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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Four Twentynine Palms Marines

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the deaths of Cpl. Phillip Baucus of Wolf Creek, MT, Lance Cpl. Anthony Butterfield of Clovis, Pfc. Jason Hanson of Forks, WA and Sgt. Christian Williams of Winter Haven, FL: "By courageously putting themselves in harm's way to defend freedom abroad, these four Marines exemplified the selflessness that guides our men and women in uniform. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones." Baucus, 28, Butterfield, 19, Hanson, 21 and Williams, 27, died July 29 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Cpl. Baucus, Lance Cpl. Butterfield, Pfc. Hanson and Sgt. Williams, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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