died on Oct. 28 in the Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his combat patrol. Chay was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

**Pfc. Jason Franco, 18, of Corona, Calif.,** died Oct. 31 from a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Miramar, Calif. The incident is currently under investigation.

**Sgt. Michael T. Seeley, 27, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada,** died Oct. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Seeley was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Sgt. Kenneth E. Bostic, 21, of Hawthorne, Nev.**, died Oct. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered from contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during check point operations. Bostic was assigned to the 204th Military Police Company, 519th Military Police Battalion, 1st Combat Support Brigade, Fort Polk, La.

**Sgt. Kraig D. Foyteck, 26, of Skokie, Ill.**, died Oct. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. Foyteck was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

**Cpl. Gary A. Koehler, 21, of Ypsilanti, Mich.**, died Nov. 1 while conducting combat operations 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. Minhee Kim, 20, of Ann Arbor, Mich.**, died Nov. 1 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Lansing, Mich.

**Sgt. Michael R. Weidemann, 23, of Newport, R.I.**, died Oct. 31 in Hit, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Light Medium Tactical Vehicle. Weidemann was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Giessen, Germany.

**Spc. Isaiah Calloway, 23, of Jacksonville, Fla.**, died Oct. 30 in Marah, Afghanistan, from injuries suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. Calloway was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany.

**Pvt. Michael P. Bridges, 23, of Placentia, Calif.**, died Nov. 2 in Taji, Iraq, from a non-combat related incident. Bridges was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. This incident is under investigation.

**Lance Cpl. Luke B. Holler, 21, of Bulverde, Texas**, died Nov. 2 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, San Antonio, Texas.

**Cpl. Michael H. Lasky, 22, of Sterling, Alaska**, died Nov. 2 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

**Maj. Douglas E. Sloan, 40, of Evans Mills, N.Y.** Sloan died of injuries suffered when an IED detonated near his vehicle Oct. 31 in Wygal Valley, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Sgt. Charles J. McClain, 26, of Fort Riley, Kan.** McClain died of injuries suffered when an IED detonated near his vehicle Oct. 31 in Wygal Valley, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. He later died in Asadabad, Afghanistan.

**Pfc. Alex Ocegüera, 19, of San Bernardino, Calif.** died of injuries suffered when an IED detonated near his vehicle Oct. 31 in Wygal Valley, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Lt. Col. Paul J. Finken, 40, of Mason City, Iowa.** Finken died Nov. 2 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an IED detonated near their vehicles. Finken and Gage were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Lt. Col. Eric J. Kruger, 40, of Garland, Texas.** Kruger died Nov. 2 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an IED detonated near their vehicles. Kruger was assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado.

**Staff Sgt. Joseph A. Gage, 28, of Modesto, Calif.** Gage died Nov. 2 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an IED detonated near their vehicles. Finken and Gage were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Spc. James L. Bridges, 22, of Buhl, Idaho,** died Nov. 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. Bridges was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Ala.

**Spc. Douglas C. Desjardins, 24, of Mesa, Ariz.,** died Nov. 5 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his M1A1 Abrams tank during combat operations. Desjardins was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Ray Barracks, Giessen, Germany.

**Lance Cpl. James E. Brown, 20, of Owensville, Ind.,** died Nov. 2 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Staff Sgt. Jason D. Whitehouse, 27, of Phoenix, Ariz.,** died Nov. 2 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Intelligence Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**2nd Lt. Mark C. Gelina, 33, of Moberly, Mo.,** died Nov. 4 from a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Cpl. Kyle W. Powell, 21, of Colorado Springs, Colo.**, died Nov. 4 from wounds suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Cpl. Jose A. Galvan, 22, of San Antonio, Texas**, died Nov. 5 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Pfc. Kevin J. Ellenburg, 20, of Middleburg, Fla.**, died Nov. 1 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Sgt. 1st Class William R. Brown, 30, of Fort Worth, Texas**, died Nov. 6 in Sperwan-Gar, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Chief Warrant Officer John R. Priestner, 42, of Pennsylvania.** Priestner died Nov. 6 in Balad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his AH-64 Apache helicopter crashed. He was assigned to the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

**Chief Warrant Officer Miles P. Henderson, 24, of Amarillo, Texas.** Henderson died Nov. 6 in Balad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his AH-64 Apache helicopter crashed. He was assigned to the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

**Lance Cpl. Ryan T. McCaughn, 19, of Manchester, N.H.**, died Nov. 7 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**This brings the total U.S. deaths to 3034 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)

**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)

**Acting Treasurer's Remarks**

(L. Reid, AUS)

**Sergeant At Arms Remarks**

(G. Flowers, USMC)

**General Collection**

**Minutes of the previous VVIC General Meeting**

Chief of Staff.

VVIC General meeting #510 was held on 2006.10.26 at the BCR in Vancouver B.C.

The VVIC President chaired the meeting.

Seven people are on the sign in sheet and includes D. Holwill our BCR barkeep and Associate member, Family member Susan Carmack, Associate Member Danny Kock and Active Duty Master Sgt. Robert Parr, US Army, 256th Btn.

Moment of Silence and the names of 61 US Military Casualties were read out.

Attachments and handouts:

- 1: Agenda #510.

- 2: Lyrics to "The ballad of Ira Hayes" by Bob Dylan.
- 3: Beginning of the end of America, Olbermann.
- 4: An Execution of the American System of Justice.
- 5: Absent from History. The Black Soldiers of Iwo Jima- UK Guardian 20 Oct. 2006.

VVIC President Carmack's remarks:

Update on SOUTHERN CROSS. Absentee voting ballot mailed in for the 7 Nov., midterm elections completed and sent to the United States early – by Registered Mail.

Chief of Staff Steve O'Grady's remarks.

Brief rundown on his Oct. 6-8 Sqdn., reunion which he attended at Ft. Rucker Ala. Plus mentions his visit to FDR's "Little White House" in Warm Springs Georgia where FDR died in April of 1945.

A brief discussion was held by members present on the new Clint Eastwood movie "Flags of our Fathers". For more on this topic please see attachment #5 in the #510 agenda.

Administrative Items:

- 1: VVIC email for Steve O'Grady set up.

Legislation Update:

- 1: Instead of all traveling US citizens having to get a US passport the proposal of a "passport card" is being considered. A passport card would cost approximately half of the cost of a regular passport.
- 2: US Social security and VA checks will see an increase of 3.3% for 2007.

Quarter Master Activities:

At the BCR we do have a inventory of all VVIC items for sale. Noted that Quartermaster and Senior Chief McIness has paid his 2007 dues by mail along with a donation to VVIC of \$100.00

Constitutional Tweaks:

Work still being done to adjust the VVIC Constitution to allow for more than one past VVIC president to be on the VVIC board.

Meeting Adjourned 2048. The next VVIC meeting will take place on 9 Nov., 2006 at the BCR at 19:30. Voting is to take place at this meeting to elect new officers for 2007. It is to be followed by the monthly American Legion meeting.

Steve O'Grady,  
VVIC Chief of Staff.

## Finance Report

Acting Treasurer

1. Report of Dues paid for 2007

**Administrative Items (S-1)**

1. Remembrance Day
2. Newsletter, American Legion, Guatemala Post #2
3. Vermont Senator Elect Bernie Sanders

**Legislation Update**

**AGM New Business:**

1. Procedural discussion
  - a. Ye Olde Way
  - b. Ye New Way
  
2. Nominations for 2007-2008 Board of Directors.
  - a. President
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (\*)
  - d. Chief of Staff
  - e. Sergeant/Master At Arms
  - f. Intelligence Officer
  - g. Service Officer
  - h. Inspector General
  - i. Quartermaster (\*)
  - j. Finance Officer (\*)

**Motions:**

- 2007-01 Special Resolution to pledge our support to the troops.
- 2007-02 Special Resolution in support of the War in Iraq.
- 2007-03 Special Resolution against the War in Iraq.
- 2007-04 Special Resolution pulling the VVIC from membership in the National Vietnam & Gulf War Veterans Coalition.
- 2007-05 Special Resolution to modify the Constitution and Bylaws to reflect the current situation.

**New business from the floor:**

*The next General Meeting is 23 November 2006 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.*

