



Vietnam Veterans In Canada

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Moment of Silence

United States Military Casualty Reports

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Maj. William G. Hall, 38 of Seattle, WA died March 30 from wounds he suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq, on March 29. He was assigned to 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion, Marine Air Control Group 38, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Jevon K. Jordan, 32, of Norfolk, Va., died Mar. 29 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, from wounds suffered Mar. 23 in Abu Jassim, Iraq, when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Sgt. Dayne D. Dhanoolal, 26, of Brooklyn, NY died March 31 in Baghdad, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

Staff Sgt. Travis L. Griffin, 28, of Dover, Del., died April 3 near Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 377th Security Forces Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Spc. Charles A. Jankowski, 24, of Panama City, Fla., died March 28, in Arab Jabour, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Sgt. Nicholas A. Robertson, 27, of Old Town, Maine, died April 3 at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, of wounds suffered April 2 while conducting dismounted combat operations in the Zahn Khan District, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Pfc. Shane D. Penley, 19, of Sauk Village, Ill., died April 6 at Patrol Base Copper, Iraq, from wounds suffered while on duty at a guard post. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. The incident is under investigation.

Capt. Ulises Burgos-Cruz, 29, of Puerto Rico. Burgos-Cruz died April 6 in Balad, Iraq, when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.

Spc. Matthew T. Morris, 23, of Cedar Park, Texas. Morris died April 6 in Balad, Iraq, when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Emanuel Pickett, 34, of Teachey, N.C., died April 6 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked with indirect fire. He was assigned to the 1132nd Military Police Company, North Carolina Army National Guard, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Col. Stephen K. Scott, 54, of New Market, Ala. Scott died April 6 in Baghdad, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with indirect fire. He was assigned to the 356th Quartermaster Battalion, Laurel, Miss., and

Maj. Stuart A. Wolfer, 36, of Coral Springs, Fla. Wolfer died April 6 in Baghdad, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with indirect fire. He was assigned to the 11th Battalion, 104th Division, Boise, Idaho.

Sgt. Richard A. Vaughn, 22, of San Diego, Calif., died April 7 in Baghdad, Iraq from wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked using a rocket propelled grenade, improvised explosive device and small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Jeremiah E. McNeal, 23, of Norfolk, Va., died April 6 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 237th Engineer Company, 276th Engineer Battalion, 91st Troop Command, Virginia Army National Guard, West Point, Va.

Sgt. Timothy M. Smith, 25, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., died April 7 in Baghdad, Iraq of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), located at Fort Polk, La.

Spc. Jason C. Kazarick, 30, of Oakmont, Pa. Kazarick died April 7 in Sadr City, Iraq, when enemy forces attacked using a rocket propelled grenade. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Sgt. Michael T. Lilly, 23, of Boise, Idaho. Lilly died April 7 in Sadr City, Iraq, when enemy forces attacked using a rocket propelled grenade. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Maj. Mark E. Rosenberg, 32, of Miami Lakes, Fla., died April 8 in Baghdad, Iraq of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

Staff Sgt. Jeffery L. Hartley, 25, of Hempstead, Texas, died April 8 in Kharguliah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

Spc. Jeremiah C. Hughes, 26, of Jacksonville, Fla., died April 9 in Balad Iraq, of injuries sustained in a non-combat related incident in Abu Gharab, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team (Stryker), 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. The incident is under investigation.

Tech. Sgt Anthony L. Capra, 31, of Hanford, Calif., died April 9 near Golden Hills, Iraq, of wounds suffered when he encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to Detachment 63, 688 Armament Systems Squadron, Indian Head City, Md.

Sgt. Shaun P. Tousha, 30, of Hull, Texas, died April 9 in Baghdad, Iraq, from wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Jesse A. Ault, 28, of Dublin, Va., died April 9 in Baghdad, Iraq, from wounds suffered in Tunnis, Iraq, when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 429th Brigade Support Battalion, Virginia Army National Guard, Roanoke, Va.

Spc. Jacob J. Fairbanks, 22, of Saint Paul, Minn., died April 9 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. The incident is under investigation.

Casualty Count is now 4572

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Minutes

The minutes of General Meeting #545 of the Vietnam Veterans in Canada held in Vancouver on Apr. 3rd 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 by Ken Payne, Master at Arms. Only VVIC Members and associate members were present.

President Don Sinclair was in the Chair. The members present stood for a moments silence to honour and remember our fallen military comrades as well as those in Harms way.

Our Chaplain, Tom O'Malley was not present due to health issues.

The Military Casualty reports for the past two weeks were not read, as Larry Reid was not present due to personal reasons and no one else had printed them. They will be all read at the next meeting. Also, we will now have two other members print at least one copy of the casualties so this does not re-occur. This was discussed later in the meeting.

Guests:

There were no guests this evening and the lady wanting to speak with the group has not surfaced.

The Finance report: Tabled until next meeting. No finance officer present.

The Service Officer Report:

It was brief. Keith Lang has been talking with a veteran on Vancouver Island, Sydney. His name is Dave that is all we know. He was asked for a DD-214. President Don Sinclair believes that he has had contact with this veteran before. It will be looked into by Keith and Don.

The Membership Report:

Noted that one member has re-joined. Peter Dedijer, visiting from San Antonio, Texas dropped in and sat thru the meeting. Peter is good friends with Jim Ashdown, USMC, 0351 and has known Peter since the sixties in Richmond, B.C. Peter is also well acquainted with President Don Sinclair. We collectively thanked Peter for taking the time to visit, rejoin and participating in our meeting. Thank you from all of us. His dues were paid (\$30.00) and given to Don Sinclair to pass on to Larry Reid, Finance Officer.

It was also decided that Veterans that wish to support the group but not be named on the roster, be asked if they would agree to be on the roster as "anonymous" so that we

can show a true count of members if it is required. That will be asked of them over the next two weeks. We would like the veterans back in the group, but the decision is not ours, it is theirs. Gavin Huey will be asked by member Crockett to support the group with dues and if he too wishes to remain anonymous, that will be fine. We would like to have the numbers actually on paper.

Administrative Report:

There was no administrative report and no I.G. Report tabled. At this point, I must note that the Vancouver Canucks hockey game kept many away. They are now done.

Quartermaster Report:

Don Sinclair reported that Archie has been sent a cheque for the monies owed, there is approximately \$68.00 to be given to the Finance officer from Sales of Quartermaster goods for the VVIC.

Good and Welfare of our Veterans:

Last week, our hunt for George Robinson began. Paperwork was delivered to Ken Payne by Gerry Flowers. Ken discovered that George has not been to the VA since 1999. Today, as soon as these minutes are sent, an email will be sent to Ms. Christine LeCuyer in Ottawa to enlist her help. We would like to see if we can possibly find out if George is still receiving V.A. Compensation and if an address is available for us to access.

Ted Snow is caring for his wife; she has had a stroke and is presently in Surrey Memorial Hospital. I would ask that all of you say a prayer for Ted, his wife and the strength needed to carry on in a situation like this. As mentioned earlier, Tom O'Malley is ill and we all wish him well. I am sure that if any of the vets need anything, they can call on any of us for help and we will try to make it happen.

Collection:

\$15.00 collected, Ken Payne took those funds and dispersed the \$15.00 required. Balance for petty cash this evening from the collection \$0.00

Announcements and Acknowledgements:

From around the Table: Ken Payne revisited the issue of the National Association of United States Navy SeaBees holding their National Convention in Bellingham, Wa. It had been previously tabled that an ad of one half page be placed in their Convention Package supporting them and linking up our site with theirs be voted on. The cost of the ad would be sixty dollars. It was voted on and passed unanimously. It will consist of a half page with the VVIC logo, the American Legion Logo, a short good luck message,

with possibly the four service logos on the bottom and a link to our website. It may include how long we have been around and what we do. This will be sorted out in the next few meetings. There is a deadline to pay the money and hand the ad of support in. We will keep you posted.

Old Business:

The question was posed concerning the website and its construction. While we are extremely grateful to the Website host, some members were concerned that the list could fall into the wrong hands and would like to be assured that those working on the web-site have zero access to the names and information of the members. This should be easily possible, as we in the group that need the list of members to send out a message that we are still around, solicit dues and members back into the fold, cannot, do not and are not able to get the list for the executive. Woody, can you assure us of this, and Please, send us a list of the Members that we could possibly contact and let them know we are still here. Thanks bro.

Don Sinclair brought in an example of a living will that he has made for himself. When Gerry Flowers was at the V.A. Hospital last week, he was given a copy of a living will that the V.A. is now handing out. These were passed onto the members to look at. It was discussed that the importance of these documents cannot be underestimated. Dave Drysdale is an unfortunate example of not having one. I wish we could have undone that and seen to his wishes. However, he did not have them on paper. Another example, is Darryl Bergland. This two was a fiasco with everything he would not have wanted to happen, happening. Please take the time to think about this very important issue. Details and forms can be had via the vvic site once Woody has them in his hands and adds them to the site. Again, even with him being thousands of miles away, Woody is still one of our most active members. Thank you brother...hope you and Susan are well.

New Business:

Thomas Houghton of the British Columbia Regiment advised us of two up coming events. One is the Military Collectors of Canada. They will be holding an event in Richmond B.C. The dates are August 22-24. Details will be available thru Thomas. Apparently, this group has a very extensive collection of all manner of patches, emblems, gear, from every theatre including Vietnam. For more information on this event, please write Thomas Houghton at thomash2@telus.net

Tom tells us there is also another event he is personally hosting on May the 25th from 1000 to 1300. This is an interesting tour of the Mountainview Cemetery. Many of Canada's military heroes are interred here in graves that are in a word, "Humble, as that is how they would have wanted it" Thomas has done a great deal of research and is very knowledgeable about this particular area. There are two Victoria Cross recipients resting here and many more interesting stories of Canada's Valiant Military men to be

heard. For those of you that have had a father, grand Father, or Uncle etc, this may be very interesting to you. Again, more details can be had by contacting Thomas at thomash2@telus.net

The Chair, concluding there was no further business, the call was made for the motion to Close. The meeting formally ended at 2043.

We then asked Peter Dedijer to tell us a bit about himself, what he has been doing and where he is living. Peter is healthy and is visiting Vancouver until next Thursday. Peter is also on the Rant. We would all like to thank Peter for taking the time to join us.

This concludes the minutes of the meeting of April Third, 2008

Sign in Sheet:

Ron Mella
Don Sinclair, President
Ken Payne, Master at Arms
Keith Lang
Dave Crockett
Peter Dedijer
Gerry Flowers
Dave Holiwell