



## Vietnam Veterans In Canada General Meeting (2007-02)

# Agenda 515

18 January 2006

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

### Moment of Silence

### United States Military Casualty Reports Received since 03 January 2007

**Spc. Luis G. Ayala, 21, of South Gate, Calif.**, died Dec. 28 in Taji, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit while on combat patrol. Ayala was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Pfc. Alan R. Blohm, 21, of Kenai, Alaska**, died Dec. 31 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit while on combat patrol. Blohm was assigned to the 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

**Cpl. Jonathan E. Schiller, 20, of Ottumwa, Iowa**. Schiller died Dec. 31 in Baqubah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was conducting a combat patrol. He was assigned to the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Spc. Richard A. Smith, 20, of Grand Prairie, Texas**. Smith died Dec. 31 in Baqubah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was conducting a combat patrol. He was assigned to the 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Sgt. John M. Sullivan, 22, of Hixon, Tenn.**, died Dec. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle while on combat patrol. Sullivan was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

**Pvt. David E. Dietrich, 21, of Marysville, Pa.**, died Dec. 29 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire while on combat patrol. Dietrich was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

**Sgt. Thomas E. Vandling Jr., 26, of Pittsburgh, Pa.**, died Jan. 1 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle while on combat patrol. Vandling was assigned to the 303rd Psychological Operations Company, Oakdale, Pa., a subordinate unit of the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Staff Sgt. Charles D. Allen, 28, of Wasilla, Alaska**, died Jan. 4 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the 296th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

**Tech. Sgt. Timothy R. Weiner, 35, of Tamarac, Fla.** Weiner was killed Jan. 7 by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device while performing duties in the Baghdad area supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. The airmen was assigned to the 775th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

**Senior Airman Elizabeth A. Loncki, 23, of New Castle, Del.** Loncki was killed Jan. 7 by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device while performing duties in the Baghdad area supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. The airmen was assigned to the 775th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

**Senior Airman Daniel B. Miller Jr., 24, Galesburg, Ill.** Miller was killed Jan. 7 by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device while performing duties in the Baghdad area supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. The airmen was assigned to the 775th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

**Cpl. Jeremiah J. Johnson, 23, of Vancouver, Wash.**, died Jan. 6 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle rolled over Dec. 26 in Baghdad. Johnson was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska. The incident is under investigation.

**Sgt. Aron C. Blum, 22, of Tucson, Ariz.**, died Dec. 28 at Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif., of a non-hostile cause after being evacuated from Al Anbar province, Iraq, on Dec. 8. Blum was assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

**Sgt. James M. Wosika Jr., 24, of St. Paul, Minn.,** died Jan. 9 in Fallujah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit while on combat patrol. Wosika was assigned to the 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 136th Infantry, Crookston, Minn.

**Spc. Raymond N. Mitchell, III, 21, of West Memphis, Ark.,** died Jan 6 in Baghdad, Iraq of wounds sustained during route security operations. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Spc. Eric T. Caldwell, 22, of Salisbury, Md.,** died Jan 7 in Iraq of wounds sustained when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Pfc. Ming Sun, 20, of Cathedral City, Calif.,** died Jan. 9 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat patrol operations. Sun was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

**Pfc. Ryan R. Berg, 19, of Sabine Pass, Texas,** died Jan. 9 in Baqubah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire. Berg was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Maj. Michael L. Mundell, 47, of Brandenburg, Ky.,** died Jan. 5 in Fallujah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. Mundell was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 108th Division (Institutional Training), Spartanburg, S.C.

**Cpl. Stephen J. Raderstorf, 21, of Peoria, Ariz.,** died Jan. 7 in Balad, Iraq, of wounds sustained during combat operations. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. The incident is under investigation.

**Spc. James D. Riekema, 22, of Redmond, Wash.,** died Jan. 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Riekema was assigned to the 145th Brigade Support Battalion, Post Falls, Idaho.

**Sgt. Paul T. Sanchez, 32, of Irving, Texas,** died Jan. 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Sanchez was assigned to the 543rd Military Police Company, 91st Military Police Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

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**This brings the total U.S. deaths to 3211 plus those who died prior to 29 May 2003.**

## **Announcements and Acknowledgements**

Death of B. Hollifield's son.

### **President's Remarks**

(D. Sinclair, AUS)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Remarks**

(G. Flowers, USMC)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Remarks**

(T. O'Malley)

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

(S. O'Grady, AUS)

## **General Collection**

### **Administrative Items:**

1. Return keys to Band Mess to BCR. These are the keys to the Band mess upstairs which were given to us to conduct Rap groups in several years ago.
2. Box of membership ID cards turned over to President Sinclair.
3. Lt. P. Knauth's VA situation.
4. Buck Shannon

### **New Business:**

### **New Business from the floor:**

*The next General Meeting is 01 February 2007 at 1930 hours at the British Columbia Regiment.*