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**Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine: Lance Cpl. Michael Ford**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Michael Ford of New Bedford, MA: "Lance Cpl. Ford courageously served his country with honor and dedication. Maria and I wish to express our deepest sympathies to Michael's family for their painful loss. We will never be able to repay him or his family for the ultimate sacrifice made by this brave Marine to defend freedom." Ford, 19, died April 26 of injuries sustained while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Ford, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:00