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**Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine: Lance Cpl. Kurt E. Dechen**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Kurt E. Dechen of Springfield, VT: "Lance Cpl. Dechen valiantly served and protected the lives of his fellow Americans. Maria and I send our thoughts and prayers to Kurt's loved ones. His passing is a painful reminder of the sacrifices made by the courageous men and women of our armed forces to ensure the protection of our country." Dechen, 24, died Aug. 3 as a result of wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, while attached to Regimental Combat Team 5, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Dechen, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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