

Friday, June 13. 2008

Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Antioch Soldier

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. John D. Aragon of Antioch, CA: "Sergeant John Aragon served with bravery and loyalty to his country and fellow soldiers. His devotion to service is an inspiration for all Americans and his sacrifice will not be forgotten. Maria and I offer our condolences to John's family and friends as they mourn the loss of their loved one."

Aragon, 22, died June 12 in Kadamiyah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. Aragon was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), United States Army, Fort Campbell, KY.

In honor of Sgt. Aragon, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. in Half-staff News at 10:18

Friday, June 6, 2008

Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Escondido Soldier

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Cody R. Legg, of Escondido, CA: "Maria and I extend our sympathies to the family of Sergeant Cody Legg, who fought with pride, honor and an unrelenting commitment to democracy. Californians are forever indebted to his service and sacrifice. Our thoughts and prayers are with Cody's family and friends during this difficult time."

Legg, 23, died June 4 in Tikrit, Iraq, of wounds suffered in Sharqat, Iraq, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire and hand grenades. Legg was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), U.S. Army, Fort Drum, NY.

In honor of Sgt. Legg, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, June 2, 2008

Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Los Angeles Soldier: Sgt. 1st Class David Nunez

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. 1st Class David Nunez, of Los Angeles, CA: "I am deeply saddened by the passing of Sergeant First Class David Nunez, who fought with pride and honor to preserve the liberties of his fellow citizens. We will forever remember his service and sacrifice given in the name freedom. Maria and I send our thoughts and prayers to David's family and friends as they mourn this extraordinary loss."

Nunez, 27, died May 29 in Shewan, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when he encountered small arms fire while conducting combat operations. Nunez was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, United States Army, Fort Bragg, NC.

In honor of Sgt. 1st Class Nunez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, January 11. 2005

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Lance Cpl. Julio C. CisnerosAlvarez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Julio C. CisnerosAlvarez, of Pharr, TX, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA:"The valor of Lance Cpl. CisnerosAlvarez warrants the highest appreciation of all Americans. Maria and I join Californians and all who cherish freedom in offering our admiration and gratitude to Julio's family."CisnerosAlvarez, 22, died Jan. 6 as a result of hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.In honor of CisnerosAlvarez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Sgt. Zachariah S. Davis

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Zachariah S. Davis, of Twentynine Palms, CA, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA:"Maria and I extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Sgt. Davis. Zachariah answered the call of duty and put his patriotism to work for the good of his fellow Americans and those without freedom abroad. His contributions are the embodiment of selfless service, and Californians are forever indebted."Davis, 25, died Jan. 6 as a result of hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA.In honor of Davis, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, January 7, 2005

Flags to be Flown Half-Staff Monday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Monday, January 10, 2005, in honor of Staff Sergeant Jason A. Lehto, of Mt. Clemens, who died December 28 while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full staff Tuesday, January 11. Staff Sergeant Lehto, 31, died in a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's Marine Wing Support Group 47, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing. "The sacrifices that our troops make every single day for this country and this state cannot be measured. That is why it is so important we recognize and honor those who have given their lives to protect and defend our nation" Granholm said. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December 2003, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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Wednesday, January 5, 2005

Codey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Tsunami Victims

(TRENTON) – Acting Governor Richard J. Codey today signed an executive order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff through Friday in recognition and mourning of the victims of the tsunami that struck South Asia and resulted in the death of more than 155,000 people. “New Jersey citizens share in the need to remember and honor the victims of this horrible tragedy,” Codey said. “By flying our flags at half-staff, we are paying a solemn tribute to the victims and showing united support for their families.” A copy of the Executive Order is attached. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13

WHEREAS, the world’s most powerful earthquake in over 40 years in the Indian Ocean and the resulting Tsunamis have resulted in the deaths of over 155,000 persons and massive destruction in South Asia; and WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes the need to remember and honor the memory of the victims of this horrible tragedy; NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours from Wednesday, January 5, 2005, through Friday, January 7, 2005 in recognition and mourning of the victims of the Tsunami disaster.2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal
this 5th day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two
Thousand and Five, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and
Twenty-Ninth.
Codey /s/ Richard J.
Governor Acting Governor Attest: /s/ Paul T. Fader Chief Counsel to the

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Jason E. Smith

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Jason E. Smith, of Phoenix, AZ, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Lance Cpl. Smith risked his life to safeguard the liberty of millions of Americans. In the face of danger, Jason stood proudly beside his fellow Marines and fought with fortitude and bravery. He will always be remembered as a champion of freedom. Maria and I send our deepest sympathies to his family." Smith, 21, died Dec. 31 as a result of hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Smith, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Modesto Soldier Pfc. Oscar Sanchez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Oscar Sanchez, of Modesto, CA: "I join Californians in expressing my profound sadness over the loss of Pfc. Sanchez. Patriotism is one of freedom's most enduring legacies, and the men and women of our armed forces honor their love of country through voluntary service. In doing such, Oscar sacrificed his life in the most sincere tribute to freedom, and Californians are eternally grateful." Sanchez, 19, died Dec. 29 in Mosul, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device struck his observation post. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, WA. In honor of Sanchez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, January 3, 2005

Governor Schwarzenegger Honors the Memory of the Victims of the Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunamis

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger honored victims of the Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunamis by ordering Capitol flags and flags at all state buildings flown at half-staff. "Maria and I extend our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to all those suffering as a result of the devastating South Asia earthquake and tsunamis. Our thanks and best wishes also go out to all Californians and people throughout the globe who have generously answered the call to assist in relief efforts. Today I ask Californians to join me in honoring the memory of all the victims of this terrible tragedy and helping in any way they can to relieve the tremendous pain and suffering for those left behind," said Governor Schwarzenegger. In conjunction with a proclamation issued by President George W. Bush affecting the federal government, the flag at the State Capitol and the flags at all state buildings will be flown at half staff from Monday, January 3, 2005 through Friday, January 7, 2005. For links and additional information regarding where to find more information about the disaster, where to find American citizens in the region and participating in relief efforts

visit: http://www.governor.ca.gov/state/govsite/gov_htmldisplay.jsp?sCatTitle=%20&sFilePath=/govsite/spotlight/december29_update.htm. To view the letter to Californians from Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver regarding this disaster

visit: http://www.governor.ca.gov/state/govsite/gov_htmldisplay.jsp?sCatTitle=%20&sFilePath=/govsite/spotlight/december30_update.htm.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Anaheim Seaman Pablito Pena Briones, Jr.

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Navy Seaman Pablito Pena Briones, Jr., of Anaheim, CA: "The loss of Seaman Briones is felt deeply by all who knew him. His memory will live on in his community, through his loved ones, those who served with him, and those who enjoy freedom because of his sacrifice. Maria and I extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and will continue to keep all those who serve in our prayers." Briones, 22, died Dec. 28 from injuries received as a result of non-hostile action in Fallujah, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Marine Division Detachment, Naval Medical Center San Diego, CA. In honor of Briones, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, December 29, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of California Soldiers

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Robert S. Johnson, of Castro Valley, CA and Spc. Jonathan Castro, of Corona, CA: "Maria and I are deeply saddened to learn of Staff Sgt. Johnson and Spc. Castro's death. The attack on their dining facility in Mosul was a tragedy. While we grieve with the families of the victims, we take comfort in knowing that their memories will live on. These soldiers had courage that few will ever know." Johnson, 23, and Castro, 21, died Dec. 21 in Mosul, Iraq, when their dining facility was attacked. Johnson was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, WA. Castro was assigned to the 73rd Engineer Company, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, WA. In honor of Johnson and Castro, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Three Camp Pendleton Marines

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the statement regarding the deaths of three Camp Pendleton Marines: "These three brave men will be remembered for their loyal and brave service to their country. Maria and I would like to send our condolences to the families and friends of these Marines. Our prayers are with you while you mourn." Killed in the line of duty were: Lance Cpl. Eric Hillenburg, 21, of Marion, IN. Lance Cpl. James R. Phillips, 21, of Hillsboro, FL. Cpl. Raleigh C. Smith, 21, of Lincoln MT. All three Marines died Dec. 23 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd. Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Hillenburg, Phillips and Smith, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, December 27, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Lance Cpl. Neil D. Petsche

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Neil D. Petsche, of Lena, IL, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Lance Cpl. Petsche's honorable service to his country is deeply appreciated. Maria and I join with Neil's family and friends as they mourn the loss of their loved one." Petsche, 21, died Dec. 21 due to a non-combat related incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Petsche, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, December 17, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Three Camp Pendleton Marines: Staff Sgt. Melvin L. Blazer, Lance Cpl. Hilario F. Lopez, Lance Cpl. Gregory P. Rund

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of three Camp Pendleton Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom: "As we reflect on the sacrifice that these brave Marines made in defense of our nation, we take some comfort in knowing that their lives will be remembered not only by their families, loved ones and neighbors, but by their fellow Marines and all Americans. Maria and I send our prayers to the families of Staff Sgt. Blazer, Lance Cpl. Lopez and Lance Cpl. Rund as they mourn." Killed in the line of duty were: Staff Sgt. Melvin L. Blazer, 38, of Moore, OK; Lance Cpl. Hilario F. Lopez, 22, of Ingleside, TX; Lance Cpl. Gregory P. Rund, 21, of Littleton, CO. Rund died Dec. 11 and Blazer and Lopez died Dec. 12 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. All three were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of these brave Marines, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Two Camp Pendleton Marines: Cpl. Jason S. Clairday and Cpl. Ian W. Stewart

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Jason S. Clairday, of Camp Fulton, AR, and Cpl. Ian W. Stewart, of Lake Hughes, CA, both of whom were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I respect and admire Jason and Ian's honorable decision to commit their lives to public service in our nation's armed forces. The impact of their lives and selfless service will be felt not only by their families and fellow Marines but also by the communities they represented to the world. Each man served his country with bravery few will ever know." Clairday, 21, and Stewart, 21, died Dec. 12 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Clairday and Stewart, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua W. Dickinson

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Joshua W. Dickinson, of Pasco, FL, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I are saddened to learn of Lance Cpl. Dickinson's death. We understand the grave risks involved in serving in the armed forces and honor Joshua for bravely facing those risks head on. His noble commitment to such a duty will be long remembered." Dickinson, 25, died Dec. 12 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Dickinson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Sgt. Jeffrey L. Kirk

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Jeffrey L. Kirk, of Baton Rouge, LA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "The loss of Sgt. Kirk brings deep sorrow to the hearts of all Californians. His dedicated service to his country exemplifies his bravery and conviction. Maria and I send our most sincere condolences to his family and loved ones." Kirk, 24, died Dec. 12 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Kirk, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Modesto Marine Cpl. Michael D. Anderson

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Michael D. Anderson, of

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Modesto, CA:"Our prayers go out to Cpl. Anderson's family and the entire community of Modesto as they mourn Michael's death and celebrate his life. His life and his admirable service to our country in the fight for freedom will not be forgotten."Anderson, 21, died Dec. 14 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA.In honor of Anderson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, December 15, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Jose Soldier Spc. Edwin W. Roodhouse

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Edwin W. Roodhouse of San Jose, CA: "As a state and nation, we deeply appreciate the bravery and conviction shown by Spc. Roodhouse in the face of danger. His dedication to his country serves as a model to his fellow Californians and all our soldiers. Maria and I send our sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones." Roodhouse, 36, died Dec. 5, from injuries incurred during enemy action in Habbaniyah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea. In honor of Roodhouse, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, December 10, 2004

Codey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Specialist David P. Mahlenbrock

(TRENTON)—In honor of U.S. Army Specialist David P. Mahlenbrock, 20, of Maple Shade, Acting Governor Richard J. Codey signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff Monday, December 13. December 10, 2004 Codey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Specialist David P. Mahlenbrock (TRENTON)—In honor of U.S. Army Specialist David P. Mahlenbrock, 20, of Maple Shade, Acting Governor Richard J. Codey signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff Monday, December 13. “Specialist Mahlenbrock’s courage and commitment make him worthy of the highest honor,” Acting Governor Codey said. “He made the greatest possible sacrifice for the country he loves. New Jersey and America are proud of him, just as his family and community are proud of him. We will keep Specialist Mahlenbrock and his family in our thoughts and prayers.” Specialist Mahlenbrock died Dec. 3 in Kirkuk, Iraq. He was clearing a route when an improvised explosive device detonated. He was assigned to the 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. A copy of the Executive Order is attached: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11 WHEREAS, U.S. Army Specialist David Mahlenbrock, a resident of Maple Shade, graduated from Maple Shade High School in 2002, where he was a member of the football team and captain of the wrestling team; and WHEREAS, Specialist Mahlenbrock enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after graduation, and planned to make a career of his service in the Army; and WHEREAS, Specialist Mahlenbrock served proudly as a member of the U.S. Army’s 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, and was deployed to Iraq in the service of his country in January 2004; and WHEREAS, Specialist Mahlenbrock was a courageous soldier, and a loving husband, father, son and brother; and WHEREAS, Specialist Mahlenbrock has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while fighting for our country; and WHEREAS, Specialist Mahlenbrock’s patriotism and dedicated service to his country make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory; NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT: 1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, December 13, 2004, in recognition and mourning of U.S. Army Specialist David Mahlenbrock. 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this

10th day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four, and of the

Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

Richard

J. Codey
Acting Governor

[seal] Attest: /s/ Mark J. Fleming Deputy Chief

Counsel to the Governor

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Flags to be Flown Half-Staff Monday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Monday, December 13, 2004, in honor of Marine Corporal In C. Kim of Warren, who died on December 7 while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full staff Tuesday, December 14. Corporal Kim, 23, died as a result of a non-hostile vehicle incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Corporal Kim was assigned to the 9th Communications Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. “The sacrifices our troops make every single day for this country and this state cannot be measured. That is why it is so important we recognize and honor those who have given their lives to protect and defend our nation,” Granholm said. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December 2003, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm’s web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled ‘Spotlight’.

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Monday, December 6, 2004

Codey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Private First Class Stephen C. Benish

(TRENTON)—In honor of U.S. Army Private First Class Stephen C. Benish, 20, of Clark, Acting Governor Richard J. Codey signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff today. Codey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Specialist David P. Mahlenbrock

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Friday, December 3, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Lomita Soldier Spc. Sergio R. Diazvarela

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Sergio R. Diazvarela, of Lomita, CA: "Maria and I are profoundly saddened and wish to express our deepest sympathies to the Diazvarela family for the loss of Sergio. He was a valiant hero who was protecting his country and our freedom. We are thankful for his service and will keep him in our prayers." Diazvarela, 21, died Nov. 24, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Camp Howze, Korea. In honor of Diazvarela, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, December 2, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Blake A. Magaoay

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Blake A. Magaoay, of Pearl City, HI: "Maria and I extend our deep condolences to Blake's friends and loved ones. It is a great and noble calling to selflessly serve one's country and fellow citizens. We are grateful to all those who selflessly serve in our military." Magaoay, 20, died Nov. 29 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Magaoay, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, December 1, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Napa Marine Cpl. Kirk J. Bosselmann

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Kirk J. Bosselmann, of Napa, CA: "Kirk served our country with distinction and a sense of duty and pride. Maria and I extend our deepest condolences to the Bosselmann family and those who continue to honor Kirk's selfless service to our nation." Bosselmann, 21, died Nov. 27 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC. In honor of Bosselmann, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Jordan D. Winkler

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Jordan D. Winkler, of Tulsa, OK: "Jordan was a noble soldier who served his country and made the ultimate sacrifice. His death is an enormous loss felt by all who knew him. Maria and I express our deepest condolences to his loved ones and will continue to keep Jordan in our prayers." Winkler, 19, died Nov. 26 due to a non-combat related incident at Camp Fallujah, Iraq. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Winkler, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Los Angeles Soldier Sgt. Trinidad R. Martinezluis

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Trinidad R. Martinezluis, of Los Angeles, CA: "Trinidad served our country with honor and distinction. Maria and I are thankful for his service and sacrifice and we offer our prayers and sympathies to his loved ones." Martinezluis, 22, died Nov. 28, from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Baqubah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 201st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany. In honor of Martinezluis, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Flags to be Flown Half-Staff Friday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Friday, December 3, 2004, in honor of Marine Lance Corporal Gentian Marku of Warren, who was killed on November 25 while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full staff Saturday, December 4. Lance Corporal Marku, 22, was killed as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Lance Corporal Marku was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. "The sacrifices that our troops make every single day for this country and this state cannot be measured. That is why it is so important that we recognize and honor those who have given their lives to protect and defend our nation" Granholm said. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December 2003, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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Tuesday, November 30, 2004

Gov. Rounds Asks That All Flags Fly at Half Staff to Honor Fallen Marine Lance Cpl. Joseph Welke

Gov. Mike Rounds today asked that all flags in the state be flown at half staff Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, from 8 a.m. (CT) until sunset in honor of Marine Lance Cpl. Joseph Welke of Rapid City who died while serving his country in Iraq. "Lance Corporal Welke has made the ultimate sacrifice while serving his country during this war on terrorism," said Gov. Rounds. "It is only fitting that we show our respects in this manner." Welke, 20, was a member of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. He died Saturday in Germany of combat wounds suffered in Iraq.

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Monday, November 22, 2004

Codey Orders Flags to Fly at Half-Staff to Honor U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Marc T. Ryan

(TRENTON) – In honor of U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Marc T. Ryan, 25, of Gloucester, Acting Governor Richard J. Codey signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff Tuesday, November 23, 2004. “Corporal Ryan gave the ultimate sacrifice for the country he loved. His courage and dedication can never be repaid, but we will always honor him as one of New Jersey’s and America’s best and worthiest citizens,” Acting Governor Codey said. “May God protect him as he protected us.” Corporal Ryan died as a result of enemy action, an explosion in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. A copy of the Executive Order is attached: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6 WHEREAS, U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Marc T. Ryan, a lifelong resident of the State of New Jersey, graduated from Gloucester City High School in 1998, where he was captain of the football team; and WHEREAS, after attending Wesley College for two years, Corporal Ryan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, following in the family tradition established by his father and grandfather; and WHEREAS, Corporal Ryan served proudly as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps’ 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force and was deployed to Afghanistan in the service of his country shortly after the September 2001 terrorist attacks; and WHEREAS, Corporal Ryan subsequently was deployed to Iraq for two tours of duty before volunteering to return in September 2004 for a third tour of duty; and WHEREAS, Corporal Ryan was a courageous soldier and a loving son and brother; and WHEREAS, Corporal Ryan has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while fighting for our country; and WHEREAS, Corporal Ryan’s patriotism and dedicated service to his country makes him a hero and a true role model for all Americans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory; NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. CODEY, Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT: The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, November 23, 2004, in recognition and mourning of U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Marc T. Ryan. This Order shall take effect immediately. GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 22nd day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth. Richard J. Codey Acting Governor Attest: Paul T. Fader Chief Counsel to the Governor

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Friday, November 19, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marines: Lance Cpls. Ailes, Payton and Swain, Sgt. Peralta, Cpl. Ryan

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of five Camp Pendleton Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom: "Each of these Marines risked his life to protect the freedom and lives of others. Their memories will live on, through their loved ones, in the communities where they lived, and in the lives of those they helped to protect. Maria and I are humbled by their sacrifice and extend our sympathies and prayers to their families." Killed in the line of duty were: Lance Cpl. Jeramy A. Ailes, 22, of Gilroy, CA; Lance Cpl. George J. Payton, 20, of Culver City, CA; Sgt. Rafael Peralta, 25, of San Diego, CA; Cpl. Marc T. Ryan, 25, of Gloucester, NJ; Lance Cpl. James E. Swain, 20, of Kokomo, IN; Payton died Nov. 14 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. Ailes, Peralta, Ryan, and Swain died Nov. 15 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Ailes was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton. Peralta was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. (He also served as a member of the California Conservation Corps in San Diego from August 1998 to October 1999 and during that time was promoted to CCC crewleader.) Ryan was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton. Swain was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton. In honor of Ailes, Payton, Peralta, Ryan and Swain, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Shane E. Kielion

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Shane E. Kielion, of La Vista, NE, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Lance Cpl. Kielion made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting our freedom. Maria and I are saddened by the loss of each soldier and, we extend our sympathies to Shane's loved ones." Kielion, 23, died Nov. 15 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Kielion, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Two Marines: Cpls. Dale A. Burger Jr. and Andres H. Perez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpls. Dale A. Burger Jr., of Bel Air, MD, and Andres H. Perez, of Santa Cruz, CA, both of whom were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of Dale and Andres. When a life is lost in service to the nation, it touches more than only those who were fortunate to have known these brave Marines -- their sacrifice is memorialized by the entire community." Burger, 21, and Perez, 21, died Nov. 14 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Burger and Perez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Two Marines: Capt. Patrick Marc M. Rapicault and Lance Cpl. Antonie D. Smith

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Capt. Patrick Marc M. Rapicault, of St. Augustine, FL, and Lance Cpl. Antonie D. Smith, of Orlando, FL, both of whom were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Californians are grateful for the service and devotion of these two heroic Marines. Maria and I each honor the sacrifice that Antonie and Patrick made to protect the values and freedoms of America." Rapicault, 34, and Smith, 22, died Nov. 15 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Rapicault was assigned to

2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. Smith was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Rapicault and Smith, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Soldier Pfc. Cole W. Larsen

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Cole W. Larsen, of Canyon Country, CA, who was stationed in Mannheim, Germany: "Cole was a valiant soldier who served to protect the freedom of his fellow citizens. We all are indebted to him for his service. Maria and I send our sincerest condolences to his loved ones and to the community of Canyon Country during this time of loss." Larson, 19, died Nov. 13 from injuries received when a civilian vehicle struck his military vehicle causing it to roll over. Larson was assigned to the 272nd Military Police Company, 21st Theater Support Command, Mannheim, Germany. In honor of Larson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Lance M. Thompson

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Lance M. Thompson, of Upland, IN, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "The country is thankful for the service of all members of our armed forces. When one falls the loss is felt by all. Maria and I add our gratitude to that of the rest of the nation and we send our prayers and condolences to Lance's loved ones." Thompson, 21, died Nov. 15 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Thompson was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Thompson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Two Marines: Cpl. Jarrod L. Maher and Sgt. Morgan W. Strader

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Jarrod L. Maher, of Imogene, IA, and Sgt. Morgan W. Strader, of Crossville, IN, both of whom were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I are touched by all who are willing to serve on behalf of our country. Jarrod and Morgan each chose the path to protect our freedom and our safety. We extend our gratitude and sympathies to their loved ones during this time of mourning." Maher, 21, and Strader, 23, died Nov. 12. Maher died as a result of a non-hostile gunshot wound at Abu Ghraib, Iraq. Maher was assigned to 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. Strader died of injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Strader was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Maher and Strader, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Sgt. Christopher T. Heflin

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Christopher T. Heflin, of Paducah, KY, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Christopher was truly a heroic American who selflessly served his country. Maria and I extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends." Heflin, 26, died Nov. 16 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Heflin, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, November 18, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Three Camp Pendleton Marines: Lance Cpls. Benjamin S. Bryan, Victor R. Lu and Justin D. McLesse

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of three Camp Pendleton Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom: "Maria and I would like to express our gratitude to these brave men for their selfless service to our country. Their lives and memories will be honored well beyond today. We will keep the families of these Marines in our prayers and would like to send our condolences and heartfelt gratitude to their fellow Marines at Camp Pendleton." Killed in the line of duty were: Lance Cpl. Benjamin S. Bryan, 23, of Lumberton, NC. Lance Cpl. Victor R. Lu, 22, of Los Angeles, CA. Lance Cpl. Justin D. McLesse, 19, of Covington, LA. All three Marines died Nov. 13 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Bryan and McLesse were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. Lu was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Bryan, Lu and McLesse, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Three Camp Pendleton Marines: Lance Cpl. Nicholas H. Anderson, Lance Cpl. Justin M. Ellsworth, Sgt. Byron W. Norwood

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of three Camp Pendleton Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom: "The service and sacrifice these Marines made is testament to their character. Nicholas, Justin and Byron bravely assumed the dangers inherent in military service and Maria and I honor their courage and commitment to our country. Our prayers are with the families of these men." Killed in the line of duty were: Lance Cpl. Nicholas H. Anderson, 19, of Las Vegas, NV, who died Nov. 12 in a vehicle incident while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. Lance Cpl. Justin M. Ellsworth, 20, of Mount Pleasant, MI, who died Nov. 13 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. Sgt. Byron W. Norwood, 25, of Pflugerville, TX, died Nov. 13 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of these brave Marines, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Two Camp Pendleton Marines: 2nd Lt. James P. Blecksmith and Lance Cpl. Kyle W. Burns

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of 2nd Lt. James P. Blecksmith, of San Marino, CA, and Lance Cpl. Kyle W. Burns, of Laramie, WY, both of whom were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Courageous soldiers such as James and Kyle dedicate their lives to keep us safe and protect our liberty, and Maria and I are forever grateful for their service. Their devotion and bravery serve as a model for all Americans. Our prayers go out to their loved ones during this difficult time." Blecksmith, 24, and Burns, 20, died Nov. 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Blecksmith was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. Burns was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Blecksmith and Burns, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Sebastopol Soldier Staff Sgt. Michael C. Ottolini

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Michael C. Ottolini, of Sebastopol, CA: "Maria and I are saddened by the loss of this courageous soldier. Staff Sgt. Ottolini gave his life for his country and for this he and his family deserve our utmost respect and appreciation. As Californians, we sympathize with Michael's family and friends while they mourn." Ottolini, 45, died Nov. 10 in Balad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive

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device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 579th Engineer Battalion, Petaluma, CA. In honor of Ottolini, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Flags to be Flown at Half-Staff Wednesday, Thursday, Friday for Servicemen Killed in Iraq

LANSING – In his capacity as acting Governor, Lt. Governor John D. Cherry today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered this week in honor of Michigan servicemen who lost their lives while on active duty in Iraq. Flags will be lowered: Wednesday, November 17, 2004 to honor Lance Corporal Justin D. (J.D.) Reppuhn of Hemlock. Lance Corporal Reppuhn, 20, was killed by an explosion as he fought his way into Fallujah, Iraq on Thursday, November 11th. He fought in the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force of the United States Marine Corps. Thursday, November 18, 2004 to honor Private First Class (PFC) Dennis Miller Jr. of LaSalle. PFC Miller, 21, was killed on Thursday, November 11th while serving near Ramadi, Iraq. The circumstances of his death are still unknown. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division of the United States Army. Friday, November 19, 2004 to honor Lance Corporal Justin M. Ellsworth of Mount Pleasant. Lance Corporal Ellsworth, 20, died Saturday, November 13 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He served with Combat Support Service Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force of the United States Marine Corps. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December 2003, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. This information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'. Lt. Governor Cherry is currently serving as acting governor under Section 26 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Under that section of Michigan's state constitution, when the Governor is absent from the state, the powers and duties of the office of governor devolve to the lieutenant governor until the governor returns to Michigan. Governor Granholm is on an investment mission in Germany.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Juan E. Segura

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Juan E. Segura, of Homestead, FL, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Every Marine fights to protect the foundation laid by those who fought before him. When a Marine's life is lost in the line of duty, the loss is felt by all those whose lives he has touched. Maria and I extend our condolences and prayers to Juan's family, friends and fellow Marines." Segura, 26, died Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Segura, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Three Camp Pendleton Marines: Lance Cpl. Hodges, Staff Sgt. Ramirez, Lance Cpl. Reppuhn

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of three Camp Pendleton Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom: "Maria and I were deeply saddened to learn of the deaths of these exceptional Marines. Their bravery and service to our country exemplifies the United States Marine Corps. Any loss of life to our nation is grave, and these men will be remembered for their heroism and the sacrifice they made." Killed in the line of duty were: Lance Cpl. Erick J. Hodges, 21, of Bay Point, CA. Staff Sgt. Gene Ramirez, 28, of San Antonio, TX. Lance Cpl. Justin D. Reppuhn, 20, of Hemlock, MI. Hodges and Ramirez died Nov. 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. Reppuhn died Nov. 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Hodges, Ramirez and Reppuhn, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Three Camp Pendleton Marines: Cpl. James, Lance Cpl. Larson, Lance Cpl. Wood

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of three Camp Pendleton Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom: "William, Nicholas and Nathan each gave their life in battle to defend the ideals and values of our country. Maria and I are grateful for their service to our nation and our thoughts are with the loved ones of each of these brave Marines during this time of remembrance." Killed in the line of duty were: Cpl. William C. James, 24, of Huntington Beach, CA; Lance Cpl. Nicholas D. Larson, 19, of Wheaton, IL; Lance Cpl. Nathan R. Wood, 19, of Kirkland, WA. The Marines died Nov. 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of James, Larson and Wood, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Zapp

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Zapp, of Houston, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Cpl. Zapp made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He demonstrated bravery and resolve in a time of war and uncertainty. Maria joins me in sending our condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time." Zapp, 20, died Nov. 8 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Zapp, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, November 12. 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Mission Viejo Soldier Spc. Quoc Binh Tran

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Quoc Binh Tran, of Mission Viejo, CA: "Spc. Tran's decision to serve and protect his country is one worthy of great respect and admiration. His loss is felt deeply not only by those who knew him but by the community of Mission Viejo and all Californians. Maria and I send our prayers and condolences to Quoc's family and friends during this time of mourning." Tran, 26, died Nov. 7 in Baghdad, Iraq, from wounds sustained earlier that day when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle while he was conducting convoy operations. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 181st Support Battalion, San Bernardino, CA. In honor of Tran, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, November 9, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Sean M. Langley

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Sean M. Langley, of Lexington, KY, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I are saddened to learn of Lance Cpl. Langley's death. His service to our country was honorable and his efforts in the war against terrorism were valiant. We extend our solemn gratitude to Sean's family and friends and the community of Lexington." Langley, 20, died Nov. 7 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Langley, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, November 5, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Two Marines: Cpl. Jeremiah A. Baro and Lance Cpl. Jared P. Hubbard

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Jeremiah A. Baro, of Fresno, CA, and Lance Cpl. Jared P. Hubbard, of Clovis, CA, both of whom were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Jeremiah and Jared nobly volunteered to defend their fellow citizens' lives and liberty. Their loss will be felt deeply by their families and communities and throughout California, though their memory will live on in all who knew and loved them. Maria and I offer our most heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of Jeremiah and Jared. They will be in our prayers." Baro, 21, and Hubbard, 22, died Nov. 4 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Baro and Hubbard, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, November 2, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Perris Soldier Cpl. Billy Gomez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Billy Gomez, of Perris, CA: "Maria and I join the community of Perris in mourning the loss of Cpl. Gomez. Billy's service in Afghanistan was noble and selfless and today we are thankful for the sacrifice he made. We send our heartfelt prayers to Billy's family and friends." Gomez, 25, died Oct 27 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, from injuries sustained when his vehicle stuck an improvised explosive device on Oct. 20 in Naka, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HI. In honor of Gomez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine 1st Lt. Matthew D. Lynch

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of 1st Lt. Matthew D. Lynch, of Jericho, NY, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Today we pay tribute to Matthew's service to his country and his honorable decision to make the world a safer place. Maria and I offer our sympathies to Matthew's family and fellow Marines during this difficult time." Lynch, 25, died Oct. 31, from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lynch, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Lemoore Marine Lance Cpl. Jeremy D. Bow

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Jeremy D. Bow, of Lemoore, CA: "Jeremy will be remembered as a brave Californian who gave his life in the defense of freedom. Maria and I honor his memory and send our sincere condolences to Jeremy's family and the community of Lemoore." Bow, 20, died Oct. 30, due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. In honor of Bow, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, November 1, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Brian Oliveira

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Brian Oliveira, of Raynham, MA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I join Brian's fellow Marines here in California and his family at home in honoring him for his service to this country. We are thankful for his bravery and offer our solemn condolences to the Oliveira family." Oliveira, 22, died Oct. 25 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Oliveira, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Saugus Marine Cpl. Richard P. Slocum

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Richard P. Slocum, of Saugus, CA: "Lance Cpl Slocum was a true American hero and represents the best of the U.S. Marine Corps. Maria and I extend our deepest sympathies to this young man's friends and family and join the community of Saugus in mourning their loss." Slocum, 19, died Oct. 24 due to a non-combat related vehicle accident near Abu Gharib, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, HI. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Slocum, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Brian Oliveira

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Brian Oliveira, of Raynham, MA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I join Brian's fellow Marines here in California and his family at home in honoring him for his service to this country. We are thankful for his bravery and offer our solemn condolences to the Oliveira family." Oliveira, 22, died Oct. 25 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Oliveira, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Granholm Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff Wednesday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Wednesday, October 20, in honor of Private First Class (PFC) Mark Barbret, of Shelby Township, who died on Friday, October 15, from injuries he received while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Thursday, October 21. PFC Barbret, 22, was killed when an explosive device detonated near his convoy in Ramadi, Iraq. PFC Barbret was a mechanic with the U.S. Army 22nd Infantry Division. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December 2003, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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Wednesday, October 27, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Jonathan E. Gadsden

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Jonathan E. Gadsden, of Charleston, S.C., who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I were saddened to learn of Lance Cpl. Gadsden's death. He was an accomplished Marine who fought to protect the American people in the war against terror. His achievements in the United States Marine Corps and service to our nation do not go unnoticed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jonathan's family and friends during this time of mourning."Gadsden, 21, died Oct. 22 at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, FL, from injuries as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq on Aug. 21. Gadsden was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Gadsden, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, October 22, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Sgt. Douglas E. Bascom

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Douglas E. Bascom, of Colorado Springs, CO, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Sgt. Bascom's selfless service to our country exemplifies the spirit of our brave men and women who are overseas fighting to protect our freedom and the freedom of others. Today, as Maria and I mourn Sgt. Bascom's death and celebrate his life, we know that his memory will live on in the hearts of his loved ones and all Californians who benefit from his sacrifice." Bascom, 25, died Oct. 20 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Bascom, a member of the Individual Ready Reserves, was mobilized and assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Bascom, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, October 21, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. William I. Salazar

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. William I. Salazar, of Las Vegas, NV, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. William I. Salazar, of Las Vegas, NV, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "We honor William's life and service to our country today. Maria and I send our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones both here in California and in Nevada." Salazar, 26, died Oct. 15 from wounds received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Salazar, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Camp Pendleton Marines - 2nd Lt. Paul M. Felsberg & Lance Cpl. Victor A. Gonzalez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of 2nd Lt. Paul M. Felsberg, of West Palm Beach, FL, and Lance Cpl. Victor A. Gonzalez, of Watsonville, CA, who were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Paul and Victor's brave decision to fight for their country is to be commended and their loss mourned. Today we honor their lives and sacrifice. Maria and I extend our condolences to their friends and family." Felsberg, 27, and Gonzalez, 19, died Oct. 13 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Felsberg and Gonzalez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Auburn Soldier - Pvt. 2 David L. Waters

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pvt. 2 David L. Waters, of Auburn, CA: "David will be remembered as a brave young man who unselfishly gave his life fighting for his country. Maria and I join David's family, friends and the community of Auburn in celebrating his life and service to our country." Waters, 19, died Oct. 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, NY. In honor of Waters, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Irvine Soldier - Maj. Charles R. Soltes, Jr.

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Maj. Charles R. Soltes, Jr., of Irvine, CA: "Maj. Soltes was brave soldier in our Nation's armed forces, serving with dignity and honor and leading by example. Maria and I mourn the loss of this fine Californian. We wish to express our condolences to Charles' loved ones and join them in remembering his service to this country." Soltes, 36, died on Oct. 13, in Mosul, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. Another soldier was killed in the incident. He was assigned to the Army Reserve's 426th Civil Affairs Battalion, Upland, CA. In honor of Soltes, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, October 18, 2004

Governor Granholm Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff Wednesday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Wednesday, October 20, in honor of Private First Class (PFC) Mark Barbret, of Shelby Township, who died on Friday, October 15, from injuries he received while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Thursday, October 21. PFC Barbret, 22, was killed when an explosive device detonated near his convoy in Ramadi, Iraq. PFC Barbret was a mechanic with the U.S. Army 22nd Infantry Division. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December 2003, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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Friday, October 15, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Santa Cruz Soldier - Spc. Morgen N. Jacobs

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Morgen N. Jacobs of Santa Cruz, CA: "Morgen will be remembered as a noble soldier who fought and died for his country. Maria and I honor his life, bravery and sacrifice. We will keep his family, friends and the community of Santa Cruz in our prayers." Jacobs, 20, died Oct. 7 in Tikrit, Iraq, of injuries sustained in Aaliyah on Oct. 6 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. In honor of Jacobs, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Pfc. Andrew Halverson

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Andrew Halverson of Grant, WI, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I, along with all Californians, pay tribute to Andrew for his bravery and service to our country. Today, we join his family and friends in honoring his memory." Halverson, 19, died Oct. 9 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Halverson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, October 12, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Actor Christopher Reeve

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of actor Christopher Reeve: "Christopher Reeve was introduced to many of us through one of his first major roles - Superman. Sometimes an actor can become stuck in a role he personifies so well. Christopher was able not only to avoid being typecast but to continue acting and directing and making a difference in the industry he loved, even in the wake of his tragic accident. This alone attests to a kind of determination that we see all too rarely. "The fact that Christopher also devoted so much of his time, energy and passion to spinal cord injury research and to improving the lives of others with his condition shows very clearly the great inner strength he possessed. He was a leader and an American treasure, and his passing leaves a void in the hearts of everyone who knew him, and many whom he never met."Reeve, 52, died Sunday from complications from an infection. He is survived by his wife, Dana, and three children.

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Monday, October 11, 2004

Statement Of Gov. John Hoeven On The Death Of Pvt. 1st Class Anthony William Monroe

BISMARCK, N.D. - Gov. John Hoeven today issued the following statement in response to the death of Pvt. 1st Class Anthony William Monroe who died in Iraq early Monday morning as a result of enemy mortar fire: "Mikey and I join all North Dakotans in mourning the loss of Pvt. 1st Class Anthony Monroe. His family and friends have our deepest sympathy. Anthony's courage and dedication to serving his country will always be valued and remembered. "All of our soldiers in the National Guard, the Reserves and the active duty military live and work every day under conditions of extreme danger to secure peace and defend our liberties. Our thoughts are with all of those who are still in harms way. We pray for their safe return."

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Friday, October 8, 2004

KEMPTHORNE ORDERS FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF SATURDAY TO HONOR FALLEN SOLDIER

(BOISE) Governor Dirk Kempthorne has ordered flags at the Idaho State Capitol building and at all state buildings and facilities be flown at half-staff on Saturday, October 9 to honor Captain Eric Allton. Captain Allton was killed in action in Iraq on September 26, and will be laid to rest in his hometown of Houston, Texas. "Capt. Allton's wife is a native Idahoan, and the couple had planned on moving to Idaho to live," Gov. Kempthorne said. "It's appropriate for the state to recognize the sacrifice Eric made defending his adopted state and his nation. He gave his life doing what he felt was right, and all Idahoans should be grateful for his service. I ask our citizens to join Patricia and me in praying for Capt. Allton and his family."

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Thursday, October 7, 2004

Governor Bill Richardson Orders Flags To Be Flown At Half-Staff

Santa Fe - Governor Bill Richardson today signed an Executive Order directing that flags in New Mexico be flown at half-staff Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8, to honor religious leader and longtime New Mexican, Yogi Bhajan, who passed away Wednesday. "Yogi Bhajan was a special friend, not just to me and the First Lady, but also to many New Mexicans," said Governor Bill Richardson. "The wise men in Yogi Bhajan's home village of Kot Harkarn, in what was then a part of India, predicted that Yogi Bhajan's life would profoundly impact millions of people. I know that he did have that impact, not only in New Mexico, but around the world." EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-056 FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF YOGI BHAJAN WHEREAS, Yogi Bhajan, a world-renowned spiritual leader of the Sikh faith, passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 in Northern New Mexico; WHEREAS, Yogi Bhajan, also known as Harbajan Singh Khalsa Yogiji, was born in India on August 26, 1929; WHEREAS, Yogi Bhajan is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, and thousands of admirers around the world; WHEREAS, Yogi Bhajan arrived in the West in 1968, and since 1971 he has been the chief religious authority for the Sikh faith for the entire Western Hemisphere; WHEREAS, Yogi Bhajan resided in Sombrillo, New Mexico since 1971; WHEREAS, Yogi Bhajan was also a successful businessman who managed 14 U.S. corporations; and WHEREAS, Yogi Bhajan made a tremendous impact on the State of New Mexico as a religious, business, and political leader. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Thursday, October 7, 2004, through Friday, October 8, 2004, in mourning and in honor of Yogi Bhajan. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family and friends of Yogi Bhajan as well as a heartfelt thank you for his commitment to the betterment of the State of New Mexico and the world. ATTEST: DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2004 REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO BILL RICHARDSON GOVERNOR

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Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Army Soldier - Sgt. 1st Class Joselito O. Villanueva

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. 1st Class Joselito O. Villanueva, of Los Angeles, CA, who was stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany: Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. 1st Class Joselito O. Villanueva, of Los Angeles, CA, who was stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany: "Joselito lost his life while protecting our nation and freedom. His courage and strength will be remembered by his fellow soldiers and all who knew and loved him. Maria and I send our most heartfelt condolences to his family." Villanueva, 36, died Sept. 27 in Baldad, Iraq, when he was at an observation post and was shot by a sniper. He was assigned to the 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. In honor of Villanueva, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, September 28. 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Twentynine Palms Marines Lance Cpl. Aaron Boyles & Lance Cpl. Ramon Mateo and Camp Pendleton Marine Sgt. Timothy Folmar

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of two Twentynine Palms Marines and a Camp Pendleton Marine, who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom: "Freedom is a right ultimately defended by the sacrifice of America's servicemen and women. Maria and I extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family and friends of each of these courageous Marines. Their service is appreciated by all Californians and Americans." Killed in the line of duty were: Lance Cpl. Aaron Boyles, 24, of Alameda, CA. Sgt. Timothy Folmar, 21, of Sonora, TX. Lance Cpl. Ramon Mateo, 20, of Suffolk, NY. The Marines died Sept. 24 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Sgt. Folmar was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. Lance Cpl. Boyles and Lance Cpl. Mateo were assigned to Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of these fallen Marines, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, September 27, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Sgt. Benjamin K. Smith

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Benjamin K. Smith, of Carterville, IL, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Sgt. Smith represented the best of the United States Marine Corps and we honor his sacrifice for our cherished way of life. Maria and I send our condolences to Benjamin's family and loved ones during this difficult time." Smith, 24, died Sept. 22, due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Smith, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, September 23, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Lance Cpl. Steven C. T. Cates

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Steven C. T. Cates, of Mount Juliet, TN, who was stationed at Twentynine, CA: "Lance Cpl. Cates died honorably while serving his country and defending our freedom. His heroic service will be remembered by us all. Maria and I send our condolences to Steven's family and friends." Cates, 22, died Sept. 20 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Cates, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Christopher S. Ebert

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Christopher S. Ebert, of Mooresboro, NC, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I are saddened by Cpl. Ebert's death and we thank Christopher for his selfless service to our nation. Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family in both Camp Pendleton and Mooresboro." Ebert, 21, died Sept. 17 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Ebert, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Steven A. Rintamaki

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Steven A. Rintamaki, of Lynnwood, WA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I are deeply grateful for Cpl. Rintamaki's service and sacrifice to our country. Our thoughts and prayers will be with his friends and family both here in California and in his hometown of Lynnwood during this time of mourning." Rintamaki, 21, died Sept. 17 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Rintamaki was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Rintamaki, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine 1st Lieutenant Andrew K. Stern

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of 1st Lieutenant Andrew K. Stern of Germantown, TN, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Today we mourn the loss of a soldier who will always be remembered for his ultimate sacrifice for our country. Maria and I honor Lieutenant Stern and his family, and will continue to keep them in our prayers." Stern, 24, died Sept. 16th from injuries received due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Stern, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Cypress Soldier - Spc. Edgar P. Daclan Jr.

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Edgar P. Daclan Jr., of Cypress, CA: "Maria and I mourn the loss of a fellow Californian and wish to express our most sincere condolences to his family and friends. We will keep Spc. Daclan and his family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time." Daclan, 24, died Sept. 10 in Balad, Iraq, when his patrol was responding to indirect fire and an improvised explosive device exploded. Daclan was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division from Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Daclan, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Gregory C. Howman

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Gregory C. Howman of Charlotte, NC who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I would like to express our deepest sympathy and solemn gratitude to the Howman family. We honor Gregory's memory and keep him and his fellow Marines in our prayers." Howman, 28, died Sept. 15 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Howman was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Howman, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, September 20, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Camp Pendleton Marines Cpls. Jaygee Meluat & Adrian V. Soltau

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Cpls. Jaygee Meluat, of Tamuning, Guam and Adrian V. Soltau, of Milwaukee, WI, who were both stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I are deeply saddened to learn of the deaths of these fine Marines. Cpl. Meluat and Cpl. Tamuning represented the best of the United States Marine Corps and served our country with honor and dignity. Their sacrifice will not be forgotten." Meluat, 24, and Soltau, 21, died Sept. 13 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Meluat and Soltau, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Lance Cpl. Drew M. Uhles

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Drew M. Uhles, of DuQuoin, IL, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I extend our most sincere condolences to Lance Cpl. Uhles' family and friends during this difficult time. He fought gallantly in the struggle for freedom and his selfless service will be remembered by us all." Uhles, 20, died Sept. 15 from injuries received due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Uhles, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, September 17, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Maj. Kevin M. Shea

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Maj. Kevin M. Shea, of Washington D.C., who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maj. Shea's courage in the face of danger is a testament to his character and he will be forever remembered for it. Maria and I send our condolences to his family and friends." Shea, 38, died Sept. 14 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Shea, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Mathew D. Puckett

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Mathew D. Puckett, of Mason, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Lance Cpl. Puckett leaves behind a legacy of honor and commitment that is an inspiration to all Californians. Maria and I extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family and loved ones." Puckett, 19, died Sept. 13 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Puckett, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Lodi Soldier - Staff Sgt. Guy S. Hagy Jr.

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Guy S. Hagy Jr., of Lodi, CA: "Today, Maria and I mourn the loss of a fellow Californian. His noble service to our country reminds us all of the selflessness that these servicemen and women represent each day. Our prayers are with Staff Sgt. Hagy's family and friends and the entire community of Lodi as they grieve." Hagy, 31, died Sept. 13 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his observation post. Hagy was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Hagy, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, September 15, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Dominic C. Brown

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Dominic C. Brown, of Austin, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I send our condolences to Lance Cpl. Brown's family and friends as they mourn the loss of this brave marine. As we honor his dedication to our country, we grieve with his family and take comfort in knowing that his legacy will live on with all those who knew and loved him." Brown, 19, died Sept. 13 due to a non-combat related incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Brown, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine 1st Lt. Alexander E. Wetherbee

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of 1st Lt. Alexander E. Wetherbee, of Fairfax, VA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Lt. Wetherbee leaves behind a legacy of commitment and courage that is an inspiration to all Californians. Maria and I share the sorrow of Alexander's family and friends during this difficult time." Wetherbee, 27, died Sept. 12 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Wetherbee, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Pfc. Jason T. Poindexter

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Jason T. Poindexter, of San Angelo, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Pfc. Poindexter courageously assumed the grave risks involved in serving in the armed forces. Today, we honor his dedication to our country and mourn the loss of his life. Maria and I send our prayers to his family." Poindexter, 20, died Sept. 12 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Poindexter, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, September 14, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Kern County Sheriff's Deputy Daniel Archuleta

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Deputy Daniel Archuleta, of the Kern County Sheriff's Department: "Deputy Archuleta's tragic death reminds us all of the dangerous work required of law enforcement officials. Daniel dedicated his life to public service and to protecting his neighbors. His loss is felt deeply by the community and by all those who knew and loved him. Maria and I send our condolences to his wife and family." Archuleta died Sept. 12 when he lost control of his vehicle and his patrol unit traveled off the roadway. The patrol vehicle overturned several times down a slight embankment ejecting Deputy Archuleta and inflicting fatal injuries. He was pronounced dead at the scene. He was a two-year veteran with the Kern County Sheriff's Department and was a former Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy. Archuleta is survived by his wife Laura and their two daughters. In honor of Archuleta, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, September 13, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of California Department of Forestry Firefighter Eva Schicke

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of California Department of Forestry Firefighter Eva Schicke, of Arnold, CA: "Eva's death is a tremendous loss for the California Department of Forestry not only because she was the first female firefighter to lose her life in the line of duty, but because she bravely risked her life to protect our homes and ensure our safety. In the face of danger, Eva acted with courage and commitment, giving her life for the protection of her fellow Californians. Maria and I send our deepest sympathies to her loved ones." Schicke, 24, died Sept. 12, when she was overrun by fire in the Tuolumne River Canyon in the Stanislaus National Forest. Six other firefighters suffered injuries. This was her fifth year as a seasonal firefighter with the CDF and her first season with helitack. Schicke's death is the 70th firefighter fatality in CDF history and the first female killed in the line of duty. In honor of Schicke, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, September 10, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Camp Pendleton Marines

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of seven Camp Pendleton Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom: "The deaths of these fine Marines mark a great loss for California and the nation. Their courage in the struggle to defend freedom is a solemn reminder of its value. Maria and I continue to pray for all of our servicemen and women who are fighting to free the world of terror. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these brave men during this difficult time." Killed in the line of duty were: Lance Cpl. Michael J. Allred, 22, of Hyde Park, UT. Pfc. David P. Burrige, 19, of Lafayette, LA. Lance Cpl. Derek L. Gardner, 20, of San Juan Capistrano, CA. Lance Cpl. Quinn A. Keith, 21, of Page, AZ. Lance Cpl. Joseph C. McCarthy, 21, of Concho, CA. Cpl. Mick R. Nygardbekowsky, 21, of Concord, CA. Lance Cpl. Lamont N. Wilson, 20, of Lawton, OK. The Marines died Sept. 6 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Lance Cpl. Gardner was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. The other Marines were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of these fallen Marines, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Port Hueneme Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric L. Knott

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric L. Knott, of Grand Island, NE, who was stationed at Port Hueneme, CA: "Maria and I are saddened to learn of Eric's death. His noble service to our country serves as an example to us all. Maria and I extend our gratitude for Eric's service and our condolences to his family and loved ones." Knott, 21, was killed Sept. 4 when the area in which he was working was struck by enemy fire. He died of shrapnel wounds. Knott was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, Port Hueneme, CA. In honor of Knott, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Port Hueneme Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric L. Knott

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric L. Knott, of Grand Island, NE, who was stationed at Port Hueneme, CA: "Maria and I are saddened to learn of Eric's death. His noble service to our country serves as an example to us all. Maria and I extend our gratitude for Eric's service and our condolences to his family and loved ones." Knott, 21, was killed Sept. 4 when the area in which he was working was struck by enemy fire. He died of shrapnel wounds. Knott was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, Port Hueneme, CA. In honor of Knott, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Twentynine Palms Marines

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of four Marines who were stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA. "We are forever indebted to these Marines for their service to our country. In the struggle to preserve freedom, they are heroes and their selfless sacrifice will be remembered by us all. Maria and I send our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of these brave men." Killed in the line of duty were: Lance Cpl. Nicholas Perez, 19, of Austin, TX. Capt. Alan Rowe, 35, of Hagerman, ID. Lance Cpl. Nicholas Wilt, 23, of Tampa, FL. 1st Lieutenant Ronald Winchester, 25, of Rockville Center, NY. All four Marines died Sept. 3 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Rowe, Wilt and Winchester were assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. Perez was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of these fallen Marines, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, September 3, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy Ronald Wayne Ives

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Deputy Ronald Wayne Ives, of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department: "Deputy Ives served the community of San Bernardino with honor, protecting its citizens for the last eight years of his life. His commitment to his work was admirable. It is a tragedy that Ronald's life was lost in the line of duty in such a horrible accident. Maria and I send our condolences to his wife and their son. We will keep them in our prayers during this difficult time." Deputy Ives, 43, died Sept. 1, when his departmental motorcycle was struck by a vehicle that failed to stop at a red light. Both Ives and the driver of the vehicle sustained fatal injuries. Deputy Ives is survived by his wife, Karen and their son, Blake. In honor of Deputy Ives, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, September 2, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Los Angeles Soldier - Spc. Omead H. Razani

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Omead H. Razani, of Los Angeles, CA: "Maria and I extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Spc. Razani. He was a brave soldier who will be remembered for his heroic efforts in ensuring our freedom." Razani, 19, died Aug. 27 in Habbaniyah, Iraq, of non-combat related injuries. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Razani, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Pfc. Nicholas M. Skinner

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Nicholas M. Skinner, of Davenport, Iowa, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I are deeply saddened by the loss of Pfc. Skinner. His brave and noble service to his country will be remembered by us all." Skinner, 20, died Aug. 26 from injuries received due to enemy action in An Najaf, Iraq. He was assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Skinner, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Los Angeles Marine Sgt. Edgar E. Lopez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Edgar E. Lopez, of Los Angeles, CA: "Sgt. Lopez gave his life in the defense of freedom in an act that demonstrated his bravery and dedication to country. Americans are eternally grateful to Edgar for his selfless service." Lopez, 27, died Aug. 28 due to enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC. In honor of Lopez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Nickalous N. Aldrich

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Nickalous N. Aldrich, of Austin, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "It brings me sadness to learn of Lance Cpl. Aldrich's death. It is a tragedy when a Marine's life is lost in the line of duty. Maria and I send our thoughts and prayers to Nickalous' family and friends." Aldrich, 21, died Aug. 27 from a non-hostile vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Aldrich, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Granholm Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff Wednesday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Wednesday, September 1, in honor of Army Staff Sgt. Donald N. Davis, of Saginaw, who died on Tuesday, August 24, from injuries he received while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should be returned to full-staff on Thursday, September 2. Governor Granholm Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff Wednesday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq August 30, 2004 LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Wednesday, September 1, in honor of Army Staff Sgt. Donald N. Davis, of Saginaw, who died on Tuesday, August 24, from injuries he received while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should be returned to full-staff on Thursday, September 2. Staff Sgt. Davis, 42, was killed when a military semi pulling a tanker trailer rolled over an embankment in Fallujah, Iraq. Staff Sgt. Davis was assigned

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to the U.S. Army Reserve's 660th Transportation Company in Zanesville, Ohio. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December 2003, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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Monday, August 30, 2004

Governor Granholm Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff Wednesday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Wednesday, September 1, in honor of Army Staff Sgt. Donald N. Davis, of Saginaw, who died on Tuesday, August 24, from injuries he received while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should be returned to full-staff on Thursday, September 2. Staff Sgt. Davis, 42, was killed when a military semi pulling a tanker trailer rolled over an embankment in Fallujah, Iraq. Staff Sgt. Davis was assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve's 660th Transportation Company in Zanesville, Ohio.

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Friday, August 27, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Alexander S. Arredondo

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Alexander S. Arredondo, of Randolph, MA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Lance Cpl. Arredondo's dedication to our country was so great he laid down his life. Maria and I wish to recognize Alexander for his service and sacrifice and we send our prayers and heartfelt condolences to his family and friends." Arredondo, 20, died Aug. 25 as a result of enemy action in An Najaf, Iraq. He was assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Arredondo, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Lance Cpl. Jacob R. Lugo

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Jacob R. Lugo, of Flower Mound, TX, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Maria and I send our sincerest condolences to Lance Cpl. Lugo's family and friends. Jacob's bravery is an example to us all and his memory will live on in those whose lives he touched." Lugo, 21, died Aug. 24 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Lugo, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, August 26, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Camp Pendleton Marines - Sgt. Jason Cook and Pfc. Nachez Washalanta

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Sgt. Jason Cook, of Okanogan, WA, and Pfc. Nachez Washalanta, of Bryan, OK, both of whom were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Sgt. Cook and Pfc. Washalanta laid down their lives to protect the freedoms that we so often take for granted. Their sacrifice will not be forgotten. Maria and I send our condolences to Jason and Nachez's loved ones during this difficult time." Cook, 25, and Washalanta, 21, died Aug. 21 from injuries received due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cook and Washalanta, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Seth Huston, of Perryton, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA:

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Seth Huston, of Perryton, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Lance Cpl. Huston's service to his country is another example of the heroic efforts of the United States Marine Corps. His loss will be felt deeply by all who knew and loved him. Maria and I send our sincerest condolences to his family." Huston, 19, died Aug. 21 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Huston, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Bernardino Marine Cpl. Nicanor Alvarez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Cpl. Nicanor Alvarez, of San Bernardino, CA: "Cpl. Alvarez served his country with pride and made the ultimate sacrifice for liberty. His selfless service will be remembered by all those who knew and loved him. Maria and I send our prayers to his family during this time of mourning." Alvarez, 22, died Aug. 21 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Alvarez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Camp Pendleton Marines - Sgt. Jason Cook and Pfc. Nachez Washalanta

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Sgt. Jason Cook, of Okanogan, WA, and Pfc. Nachez Washalanta, of Bryan, OK, both of whom were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Sgt. Cook and Pfc. Washalanta laid down their lives to protect the freedoms that we so often take for granted. Their sacrifice will not be forgotten. Maria and I send our condolences to Jason and Nachez's loved ones during this difficult time." Cook, 25, and Washalanta, 21, died Aug. 21 from injuries received due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cook and Washalanta, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Seth Huston

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Seth Huston, of Perryton, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Lance Cpl. Huston's service to his country is another example of the heroic efforts of the United States Marine Corps. His loss will be felt deeply by all who knew and loved him. Maria and I send our sincerest condolences to his family." Huston, 19, died Aug. 21 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province,

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Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Huston, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, August 25, 2004

McGreevey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Captain Michael Y. Tarlavsky

(TRENTON)—In honor of Captain Michael Y. Tarlavsky, Governor James E. McGreevey signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff on Tuesday, August 24, the day of his interment. "Captain Tarlavsky served our nation with great ability, great bravery and great patriotism," said McGreevey. "He and his family have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. It is appropriate to fly the National and State flags at half-staff to honor his memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family." Tarlavsky, originally from Passaic, died when his unit came under small arms fire and grenade attack in Najaf, Iraq. Tarlavsky was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group. Attached is a copy of the Executive Order: EXECUTIVE ORDER 125

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Captain Michael Y. Tarlavsky, a resident of the State of New Jersey, graduated from Clifton High School, where he was captain of the high school swim team and attained the rank of Eagle Scout; and WHEREAS, Captain Tarlavsky graduated from Rutgers University in 1996, earning a degree in Exercise Science while participating in the ROTC Program and serving with the National Guard to help pay for college; and WHEREAS, Captain Tarlavsky subsequently enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he rose to become a Captain in the Special Forces; and WHEREAS, Captain Tarlavsky served proudly as a member of the U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, and was deployed to Iraq in the service of his country; and WHEREAS, Captain Tarlavsky was a courageous soldier and a loving son, husband and brother; and WHEREAS, Captain Tarlavsky has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while fighting for our country; and WHEREAS, Captain Tarlavsky's patriotism and dedicated service to his country make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory; NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Tuesday, August 24, 2004, in recognition and mourning of U.S. Army Captain Michael Y. Tarlavsky.2. This Order shall take effect immediately. GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 23rd day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth. James E. McGreevey the Governor Attest: Mark J. Fleming Deputy Chief Counsel to the Governor

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Caleb J. Powers

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Caleb J. Powers, of Manfield, WA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I mourn the loss of this courageous Marine who gave his life in the defense of freedom. Lance Cpl. Powers' honorable actions do not go unnoted. Our hearts go out to all those who knew and loved him." Powers, 21, died Aug. 17 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Powers, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Yuba City Marine Sgt. Harvey E. Parkerson III

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Harvey E. Parkerson III, of Yuba City, CA: "As a member in the United States Marine Corps, Harvey served his country with the utmost bravery and valor. His service is a testament to his character. Maria and I send our condolences to all those who knew and loved Sgt. Parkerson." Parkerson, 27, died Aug. 18 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Parkerson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of California Marines - Pfc. Fernando B. Hannon & Geoffrey Perez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Pfc. Fernando B. Hannon, of Wildomar, CA, and Geoffrey Perez, of Los Angeles, CA: "Maria and I are saddened over the deaths of these fine California Marines. Both men served this country with the utmost honor and distinction. We are indebted to them for their sacrifice." Hannon, 19, died Aug. 15 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Perez, 24, died Aug. 15 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Both Marines were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Hannon and Perez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, August 18, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Lance Cpl. Kane M. Funke

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Kane M. Funke, of Vancouver, WA, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Maria and I are saddened to learn of Lance Cpl. Funke's death. He was an honorable Marine who gave his life for the pursuit of freedom and liberty. He is a hero to us all." Lance Cpl. Funke, 20, died Aug. 13 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Funke, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Two California-Based Marines: Staff Sgt. John R. Howard & Lance Cpl. Tavon L. Hubbard

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. John R. Howard, of Covington, VA, and Lance Cpl. Tavon L. Hubbard, of Reston, VA. Both Marines were stationed in California. "Maria and I are saddened by the untimely deaths of these fine Marines. John and Tavon served our country with honor and distinction. Their deaths were tragic and their memories will live on with all those who knew and loved them." Both Marines died Aug. 11 in a helicopter crash in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Staff Sgt. Howard, 26, was assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 166 (Reinforced), 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, CA. Lance Cpl. Hubbard, 24, was assigned to the Command Element, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Staff Sgt. Howard and Lance Cpl. Hubbard, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, August 12, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Jonathan Collins

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Jonathan Collins of Crystal Lake, IL, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I express our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lance Cpl. Collins. He answered the noble calling of the United States Marine Corps, and his valiant actions will be remembered by all those who knew and loved him." Lance Cpl. Collins, 19, died Aug. 8 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Collins, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Camp Pendleton Marine Sgt. Yadir Reynoso and Cpl. Roberto Abad

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Sgt. Yadir Reynoso of Wapato, WA and Cpl. Roberto Abad of Los Angeles, CA, who were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "This is a sad day for all Californians. Both men were courageous Marines who fought to protect the lives of fellow Americans and gave their own lives in return. Maria and I send our thoughts and prayers to their families and friends during this difficult time." Sgt. Reynoso, 27, died Aug. 5 and Cpl. Abad, 22, died on Aug. 6 due to enemy action in An Najaf Province, Iraq. Both Marines were assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Sgt. Reynoso and Cpl. Abad, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, August 10, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Larry Wells

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Larry Wells of Mount Hermon, LA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Lance Cpl. Wells. Larry served our country with a high sense of duty and honor. We are forever indebted to his sacrifice." Lance Cpl. Wells, 22, died Aug. 6 due to enemy action in An Najaf Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Unit Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Wells, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Sgt. Moses Rocha

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Moses Rocha of Roswell, NM, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I share the sorrow of Sgt. Rocha's family and friends. As a Marine Sergeant, he exemplified the noble ideals of our country and we are eternally grateful." Sgt. Rocha, 33, died Aug. 5 due to injuries received from enemy action in An Najaf, Iraq. He was assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1/4, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Sgt. Rocha, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, August 9, 2004

McGreevey Orders Flags To Fly Half-Staff To Honor Specialist Anthony J. Dixon

(TRENTON)—In honor of Specialist Anthony J. Dixon, Governor James E. McGreevey signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff today, the day of his interment. "Specialist Dixon and his family have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and our freedom," said McGreevey. "We honor his memory by flying the National and State flags at half-staff. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family." Dixon, of Lindenwold, died when an improvised explosive device exploded near his guard post in Samarra, Iraq. Dixon was assigned to the Army's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division. Attached is a copy of the Executive

Order: EXECUTIVE ORDER WHEREAS, Army Specialist Anthony J. Dixon, a resident of Lindenwold, New Jersey, graduated from Overbrook High School, where he was a high school wrestler; and WHEREAS, Army Specialist Dixon subsequently enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2002, where he hoped to earn money for college and eventually work as a Secret Service agent or as a police officer; and WHEREAS, Army Specialist Dixon served proudly as a member of the U.S. Army 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, and was deployed to Iraq in the service of his country; and WHEREAS, Army Specialist Dixon was a courageous soldier and a loving son and brother; and WHEREAS, Army Specialist Dixon has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while fighting for our country; and WHEREAS, Army Specialist Dixon's patriotism and dedicated service to his country make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory; NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY,

Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:1. 1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, August 9, 2004, in recognition and mourning of Army Specialist Anthony J. Dixon.2. 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 6th day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

McGreevey
Governor

James E.
Governor Attest: Michael R. DeCotiis Chief Counsel to the

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Gunnery Sgt. Elia P. Fontecchio

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Gunnery Sgt. Elia P. Fontecchio of Milford, MA, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Maria and I are deeply saddened by the news of Gunnery Sgt. Fontecchio's death. He was a fine Marine who served with integrity and honor. Elia's family and friends will be in our prayers." Gunnery Sgt. Fontecchio, 30, died Aug. 4 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Gunnery Sgt. Fontecchio, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Lance Cpl. Joseph L. Nice

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Joseph L. Nice, of Nicoma Park, OK, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Today marks a day of sadness over the death of Lance Cpl. Nice. Joseph's service to our nation will be remembered by all whose lives he touched. Maria and I send our most sincere condolences to Joseph's family and friends." Lance Cpl. Nice, 19, died Aug. 4 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Nice, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Dean P. Pratt

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Dean P. Pratt of Stevensville, MT, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I mourn the loss of this brave Marine who gave his life in service to our country. Dean is an example to all Californians of selfless service and sacrifice. He will not be forgotten." Cpl. Pratt, 22, died Aug. 2 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cpl. Pratt, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, August 6, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Miramar Marine Capt. Gregory A. Ratzlaff

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Capt. Gregory A. Ratzlaff, of Olympia, WA, who was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, CA: "Capt. Ratzlaff served his country with honor and distinction. As a Captain in the Marine Corps, Gregory embodied the American spirit. His memory will live on in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him. Maria and I send our prayers to his family." Capt. Ratzlaff, 36, died Aug. 3 due to a non-combat related incident at Forward Operating Base Duke, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 166, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Capt. Ratzlaff, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, August 4, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Hesperia Soldier Spc. Armando Hernandez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Armando Hernandez of Hesperia, CA: "Maria and I are saddened to learn of the loss of this brave soldier. Spc. Hernandez gave his life in the defense of freedom. His sacrifice will be remembered by all who knew and loved him. Our prayers are with Armando's family and friends." Spc. Hernandez, 22, died August 1 in Samarra, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device exploded near his guard post. A second soldier was also killed in the explosion. Both soldiers were assigned to the Army's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. In honor of Spc. Hernandez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, August 2, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Gunnery Sgt. Shawn A. Lane

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Gunnery Sgt. Shawn A. Lane, of Corning, NY, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Serving and protecting one's fellow Americans is among the most admirable legacies a fallen Marine can leave. Sgt. Lane will be memorialized for his sacrifice, and Maria and I extend our deepest sympathies to Shawn's family and friends." Gunnery Sgt. Lane, 33, died July 28 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Gunnery Sgt. Lane, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, July 30, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Miramar Marine Lt. Col. David S. Greene

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lt. Col. David S. Greene of Raleigh, NC: "Lt. Col. David Green's life serves as a testament to his commitment to our country. The legacy he has left is one that will remain in the hearts of all those whose lives he touched. Maria and I extend our prayers and condolences to David's family and friends." Lt. Col. Greene, 39, died July 28 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was a reservist assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3D Marine Air Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, CA. In honor of Lt. Col. Greene, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, July 23. 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Staff Sgt. Michael J. Clark

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Michael J. Clark of Leesburg Lake, FL, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Serving as a United States Marine is an honorable and courageous choice that can bring great risk. Michael bravely faced those dangers and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Maria and I send our deepest condolences to his family and friends." Staff Sgt. Clark, 29, died July 20 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Staff Sgt. Clark, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Grand Junction Marine Lance Cpl. Mark E. Engel

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Mark E. Engel of Grand Junction, CA: "Today, we mourn the loss of a courageous Marine who served our country with distinction. Mark lived a life of duty, honor and commitment and will be dearly missed. Maria and I send our deepest condolences to his family and friends." Lance Cpl. Engel, 21, died July 21 at Brook Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX, of wounds he received as a result of enemy action on July 6 in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, NC. In honor of Lance Cpl. Engel, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, July 20. 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Bryan P. Kelly

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Bryan P. Kelly of Klamath, OR, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I send our heartfelt condolences to Bryan's family during this time of mourning and grief. Bryan has left behind a legacy of freedom, honor and courage. He will be deeply missed by all whose lives he touched." Lance Cpl. Kelly, 21, died July 16 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Kelly, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Tracy Soldier - Pfc. Jesse Martinez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Jesse Martinez of Tracy, CA: "Pfc. Martinez's untimely death reminds us all of the dangers these brave men and women face every day in order to preserve freedom, and the courage and commitment they possess. Jesse's selfless service is an example to us all. Maria and I send our prayers to Jesse's family and friends." Pfc. Martinez, 20, died July 14 in Talafar, Iraq, when his vehicle rolled over as the driver tried to avoid another vehicle. Martinez was assigned to the Army's 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, from Fort Lewis, WA. In honor of Pfc. Martinez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, July 16, 2004

KEMPTHORNE ORDERS FLAGS LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF ON TUESDAY TO HONOR MARINE

(BOISE) Governor Dirk Kempthorne today ordered flags at the Idaho State Capitol Building and all state buildings and facilities flown at half-staff on Tuesday, July 20, to honor U.S. Marine Private First Class Christopher J. Reed of Craigmont. Pfc. Reed was killed in Iraq on July 10, and will be buried on Tuesday. "In honor to a young Idahoan, I have ordered all flags be lowered on Tuesday to recognize Pfc. Reed's sacrifice for his country," Gov. Kempthorne said. "I ask all Idahoans to join Patricia and me in saying a prayer for Chris Reed and his family. Chris had always wanted to serve his country as a Marine, and he paid the ultimate price for his patriotism. We will always remember this outstanding young man." Reed and three other Marines assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California, were killed in a non-combat related vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq.

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Wednesday, July 14, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Stockton Soldier - Spc. William R. Emanuel

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. William R. Emanuel, IV, of Stockton, CA: "William lived a life of commitment, character and courage. Together, with the community of Stockton, Maria and I mourn the loss of this remarkable young man and will keep his family and friends in our prayers." Spc. Emanuel, 19, died July 8 in Baghdad, Iraq, when the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters came under a mortar attack. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Spc. Emanuel, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Four Camp Pendleton Marines

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Cpl. Terry Holmes of Hollywood, FL, Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak of Burke, VA, Pfc. Christopher Reed of Craigmont, ID and Staff Sgt. Trevor Spink of Farmington, MO, who were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I send our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of these exceptional Marines. We are all deeply saddened by this terrible accident." Cpl. Holmes, 22, Sgt. Nachampassak, 27, Pfc. Reed, 20, and Staff Sgt. Spink, 36, died July 10 due to a non-combat related vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Cpl. Holmes, Sgt. Nachampassak, Pfc. Reed, and Staff Sgt. Spink, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, July 9, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Riverside Marine Lance Cpl. Justin T. Hunt

Governor Schwarzenegger issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Justin T. Hunt of Riverside, CA: "The commitment and bravery demonstrated by this Marine serves as an example to all Californians. Maria and I send our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Lance Cpl. Hunt." Lance Cpl. Hunt, 22, died July 6 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, NC. In honor of Lance Cpl. Hunt, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, July 8, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Twentynine Palms Marines Lance Cpl. Michael S. Torres & Lance Cpl. John J. Vangyzen

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Lance Cpl. Michael S. Torres of El Paso, TX, and Lance Cpl. John J. Vangyzen of Bristol, MA, who were stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Today, Californians mourn the loss of two Marines who served with honor, dignity and resolute spirit. We are deeply grateful for Lance Cpl. Torres' and Lance Cpl. Vangyzen's selfless service to our country, and their courage will not be forgotten. The family and friends of these two brave Marines will be in our prayers." Lance Cpl. Torres and Lance Cpl. Vangyzen, both 21, died July 5 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Twentynine Palms, Ca. In honor of Lance Cpl. Torres and Lance Cpl. Vangyzen, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, July 6, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. James B. Huston Jr.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. James B. Huston Jr., of Umatilla, OR, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Today, Maria and I mourn the loss of Lance Cpl. Huston. James died in an unfortunate accident while displaying tremendous bravery and representing the best of the United States Marine Corps. James' memory will live on in the hearts of all those who knew him." Lance Cpl. Huston, 22, died July 2 in a vehicle accident while his unit was responding to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Huston, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, July 2, 2004

Returning the Flag of the United States to Full-Staff

By the authority vested in me as President of the United States by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in honor and tribute to the memory of Ronald Reagan, it is hereby ordered that the flag of the United States shall be displayed at full-staff at the White House and on all buildings, grounds, and Naval vessels of the United States beginning July 3, 2004. I also direct that beginning on that same date, the representatives of the United States in foreign countries shall make similar arrangements for the display of the flag at full-staff over their Embassies, Legations, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and stations. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth. GEORGE BUSH

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Sgt. Kenneth Conde Jr.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued the following statement today regarding the death of Sgt. Kenneth Conde Jr., of Orlando, FL, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Today Maria and I mourn the loss of Sgt. Conde. Kenneth was the embodiment of an American patriot, and his loss is felt deeply by all those who knew him." Sgt. Conde, 23, died July 1 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Sgt. Conde, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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McGreevey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Sergeant Alan D. Sherman

(TRENTON)—In honor of Sergeant Alan D. Sherman, Governor James E. McGreevey today signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff on Sunday, July 4, the day of his interment. "Sgt. Sherman and his family have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation," said McGreevey. "It is appropriate to fly the National and State flags at half-staff to honor his memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family." Sherman, of Brick, died this past Tuesday when insurgents attacked a military convoy he was riding in. Sherman was assigned to the United States Marines Reserve, Bridge Company B, 6th Engineer Support Group, 4th Force Service Support Group. A copy of the Executive Order is attached: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 119 WHEREAS, Sergeant Alan D. Sherman, a resident of the State of New Jersey, graduated from Ocean Township High School in 1986, where he was a member of the track team; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Sherman enlisted in the United States Marine Reserves in 1994, fulfilling a lifelong dream of being a U.S. Marine; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Sherman served proudly as a member of Bridge Company B of the 6th Engineer Support Battalion, and was deployed to Iraq in the service of his country in February 2004; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Sherman was a courageous soldier, and a loving son, husband, father and brother; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Sherman has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while fighting for our country; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Sherman's patriotism and dedicated service to his country makes him a hero and a true role model for all Americans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory. NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Sunday, July 4, 2004 in recognition and mourning of U.S. Marine Sergeant Alan D. Sherman.2. This Order shall take effect immediately. GIVEN, under my hand and seal this 2nd day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Eighth.

McGreevey
Counsel to the Governor

James E.
Governor Attest: Mark J. Fleming Deputy Chief

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Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Santa Ana Marine Lance Cpl. Manuel A. Cenicerros

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Manuel A. Cenicerros, of Santa Ana, CA: "Today, Maria and I mourn the loss of this brave Marine and send our deepest condolences to his family. Lance Cpl. Cenicerros represented the best of California in the U.S. Marine Corps and his life and noble actions will be remembered by all those who knew him." Lance Cpl. Cenicerros, 23, died June 26 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Regimental Combat Team 1 Headquarters Company, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Cenicerros, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff

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Friday, June 25, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Juan Lopez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Juan Lopez, of Whitfield, GA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "California is grateful for the selfless service of Lance Cpl. Lopez, and today we mourn his untimely death. Maria and I want to express our sadness over Juan's death and we send our most heartfelt condolences to his family and friends." Lance Cpl. Lopez, 22, died June 21 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Ca. In honor of Lance Cpl. Lopez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, June 24, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Two Camp Pendleton Marines - Lance Cpl. Deshon E. Otey and Cpl. Tommy L. Parker Jr.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued the following statement today regarding the deaths of Lance Cpl. Deshon E. Otey, of Hardin, KY and Cpl. Tommy L. Parker Jr., of Cleburne, AR, who were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "California is greatly saddened by the deaths of these two exceptional Marines who dedicated their lives to protect freedom and peace. Lance Cpl. Otey and Cpl. Parker are the embodiment of honor, sacrifice and selfless service. Their loved ones will be in our prayers." Lance Cpl. Otey, 24, and Cpl. Parker, 21, died on June 21 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. In honor of Lance Cpl. Otey and Cpl. Parker, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Two California Army National Guardsmen - Specialist Patrick R. McCaffrey and Second Lieutenant Andre D. Tyson

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Specialist Patrick R. McCaffrey, of Tracy, CA, and Second Lieutenant Andre D. Tyson, of Riverside, CA: "Maria and I mourn the loss of these two courageous men who volunteered to serve their country and made the ultimate sacrifice for liberty. We send our deepest sympathies to the families of Patrick and Andre." Specialist McCaffrey, 34, and Lieutenant Tyson, 33, died on June 22 in Balad, Iraq, when enemy forces ambushed their ground patrol. The incident is under investigation. They were assigned to the Army National Guard's 579th Engineer Battalion, Petaluma, CA. In honor of Specialist McCaffrey and Second Lieutenant Tyson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Willows Soldier - Army Spc. Thai Vue

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Army Spc. Thai Vue of Willows, CA: "Maria and I send our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Spc. Vue. He made the ultimate sacrifice serving our country and his heroism will not be forgotten." Spc. Vue, 22, died June 18 in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was killed when a mortar round hit the motor pool where he was working. Vue was assigned to the Army's 127th Military Police Company, 709th Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade, V Corps, Hanau, Germany. In honor of Spc. Vue, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Orange Marine Pfc. Sean Horn

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Sean Horn, of Orange, CA: "Pfc. Horn's death is a tragic loss for California. Maria and I send our most sincere condolences to Sean's family and friends." Pfc. Horn, 19, died June 19 due to a non-hostile incident at Camp Taqaddum, Iraq. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Pfc. Horn, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Staff Sgt. Marvin Best

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Marvin Best, of Prosser, WA, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "California has lost an exceptional Marine in the struggle to preserve freedom. Staff Sgt. Best's service is a fine example of courage and commitment. His loved ones and all those affected by his loss will be in our prayers during this difficult time." Staff Sgt. Best, 33, died June 20 due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Staff Sgt. Best, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, June 18. 2004

Gov. Gary Locke's Statement on the Death of Paul Johnson

Gov. Gary Locke, in Washington D.C. today, issued the following statement about the death of Paul Johnson: "The brutal execution of Paul Johnson, an American citizen in Saudi Arabia, was absolutely disgusting, shocking and appalling. The death of another of our citizens in this barbaric manner is especially heinous and uncivilized as Mr. Johnson was an innocent civilian. "My thoughts are with his family and community. We continue to pray for the safety of all Americans."

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Friday, June 11, 2004

McGreevey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Sergeant Humberto F. Timoteo

(TRENTON)—In honor of Sergeant Humberto F. Timoteo, Governor James E. McGreevey signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff on Monday, June 14. “Sergeant Timoteo and his family have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and our freedom,” said McGreevey. “We honor his memory by flying the National and State flags at half-staff. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.” Timoteo, of Newark, died when his vehicle hit an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq. Timoteo was assigned to the New Jersey Army National Guard’s Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery. He enlisted in the Army in 1996 and joined the New Jersey Army National Guard in 2000. Below is a copy of the Executive Order: EXECUTIVE ORDER WHEREAS, New Jersey Army National Guard Sergeant Humberto F. Timoteo, emigrated with his family from Portugal and grew up in the City of Newark, graduating from East Side High School; WHEREAS, Sergeant Timoteo subsequently joined the U.S. Army in 1996 and enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in November 2000; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Timoteo served proudly as a member of the Third Battalion of the 112th Field Artillery, and was deployed to Iraq in the service of his country; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Timoteo was a courageous soldier and a loving husband, father and son; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Timoteo has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while fighting for our country; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Timoteo’s patriotism and dedicated service to his country make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory; NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Monday, June 14, 2004, in recognition and mourning of New Jersey Army National Guard Sergeant Humberto F. Timoteo.2. This Order shall take effect immediately. GIVEN, under my hand and seal this _____ day of in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Eighth. James E. McGreevey Governor Attest: Michael R. DeCotiis Chief Counsel to the Governor

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McGreevey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Specialist Christopher M. Duffy

(TRENTON)—In honor of Specialist Christopher M. Duffy, Governor James E. McGreevey signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff on Sunday, June 13. “Specialist Duffy served our nation with great ability, great bravery and great patriotism,” said McGreevey. “We honor his memory by flying our flags at half-staff and will keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.” Duffy, of Brick, died when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his convoy in Baghdad, Iraq. Duffy was assigned to the New Jersey Army National Guard’s 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery. He joined the New Jersey Army National Guard in 2000. Below is a copy of the Executive Order: EXECUTIVE ORDER. WHEREAS, New Jersey Army National Guard Specialist Christopher Duffy, a resident of the State of New Jersey, enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in September 2000; and WHEREAS, Specialist Duffy served proudly as a member of the Third Battalion of the 112th Field Artillery; and WHEREAS, Specialist Duffy was a youth basketball coach and fantasy baseball fanatic who married his wife in February 2004, a month before he was deployed to Iraq in the service of his country; and WHEREAS, Specialist Duffy was a courageous soldier and a loving husband, father and son; and WHEREAS, Specialist Duffy has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while fighting for our country; and WHEREAS, Specialist Duffy’s patriotism and dedicated service to his country make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory; NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Sunday, June 13, 2004, in recognition and mourning of New Jersey Army National Guard Specialist Christopher Duffy.2. This Order shall take effect immediately. GIVEN, under my hand and seal this _____ day of in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Eighth. James E. McGreevey

Governor Attest: Michael R. DeCotiis Chief Counsel to the Governor

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McGreevey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor Sergeant Frank T. Carvill

(TRENTON)—In honor of Sergeant Frank T. Carvill, Governor James E. McGreevey signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff on Saturday, June 12, the day of his interment. “Sergeant Carvill’s patriotism and dedication to our country makes him a hero to all of us,” said McGreevey. “We honor his memory by flying the National and State flags at half-staff. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.” Carvill, of Carlstadt, died when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his convoy in Baghdad, Iraq. Carvill was assigned to the New Jersey Army National Guard’s 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery. He joined the New Jersey Army National Guard in 1984. Below is a copy of the Executive Order: EXECUTIVE ORDER WHEREAS, New Jersey Army National Guard Sergeant Frank T. Carvill, a resident of the State of New Jersey, joined the New Jersey Army National Guard in April 1984; WHEREAS, Sergeant Carvill worked as a paralegal for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and had helped in the recovery efforts at Ground Zero following the terrorist attacks; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Carvill served proudly as a member of the Third Battalion of the 112th Field Artillery, and was deployed to Iraq in the service of his country; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Carvill was a courageous soldier and a loving son and brother; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Carvill has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while fighting for our country; and WHEREAS, Sergeant Carvill’s patriotism and dedicated service to his country make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory; NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Saturday, June 12, 2004, in recognition and mourning of New Jersey Army National Guard Sergeant Frank T. Carvill.2. This Order shall take effect immediately. GIVEN, under my hand and seal this day of in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Eighth. James E. McGreevey Governor Attest: Michael R. DeCotiis Chief Counsel to the Governor

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Thursday, June 10, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Lance Cpl. Jeremy L. Bohlman

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Jeremy L. Bohlman, of Sioux Falls, SD, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "California today mourns the loss of Lance Cpl. Bohlman. This brave Marine fought with courage in the struggle for freedom in our world. Maria and I send our condolences to his family and friends." Lance Cpl. Bohlman, 21, died June 7 from hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cpl. Bohlman, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Todd J. Bolding

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Todd J. Bolding, of Manvel, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I are saddened by the death of Lance Cpl. Bolding. He served his country valiantly and will be remembered as a Marine who made the ultimate sacrifice in the fight for freedom. Our prayers are with Todd's family and friends during this time of mourning." Lance Cpl. Bolding, 23, died June 3 of wounds received due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Bolding, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, June 7, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Declares a "Day of Remembrance" for the Life of President Ronald Reagan

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, fortieth President of the United States, and thirty-third Governor of California, died the fifth day of June, 2004; and WHEREAS, the President of the United States, George W. Bush, has by executive order directed that executive departments, independent establishments, and other federal governmental agencies be closed on Friday, June 11, 2004, as a mark of respect for former President Reagan; and WHEREAS, it is fit, proper and appropriate that a day be set aside in reverence to the memory of President Reagan as a great American patriot and Californian who profoundly changed the world by making it safer and freer and who gave hope and opportunity to millions of people. NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby declare Friday, June 11, 2004, a day of remembrance of the extraordinary life of President Reagan. To permit state executive branch employees to observe this day in an appropriate way of their choosing, I have authorized executive branch employees eight hours of informal time off on June 11, 2004, consistent with Government Code section 19991.10, except for a core number of employees who are required to respond to emergencies and maintain necessary services to the public. Employees who are required to work on this day will receive eight hours of informal time off to be taken at a later date. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of June 2004. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER Governor of California

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Governor Schwarzenegger Announces Book of Remembrance and Day of Mourning in Memory of President Ronald Reagan

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today will introduce and sign a Book of Remembrance to honor the passing of President Ronald Reagan. Governor Schwarzenegger will also declare Friday, June 11, 2004 a Day of Mourning in California to honor and pay tribute to the memory of President Ronald Reagan. Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver will place and sign the Book of Remembrance in the Capitol Rotunda this afternoon to honor President Ronald Reagan. The Book of Remembrance will provide the opportunity for Californians and visitors to record their thoughts and memories of President Reagan and offer their condolences to the Reagan family. Pages will be available for signing throughout the week and will be bound and presented to the Reagan family as a gift from the people of California. The Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Capitol Rotunda this afternoon at 3:30 PM. Governor Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver will open and sign the first pages, followed by members of the Legislative leadership, Constitutional Officers, members of the California Supreme Court and members of the Legislature. The Book of Remembrance will then be available for the public to sign throughout the week. Pages to be included in the Book of Remembrance will also be available for signing across the state; these other locations at which to sign the pages will be announced at a later time. The Capitol Rotunda will be open to the public daily from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM. The Book of Remembrance will be closed at 7:30 PM, Friday, June 11, and later presented to the Reagan family. Governor Schwarzenegger today will also issue an Executive Order declaring Friday, June 11, 2004, a Day of Mourning in California to honor the life and legacy of President Reagan. The Governor calls upon the people of California to observe this Day of Mourning as we pay homage to the memory of President Reagan. State agencies and offices will be closed to observe this Day of Mourning. Details regarding the scope of closings will be provided upon the issuance of the Executive Order. Governor Schwarzenegger has ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at the Capitol and all state buildings for a period of 30 days in honor and tribute to the memory of President Ronald Reagan.

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Governor Proclaims Flags to be Flown at Half-Staff in honor of President Ronald Reagan

In honor of President Ronald Reagan, Governor Kathleen Sebelius has issued a directive that all flags be flown at half-staff for a period of 30 days from the day of the President's death. President Reagan served the United States as the 40th President. Governor Sebelius said, "President Reagan restored American's faith in the strength of our country. His lasting impact will not be forgotten. I encourage all Kansans to join the nation in remembering his legacy." President George Bush released a directive that the flag of the United States be lowered for 30 days wherever it is flown in honor of President Reagan.

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Saturday, June 5, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Passing of President Ronald Reagan

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of President Reagan: "I am deeply saddened by the passing of President Reagan. He was a great American patriot. I did not just admire him, I was fortunate enough to know him. He was a hero to me." Ronald Reagan called America the shining city on the hill. And by the force of his leadership and optimism, he renewed the promise of America. He had the courage to tell us that it was all right to stand tall and believe in our country, and believe in ourselves. "Many people forget what a tremendous force Ronald Reagan was for California as our governor. He served with dignity and determination, and left us with a blueprint for executive leadership that is still a model today. Governor Reagan promoted bipartisan cooperation, furthered economic growth and embraced government's duty to protect our natural resources. "It is easy to see how profoundly President Reagan changed the world. He made it safer, more free and gave hope and opportunity to millions. "Ronald Reagan always inspired me to be a leader, to do what I can to help make our country stronger. And I know his legacy will live on in every American who believes in the greatness, and the goodness of our nation." Maria and I offer our deepest condolences to his remarkable wife Nancy, who served this state and this country alongside him and who cared for him until his final moments. Our prayers are with her, Patti, Ron, Michael and the entire Reagan family." In honor of President Reagan, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, June 4, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Sunnyvale Marine Cpl. Bum R. Lee

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Bum R. Lee, of Sunnyvale, CA: "Today Maria and I are deeply saddened by the loss of one of California's brave soldiers. Cpl. Lee's service to his country and courageousness in the line of duty represented the values for which he stood. Our condolences and prayers go out to Cpl. Lee's family and loved ones." Cpl. Lee, 21, died June 2 of wounds received from hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cpl. Lee, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, June 3, 2004

Governor Granholm Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff Friday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Friday, June 4, 2004, in honor of Sgt. Aaron Elandt of Port Hope, Michigan, who was killed while on active duty in Iraq. Sgt. Elandt, United States Army, was a cavalry scout with the First Armored Division. He was killed on Sunday, May 30, when the Humvee he was driving struck a land mine in Musayyib, Iraq, south of Baghdad. Sgt. Elandt was 23 years old. Sgt. Elandt joined the military after graduating from Harbor Beach High School in 1999. He had been in Iraq for about 14 months. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, Governor Granholm, in December, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Mountain View Soldier: 1st Lt. Kenneth Michael Ballard

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of 1st Lt. Kenneth Michael Ballard, of Mountain View, CA: "Maria and I are saddened by 1st Lt. Ballard's death. Kenneth joins a proud legacy of soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the freedoms of others. He will be remembered as a courageous man." 1st Lt. Ballard, 26, died May 30 in Najaf, Iraq, during a firefight with insurgents. He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, from Friedburg, Germany. In honor of 1st Lt. Ballard, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Dustin L. Sides

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Dustin L. Sides, of Yakima, WA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Today we are saddened by the loss of this fine Marine. Lance Cpl. Sides represented his country with determination and strength. Dustin's courageous service will live on in our memories." Lance Cpl. Sides, 22, died May 31 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 9th Communications Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Sides, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Santa Ana Marine Lance Cpl. Reynosasuarez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Rafael Reynosasuarez, of Santa Ana, CA: "Maria and I are saddened by the tragic loss of Lance Cpl. Reynosasuarez. His memory will live on in the hearts and minds of all those who knew him for the noble duty he performed." Lance Cpl. Reynosasuarez, 28, died May 29 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Reynosasuarez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Dominique J. Nicolas

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Dominique J. Nicolas, of Maricopa, AZ, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I mourn the loss of this brave man. We extend our deepest sympathy to his friends and family while we honor his service to our country." Cpl. Nicolas, 25, died May 26 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cpl. Nicolas, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Pfc. Cody S. Calavan

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Cody S. Calavan, of Lake Stevens, WA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Pfc. Calavan displayed honor and courage by serving his country during this time of war. Maria and I would like to pay tribute to his selflessness in defending the freedom we all enjoy." Pfc. Calavan, 19, died May 29 due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Pfc. Calavan, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor directs flags to be flown half-staff in honor of Sen. Clark

In honor of Senator Stan Clark, a member of the Kansas State Senate, Governor Kathleen Sebelius has ordered that the flags on state buildings be flown at half-staff on Thursday, June 3. Senator Clark was first appointed to the Senate in December 1994 and served for ten sessions. Governor Sebelius said, "Senator Stan Clark was man of great conviction who will be remembered for his principles and integrity. His death is a tremendous loss for the State. I respected and appreciated his interest and dedication to his constituents in northwest Kansas, as well as his commitment to health care and fiscal responsibility. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, especially his wife, Ruthie and son, Will."

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Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Los Angeles Marine Lance Cpl. Benjamin R. Gonzalez

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Benjamin R. Gonzalez, of Los Angeles, CA: "Lance Cpl. Gonzalez served his nation with honor and distinction. He fought selflessly and paid the ultimate price for his country. His courage will be forever remembered. Maria and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Benjamin's loved ones." Lance Cpl. Gonzalez, 23, died May 29 due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Gonzalez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marines Lance Cpl. Kyle W. Codner and Cpl. Matthew C. Henderson

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Lance Cpl. Kyle W. Codner, of Wood River, NE and Cpl. Matthew C. Henderson, of Lincoln, NE, who were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "It is with the deepest sympathy and respect that Maria and I wish to send our condolences to the family and friends of these brave men. Their honorable service and dedication defined a set of values that attests to their astounding character. Untimely deaths have taken them from us, but their memory will stay with all who knew these fine men." Lance Cpl. Codner, 19, and Cpl. Henderson, 25, died May 26, due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Codner and Cpl. Henderson, Capital flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, May 28, 2004

Governor Granholm Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day, on Tuesday, June 1, 2004, in honor of Private First Class Richard Rosas of St. Louis, Michigan, who was killed while on active duty in Iraq. Pfc. Rosas, United States Army, was attached to the 10th Mountain Division. He was killed on Tuesday, May 25, when a roadside bomb exploded near his convoy as he and fellow soldiers patrolled the streets of Fallujah. Pfc. Rosas was 21 years old. Pfc. Rosas grew up in Lansing and moved to St. Louis while in middle school. He enlisted in the Army in 2002, a year after graduating from high school. He was scheduled to return home on August 13th. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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Thursday, May 27, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of California National Guardsman Spc. Daniel Paul Unger

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Daniel Paul Unger, of Exeter, CA. "Spc. Unger volunteered to serve his state and defend his nation, representing the best traits of California and America. Maria and I are saddened greatly by his loss. Daniel's courage and selfless service to protect his fellow Americans will not be forgotten. Our prayers go out to his family and friends." Spc. Unger, 19, died May 26 from wounds received during a May 25 rocket attack near Kalsu, Iraq. He was assigned to "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 185th Armor Regiment, 81st Brigade, Corona, CA. In honor of Spc. Unger, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, May 25, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Baldwin Park Marine Cpl. Rudy Salas

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Rudy Salas, of Baldwin Park, California, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "It is tragic that Cpl. Salas's life was lost in such a terrible accident. A hero in his own right, Rudy served his country with great courage and his efforts to protect freedom were noble. Rudy's family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers." Cpl. Salas, 20, died May 20, due to a non-combat related vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cpl. Salas, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, May 24, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Pfc. Michael M. Carey

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Michael M. Carey of Prince George, VA, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I send our thoughts and prayers to the family and loved ones of Pfc. Carey. Michael's courageous service to his country exemplifies the honorable values which he stood for. The tragedy of his passing will not diminish his memory as he lives on in the thoughts and prayers of all those who knew him." Pfc. Carey, 20, died May 18 in Iraq when he fell into a canal. His remains were recovered on May 18. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Pfc. Carey, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, May 21. 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Chino Soldier Spc. Marcos O. Nolasco

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Marcos O. Nolasco, of Chino, CA: "It is a tragedy that Spc. Nolasco's life was lost in such a horrible accident. His decision to serve his country was noble and his life and memory will not be forgotten. Marco's family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers." Spc. Nolasco, 34, died May 18 in Baji, Iraq, as a result of an electrocution accident. Nolasco was assigned to battery B, 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Bamberg, Germany. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Spc. Nolasco, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, May 20, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Riverside Marine Pfc. Brian K. Cutter

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Brian K. Cutter, of Riverside, CA: "Maria and I commend the devotion and bravery Brian displayed in representing his country during this difficult time; his sacrifice will not be forgotten." Pfc. Cutter, 19, was found unconscious on May 13, and was later pronounced dead in Al Asad, Iraq. The cause of his death is still under investigation. He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Pfc. Cutter, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Bob W. Roberts

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Bob W. Roberts, of Newport, OR, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Today marks a day of sadness and loss for the death of Cpl. Roberts. Bob's selfless service to his country has not gone unnoticed. His service, along with the many other dedicated members of the military, will be long remembered." Lance Cpl. Roberts, 30, died May 17, due to hostile fire in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Roberts, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Spring Valley Soldier Sgt. Brud J. Cronkrite

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Brud J. Cronkrite, of Spring Valley, CA: "Maria and I were greatly saddened to learn of Sgt. Cronkrite's death. Our hearts go out to Brud's family and friends as we honor him for his great service and loyalty to our country." Sgt. Cronkrite, 22, died on May 14 in Baghdad, Iraq from injuries he sustained on May 13 in Karbala when a rocket-propelled grenade fired into a building he was near during security patrol. Cronkrite was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor, 1st Armored Division, in Friedberg, Germany. In honor of Sgt. Cronkrite, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Pfc. Brandon C. Sturdy

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Brandon C. Sturdy, of Ubandale, Iowa who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "On behalf of Maria and myself, I want to express my sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Brandon. His courage and commitment are a model to which all Californians can aspire." Pfc. Sturdy, 19, died May 13 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Pfc. Sturdy, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, May 19, 2004

A Proclamation By the President of the United States of America Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2004

Law enforcement officers are among America's greatest heroes. Every day, these men and women protect our families, homes, businesses, and communities. Our dedicated peace officers put themselves at great risk while working tirelessly on the front lines in the fight against crime, violence, and terrorism. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, last year, 145 law enforcement officers made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in the line of duty, while thousands of others were injured protecting our citizens from harm. On Peace Officers Memorial Day and throughout Police Week, we honor the memory of the fallen and recognize those who devote their lives to enforcing our laws, bringing criminals to justice, and making America safer and better. Over the past year, many in our law enforcement community have been activated as Reservists or members of the National Guard. We are grateful to these officers and all our military personnel for answering the call to service, for their commitment to duty, and for the sacrifices they are making in defense of freedom. By a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962, as amended, (76 Stat. 676), the Congress has authorized and requested the President to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week in which it falls as "Police Week." NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2004, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 9 through May 15, 2004, as Police Week. I call on all Americans to observe these events with appropriate ceremonies and activities. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty eighth. GEORGE W. BUSH

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Lititz police chief killed in cycle accident

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA - United States flags in Lititz are being flown at half-staff in honor of police Chief Doug Shertzer, who was killed in a motorcycle accident Tuesday morning. Shertzer, 45, was riding his department's new Harley Davidson motorcycle on Route 741 when he collided with a Nissan Maxima driven by an 18-year-old Lancaster city woman. The critically injured police chief was taken to Lancaster General Hospital, where he died later in the day. Lititz Mayor Russell Pettyjohn said the most important thing he can do is try to console the Shertzer family and the Lititz community. "I am going to be issuing a proclamation that all flags be flown half-staff for the week out of respect for Doug," Pettyjohn said. Shertzer, 45, is survived by his wife, Susan, a son and a daughter. He was a 23-year veteran of Lititz Police Department and served as its chief for more than a decade. At the time of the accident, he was returning to Lititz after driving to Lancaster Harley Davidson Inc. in Willow Street, where he picked up sun visors for helmets and had some chrome engine bolts replaced. He planned to use the black-and-white motorcycle to patrol the borough when he returned. Shertzer was northbound on Route 741 when a car driven by June Lee, of Colonial Crest Drive, who was headed south on Route 741, turned in front of him at the intersection with Harrisburg Pike, according to East Hempfield township police. Both vehicles had a green light, police said. Shertzer, critically injured after hitting the car, was taken to the hospital. Lee was not injured. No charges have been filed. Lancaster County Controller Dennis Stuckey, a Lititz Borough councilman for 10 years who was council president when Shertzer became chief, said Shertzer was a beloved figure in the community. "I am shocked and saddened by his death, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the Shertzer family," Stuckey said. "He was a devoted husband, father and a good friend, and he was dedicated to his job as police chief of Lititz Borough." The borough got the motorcycle earlier this month. It purchased it for \$1 from Harley Davidson as part of a special deal the company is offering police departments throughout the county, according to Pettyjohn. Pettyjohn said Shertzer and Sgt. Bill Seace, who also was authorized to use the bike, were longtime motorcycle enthusiasts and had motorcycle permits. Pettyjohn, however, said he insisted both men receive police-specific training at a Reading motorcycle school before they were allowed to ride the bike on patrol. Both men graduated from the school Friday. "I wanted them to have the best training they could possibly get," Pettyjohn said. "Doug would call me at the end of each day and say, 'You wouldn't believe what they got us doing on this thing. I've ridden motorcycles all my life, ever since I was a kid, and I've done more with a motorcycle this week than I ever did. I can't believe this.'" "One night, he even thought he might not pass, but when he graduated he called right away and said, 'I got my certificate! I got my certificate!'" Pettyjohn said. "He was pretty happy over that because not everyone who takes the course passes." Pettyjohn said Shertzer called him Tuesday and told him the motorcycle helmets they had did not come with sun visors. Shertzer also told him the engine needed some replacement bolts, Pettyjohn said. "So he went down there to pick those things up, and he was on his way back when he had the accident," Pettyjohn said. Pettyjohn said he will leave the departments' two sergeants in charge of police administration for a couple of weeks before he

decides how to proceed with the hiring of a new chief. Pettyjohn also thanked the heads of Lancaster County municipalities, including Lancaster Mayor Charlie Smithgall, who called and offered Lititz police personnel and/or equipment should it need it.

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A spokesperson with Governor Joe Kernan's office has ordered all National Guard flags - not U.S. flags - to be lowered to half-staff in honor of Major Burchett

A spokesperson with Governor Joe Kernan's office has ordered all National Guard flags - not U.S. flags - to be lowered to half-staff in honor of Major Burchett, who was killed in the jet fighter crash Major General R. Martin Umbarger Major William Burchett of Tennessee was killed. The other pilot, Major Thomas Sims of Indianapolis who parachuted to safety, was released from the hospital Tuesday

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Sgt. Sprayberry, 24, and Pfc. Marcus, 21, died May 3

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of California Soldiers 05/07/2004 Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Sgt. Marvin R. Sprayberry, III, of Tehachapi, and Pfc. Lyndon A. Marcus, Jr., of Long Beach: "Today we remember the courageous efforts of these fine soldiers who served their country with honor and distinction. Their death has left a mark on the hearts of all those who knew them and their memory will remind us all of their sacrifice." Sgt. Sprayberry, 24, and Pfc. Marcus, 21, died May 3, along with 3 other soldiers, in Balad, Iraq, when their military vehicle left the road and flipped over in a canal. All soldiers were assigned to the 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Sgt. Sprayberry and Pfc. Marcus, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver Remarks from the Memorial Service for Pat Tillman

Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver Remarks from the Memorial Service for Pat Tillman Speaking at the memorial service for Corporal Pat Tillman, First Lady Maria Shriver read a to the Tillman family on behalf of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Governor Schwarzenegger was unable to attend. The Governor was visiting soldiers wounded in Iraq and recuperating at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany and met with military personnel from California at Ramstein Air Base. First Lady Maria Shriver went on to give her own remarks. She read a letter she composed to Corporal Tillman.

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Monday, May 17, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Arroyo Grande Soldier Pfc. Michael A. Mora

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Michael A. Mora, of Arroyo Grande, CA: "Maria and I send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Pfc. Mora. Michael's bravery and devotion to his country and loved ones will be greatly missed and never forgotten." Pfc. Mora, 19, died May 14, in An Najaf, Iraq, when his military vehicle slid off the road and turned over. Mora was assigned to the Army's 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Polk, LA. In honor of Pfc. Mora, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Sunday, May 9, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Dustin H. Schrage

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Dustin H. Schrage Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Dustin H. Schrage, of Brevard, FL: "Today Maria and I mourn the loss of Cpl. Schrage. He was a courageous Marine who represented the highest ideals of this country. It is with deep sadness that we send our sympathies to Dustin's family and friends." Cpl. Schrage, 20, was found deceased on May 6 in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. The cause of death is under investigation. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cpl. Schrage, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Saturday, May 8, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Jeffrey G. Green

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Jeffrey G. Green Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Jeffrey G. Green, of Dallas, TX: "It is with somber hearts that Maria and I extend our condolences to the friends and family of Cpl. Green for their loss. Jeffrey was a noble Marine whose courage and strength will not be forgotten." Cpl. Green, 20, was found deceased on May 5 in the Euphrates River in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. The cause of death is under investigation. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cpl. Green, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on the Death of Senator William "Pete" Knight

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on the Death of Senator William "Pete" Knight Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Senator William J. "Pete" Knight (R-Palmdale): "Today we are saddened by the death of an extraordinary man. Senator Knight's memory will live on through his lifelong contributions to our nation's aerospace communities and our state's public affairs. The Senator was a man who lived his life through his values, and was committed to the constituents whom he represented." "Maria and I extend our deepest condolences to the Senator's wife Gail, their sons, stepchildren and grandchildren. We have lost a true Renaissance man: a Senator, Veteran and Legislative leader who made many contributions to California." William J. "Pete" Knight, died May 7, 2004 from complications due to acute myelogenous leukemia. In honor of Senator Knight, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver Remarks from the Memorial Service for Pat Tillman

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Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Escondido Soldier Spc. James L. Beckstrand, of Escondido

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. James L. Beckstrand, of Escondido, CA: "My heart goes out to James' family as they suffer the extraordinary loss of their loved one. He was a heroic soldier and a brave leader who fought with determination and dignity. His courageous example lives on in mine and Maria's hearts." Spc. Beckstrand, 27, died April 29, along with 7 other soldiers, in Baghdad, Iraq, while part of a dismounted improvised explosive device sweep patrol. When a vehicle approached their unit, the driver detonated a bomb. All soldiers were assigned to the Army's 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Spc. Beckstrand, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement In honor of Spc. Wine, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Orange Soldier 5/4/2004 Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Trevor A. Wine, of Orange, CA: "Trevor's loved ones have lost a devoted family member and friend, and our country has lost a valiant soldier. As we honor his bravery and dedication, Maria and I grieve with his family. Democracy and freedom will be Trevor's lasting legacy." Spc. Wine, 22, died May 1, in Tikrit, Iraq, from injuries sustained on April 30 when his convoy vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. Spc. Wine was assigned to the Army's 24th Quartermaster Company, Fort Lewis, WA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Spc. Wine, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, April 26, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Deaths of Twentynine Palms Marines

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of Cpl. Jason L. Dunham, of Allegany, NY, and Cpl. Christopher A. Gibson, of Simi Valley, CA: "Today marks a day of sorrow because of the deaths of Cpl. Dunham and Cpl. Gibson. They were brave Marines whose heroism will be long remembered and emulated by their fellow Marines. Their loss is felt not only by those who knew and loved them, but throughout California and the country. Maria and I extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends." Cpl. Dunham, 22, and Cpl. Gibson, 23, died April 22 due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, at Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Cpl. Dunham and Cpl. Gibson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, April 19, 2004

Gov. Johanns Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff in Honor of Former Gov. Frank Morrison

(Lincoln, NE) Gov. Mike Johanns has ordered all U.S. and Nebraska flags flown at half-staff in honor of former Gov. Frank Morrison who passed away early this morning in McCook. Flags will remain at half-staff through the date of the funeral, which has not yet been determined. "Frank Morrison's life was dedicated to public service," Gov. Johanns said. "He was a champion of the underdog." "So many areas of state government have been touched by Frank Morrison. Even today, we remember his pioneering efforts in criminal justice reform, a merit system for selection of justices, the state employee retirement system and Nebraska tourism. Frank Morrison set a standard that all public officials should aspire to achieve. On a personal level, Frank Morrison was a good friend. Stephanie and I will greatly miss him and his wife, Maxine.

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Governor Granholm Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff for Army Specialist Richard Trevithick Killed in Iraq

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, in honor of Army Specialist Richard Trevithick of Gaines who was killed while on active duty in Iraq. Spec. Trevithick, United States Army, was assigned to the Army's 9th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division based in Schweinfurt, Germany. He was killed on Wednesday, April 14, in Balad, Iraq, when an explosive device exploded near his convoy vehicle. Spec. Trevithick was 20 years old. Spec. Trevithick enlisted in the Army after graduating from Swartz Creek High School in 2002. He had plans to begin studying law enforcement in January when he was to be discharged from the military. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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Saturday, April 10, 2004

April 10, 2004 - STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR JOHN G. ROWLAND ON SGT. FELIX M. DELGRECO, CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

As state Commander-in-Chief of the Connecticut National Guard, it is with immense personal sadness that I have learned of the first Connecticut National Guardsman killed in action in the war on terrorism in Iraq. Sgt. Felix M. Delgreco, of Simsbury, a member of Connecticut's historic 102d Infantry Battalion, was a soldier's soldier. Whenever his country called, he delivered. At the young age of 22, he was already a veteran of service in Bosnia and Operation Noble Eagle here in the United States. His example of dedication to duty, service above self, and personal bravery will be an inspiration to all who will follow. Sgt. Delgreco was one of America's finest and he is now part of the 21st century's greatest generation. He is a true Connecticut hero. His supreme sacrifice tragically demonstrates that today's Guard is an essential component of this nation's armed forces with thousands of brave citizen-soldiers in its ranks. We must never take their proud service for granted. The greatest honor we can pay to all those service members who have given their lives in this global war is to respect, preserve, and celebrate the individual freedoms they are fighting for. Our freedoms and the security of our homeland continue to directly depend on hometown heroes like Sgt. Delgreco. We must never forget their selfless sacrifices. The hearts and prayers of all Connecticut citizens and Guard members are with and will remain with the Delgreco family. Advisory Note: Governor John G. Rowland has ordered that all CONNECTICUT STATE FLAGS continue to be flown at half-staff in honor of Sgt. Delgreco. Already at half-staff in honor of Spc. Tyanna Avery-Felder of Bridgeport, all Connecticut state flags should remain at half-staff until sundown on the day of Sgt. Delgreco's interment, which is yet to be determined.

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Friday, April 9, 2004

April 09, 2004 - STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR GEORGE E. PATAKI

"Today we mourn the loss of former Assemblyman Robert J. Connor, who served the people of Rockland County and New York with great distinction during his 12 years in the State Legislature." "In Albany, Assemblyman Connor was a strong and vocal advocate for protecting the environment, and he remained a strong voice through the years on this and other community issues as a local newspaper columnist in the Hudson Valley." "I have ordered flags at the State Capitol and across the State to be lowered to half-staff in honor of Assemblyman Connor on the day of his memorial service, Tuesday, April 13. On behalf of all New Yorkers, our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time."

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April 09, 2004 - KEMPTHORNE ORDERS STATE FLAGS FLOWN

The state mourns, as an Idaho serviceman is laid to rest. Funeral services were held Saturday for U.S. Army Private First Class Cleston Raney of Rupert, who was killed with four other American soldiers on March 31st. Governor Dirk Kempthorne ordered all state flags to be flown at half-staff today - a symbol of respect on the day of Raney's funeral. The 20-year-old's family was presented with his Medal for Meritorious Service and a Purple Heart. Raney is the fourth soldier from Idaho to die in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion. Private Raney's funeral was held in Rupert, and he was laid to rest with full military honors in Burley.

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April 09, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Capt. Brent L. Morel

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Capt. Brent L. Morel, of Martin, TN, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "As a Captain in the Marine Corps, Brent served his country with leadership and dignity. We honor his life, his courage and his commitment to our Nation. His loss will be felt by many." Capt. Morel, 27, died April 7 from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Capt. Morel, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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April 09, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Diego Naval Medical Center Sailor

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Diego Naval Medical Center Sailor Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Petty Officer 3rd Class Fernando A. Mendezaceves, of Ponce, Puerto Rico, who was stationed at the San Diego Naval Medical Center. "Petty Officer Mendezaceves dedicated his life to helping others. He answered the calling of military service and his commitment to his country and his fellow servicemen will not be forgotten." Petty Officer Mendezaceves was killed April 6 in Iraq while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the Naval Medical Center San Diego, First Marine Division Detachment, San Diego, CA. In honor of Petty Officer Mendezaceves, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, April 8, 2004

April 08, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Nine Camp Pendleton Marines

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the deaths of nine Camp Pendleton Marines: "This week marks a great loss for California. The death of these brave Marines is a sobering reminder of the value of our freedom and the courage of those who give their lives to defend it. Californians mourn the loss of these Marines, and we are forever indebted to them for their sacrifices. Our hearts go out to their loved ones." Killed in the line of duty were: Pfc. Benjamin R. Carman, 20, of Jefferson, IA; Lance Cpl. Marcus M. Cherry, 18, of Imperial, CA; Pfc. Christopher R. Cobb, 19, of Bradenton, FL; Lance Cpl. Kyle D. Crowley, 18, of San Ramon, CA; Pfc. Ryan M. Jerabek, 18, of Oneida, WI; Pfc. Moises A. Langhorst, 19, of Moose Lake, MN; Lance Cpl. Travis J. Layfield, 19, of Fremont, CA; Lance Cpl. Anthony P. Roberts, 18, of Bear, DE; Staff Sgt. Allan K. Walker, 28, of Lancaster, CA. Pfc. Langhorst died April 5; the other Marines died April 6. All died due to hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of these Marines, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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April 08, 2005 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Lance Cpl. Shane L. Goldman, of Orange, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Today we honor the life and dedication of Lance Cpl. Goldman. Shane was a brave young man who served his country for a noble cause. His service and memory will not be forgotten." Lance Cpl. Goldman, 20, died April 5 due to injuries received from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Goldman, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, April 7, 2004

April 07, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marines Cpl. Jesse L. Thiry and Pfc. Christopher Ramos

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Jesse L. Thiry, 23, of Casco, WI, and Pfc. Christopher Ramos, 26, of Albuquerque, NM. Both Marines were stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Both of these heroic men served our country with honor and dignity. It is with great sadness that we can only now pay tribute to them after they are gone. They will be remembered for their bravery and service to their nation." Both Marines died April 5, due to injuries received from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cpl. Thiry and Pfc. Ramos, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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April 07, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Tyler R. Fey

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Tyler R. Fey, of Eden Prairie, MN, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Cpl. Fey was a brave young man who died while protecting his country. As Californians and Americans, we should honor Tyler for his courage. Our prayers go out to his family and friends. His sacrifice will not be forgotten." Cpl. Fey, 22, died April 4 due to injuries received from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Cpl. Fey, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff

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April 07, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew K. Serio

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Matthew K. Serio, of North Providence, RI, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Maria and I are saddened by the death of Lance Cpl. Serio. Matthew fulfilled his oath and duty to his country with utmost honor and made the ultimate sacrifice. We will remember him for his brave service." Lance Cpl. Serio, 21, died April 5, due to injuries received from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Serio, Capitol Flags will be flown at half-staff.

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April 07, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on the Death of Vacaville Soldier Spc. Casey Sheehan

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Casey Sheehan, of Vacaville, CA: "Spc. Casey Sheehan answered the dignified calling of the Armed Forces and served his country with distinction. It is with deep sorrow that I send my condolences to Casey's family." Spc. Sheehan, 24, died April 4, along with 7 other soldiers, in Baghdad, Iraq, when their units were attacked with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. Spc. Sheehan was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX. In honor of Spc. Sheehan, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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April 07, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Deryk L. Hallal, of Indianapolis, IN, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. "Today Californians and Americans alike mourn the loss of Pfc. Hallal. He was a courageous Marine who dedicated his life to protecting the freedom of his fellow men and women. Deryk will be honored for his life and his service." Pfc. Hallal, 24, died April 6, due to hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp

Pendleton, CA. In honor of Pfc. Hallal, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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April 07, 2004 - Governor Bill Richardson Orders Flags to Half-Staff In Honor

Santa Fe: "I am deeply saddened by the death of Private First Class Christopher Ramos of Albuquerque Monday in the hostilities in Iraq. His sacrifice will not be forgotten. My heart goes out to his family and friends. I ask that all New Mexicans join with me in prayer as we honor our fallen hero," Governor Bill Richardson said. Governor Bill Richardson called the family of Private First Class Christopher Ramos to express his sympathies. The Governor has ordered flags to fly at half-staff beginning tomorrow in memory of PFC Ramos.

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April 07, 2004 - STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR JOHN G. ROWLAND ON SPECIALIST TYANNA FELDER,

It is with great personal sadness that I have learned of another Connecticut service member killed in the global war on terrorism. Specialist Tyanna Felder, a native of Bridgeport, is the most recent Connecticut hero to give the supreme sacrifice for our freedoms. In her too short but meaningful life, she demonstrated tremendous devotion to the ideals of this nation. Her death as a support soldier in Iraq tragically underscores the very real dangers all our service members continue to face around the world. Her individual bravery and willingness to serve has directly contributed to our safety and security here at home. We will be forever indebted to Specialist Felder and the selfless example she has left for each of us. We must continue to keep all our service members in our prayers and celebrate each safe homecoming that we are blessed with. The hearts and prayers of all Connecticut citizens are with her family during this tragic time. Advisory Note: Governor John G. Rowland has ordered that all CONNECTICUT STATE flags be lowered immediately to half-staff in honor of Specialist Felder. The State of Connecticut flag should remain lowered until sundown on the day of Specialist Felder's interment which is yet to be determined.

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GOVERNOR CARCIERI ORDERS STATE FLAGS LOWERED TO HONOR MEMORY OF LANCE CPL. MATTHEW SERIO

Governor Donald L. Carcieri today ordered that the Rhode Island state flag be flown at half-staff to honor Lance Cpl. Matthew K. Serio of North Providence, who died Monday during an attack near Fallujah, Iraq. Serio, a Marine, was a native of North Providence and a 2001 graduate of North Providence High School. His parents are North Providence residents. Lance Cpl. Serio's unit was the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. The Rhode Island flag will remain at half-staff until memorial services are complete.

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Tuesday, April 6, 2004

April 06, 2004 - State Flag Lowered in Memory of Rep. Parsons

Governor Lowers State Flags In Memory of Former Rep. Jim Parsons (Juneau) - Governor Frank H. Murkowski today ordered that Alaska state flags be flown at half-staff in memory of James C. Parsons, who represented Anchorage in the Alaska House of Representatives from 1961-65. Mr. Parsons passed away Sunday, April 4, at the age of 78. The Governor ordered flags to remain at half-staff until the day of Rep. Parsons' memorial service, which will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage at 7 pm. Parsons was born in New York City in 1926. He obtained a bachelor's degree from Pacific Union College in Anguin, California in 1948, a master's in teaching from Columbia University in 1949, and a professional diploma in psychology foundations in 1957, also from Columbia. In Alaska, Parsons served as Chief Psychologist in state and territorial mental health programs for the Division of Mental Health from 1953-60. >From 1960-74, he taught as an associate professor of psychology and education at Alaska Methodist University. He also maintained a private clinical psychology practice in Anchorage. In addition to serving in the Legislature, Parsons was active in a wide range of civic, professional, and community organizations in the Anchorage area from the 1950s through the 1970s. These included service on the school board, parks and recreation board, Kiwanis Club, the Anchorage Concert Association, Alaska World Affairs Council, Anchorage Charter Commission, public radio station KSKA, and others.

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Monday, April 5, 2004

April 05, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Pfc. Dustin M. Sekula

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Dustin M. Sekula, of Edinburg, TX, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Maria and I want to express our sadness to the family of Pfc. Sekula. Dustin died protecting the freedoms that Americans hold dear. He will be remembered and honored for his sacrifice." Pfc. Sekula, 18, died April 1, due to injuries sustained from enemy fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Pfc. Sekula, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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April 05, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Lance Cpl. Aric J. Barr

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Aric J. Barr, of Allegheny, PA, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "When a young man's life is lost while fighting to protect the freedoms of his country, it is truly a great tragedy. Aric will be missed by all who knew him. Maria and I send our prayers to his family." Lance Cpl. Barr, 22, died April 4, due to injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In Honor of Lance Cpl. Barr, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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April 05, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Pfc. Geoffery S. Morris

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Geoffery S. Morris, of Gurnee, IL, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA: "Pfc. Morris made the ultimate sacrifice in fighting for freedom in the world. Maria and I extend our gratitude to him and his family for his commitment, and our sorrow for their loss." Pfc. Morris, 19, died April 4, due to injuries received from hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Pfc. Morris, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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April 05, 2005 - Fire Station Five honors a fallen brother today, Kevin Kulow.

The flags are at half staff at Fire Station Five. The mood is somber. People, one after another, come to offer their condolences to firefighters grief stricken after one of their own is killed in the line of duty. Kulow showed up an hour and a half early to work Sunday and ended up on a fire that happened before his shift was even supposed to start. It ended up as the last fire he would ever fight. He was known to be a dedicated Firefighter, volunteering for years before he graduated from the Houston Fire Department Academy this past November. Kulow is survived by a wife of nine years, a five year old son and an eleven year old step-son.

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Friday, April 2, 2004

April 02, 2004 - KEMPTHORNE STATEMENT ON DEATH

(BOISE) Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne today issued the following statement on the death of Private First Class Cleston C. Raney of Rupert. Pfc. Raney was one of five Americans killed on March 31 when an improvised explosive device hit their armored personnel carrier. "All of Idaho joins me in mourning the loss of American lives, particularly one of our own. Pfc. Raney was serving his country proudly, bravely and with honor. Idaho has lost an outstanding young man and a hero; a family has lost a loved one who carried the hopes of his generation. Every American soldier I met when I was in Iraq told me they understand the importance of their mission and their desire to get the job done. "Cleston died doing what he believed in, and he died in pursuit of freedom not only for Iraqi citizens, but for every American. I ask all Idahoans to join Patricia and me in saying a prayer for Cleston and his family."

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Thursday, April 1, 2004

April 1, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Victorville Marine Lance Cpl. William J. Wiscowiche

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. William J. Wiscowiche, of Victorville, CA: "Maria and I are deeply saddened by the loss of Lance Cpl. Wiscowiche. His passing is a tragedy not only for his family, but for all Americans. We honor William for his sacrifice and he will not be forgotten." Lance Cpl. Wiscowiche, 20, died March 30, due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Wiscowiche, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, March 30, 2004

March 29, 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine LCpl. James A. Casper, of Coolidge

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of LCpl. James A. Casper, of Coolidge, TX, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. "LCpl. Casper's bravery is an example of the determination and courage that makes our nation strong. Committed soldiers like James sacrifice their lives to help keep us safe and preserve our freedom, and we are grateful for their service." LCpl. Casper, 20, died March 25 due to a non-combat related incident at Al Asad, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of LCpl. Casper, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Friday, March 26. 2004

March 26, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Air Station Miramar Marine LCpl. Jeffrey C. Burgess of Plymouth

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of LCpl. Jeffrey C. Burgess of Plymouth, MA, who was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, CA.: "Risking his life to protect fellow citizens was a duty LCpl. Burgess undertook with pride and honor. The sacrifices Jeffrey made for his country and our freedoms are an inspiration to all Americans. Our hearts go out to his loved ones." LCpl. Burgess, 20, died March 25, due to enemy action near Al Fallujah, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, CA. In honor of LCpl. Burgess, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, March 24, 2004

March 24, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Cpl. David M. Vicente

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Cpl. David M. Vicente, of Methuen, MA, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA: "Maria and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to David's family. Every person willing to sacrifice their life for this country and our freedom deserves the utmost respect and gratitude." Cpl. Vicente, 25, died March 19, due to enemy action near Hit, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Cpl. Vicente, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, March 23, 2004

March 22, 2004 Governor Sanford Order Flags Lowered 3-23-04 to honor Gov. John West

Columbia, S.C. - March 22, 2004 - Gov. Mark Sanford announced today that he will attend funeral services for former South Carolina Governor John West tomorrow (Tuesday, March 23, 2004). Tomorrow's funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, located at 502 DeKalb Street in Camden. At the governor's direction, flags at all state buildings will be lowered to half-staff tomorrow from sunrise to sundown in honor of Gov. West and as a way of paying tribute to his life of service to his state and nation. For more information or directions from your location please contact Chris Drummond or Will Folks in the Governor's Office at 803-734-2100.

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March 23, 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Foster City Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew S. Dang

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Lance Cpl. Andrew S. Dang, of Foster City, CA: "Andrew served our country with honor and distinction. We should all be thankful for his sacrifice and admire his courage. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends." Lance Cpl. Dang, 20, died March 22 due to hostile fire near Ar Ramady, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Dang, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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March 23, 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of California National Guardsman 1st Lt. Michael W. Vega

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of 1st Lt. Michael W. Vega, of Lathrop, CA: "It is a tragedy when any soldier's life is lost while serving his country. Michael's service and sacrifice to ensure that Americans continue to have the freedoms that we enjoy will not be forgotten. Our condolences to his family." First Lt. Vega, 41, died March 20 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Washington, D.C., from injuries sustained when his military vehicle rolled over in Diwaniyah, Iraq, on March 11. Vega was assigned to the 223rd Military Intelligence Company, 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Army National Guard, based in Sacramento, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of 1st Lt. Vega, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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March 23, 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Stockton Soldier Maj. Mark D. Taylor

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Maj. Mark D. Taylor, of Stockton, CA: "Maria and I send our condolences to Major Taylor's family and friends. I commend Mark for his tremendous service to this nation. His sacrifice and courage will be remembered forever." Maj. Taylor, 41, and one other soldier, died on March 20, in Fallujah, Iraq, when their living area came under a rocket attack. Maj. Taylor was assigned to the 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Maj. Taylor, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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March 23, 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Twentynine Palms Marine Cpl. Andrew D. Brownfield

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Cpl. Andrew D. Brownfield, of Summit, OH, who was stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA. "Maria and I want to send our prayers to Andrew's family and friends. Andrew answered the noble calling of the United States Marine Corps and gave his life in the service of his country. His effort will not be forgotten." Cpl. Brownfield, 24, died March 18, due to wounds received from an enemy mortar attack at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Cpl. Brownfield, Capitol flags will

be flown at half-staff.

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March 23, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of California National Guardsman 1st Lt. Michael W. Vega

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of 1st Lt. Michael W. Vega, of Lathrop, CA: "It is a tragedy when any soldier's life is lost while serving his country. Michael's service and sacrifice to ensure that Americans continue to have the freedoms that we enjoy will not be forgotten. Our condolences to his family." First Lt. Vega, 41, died March 20 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Washington, D.C., from injuries sustained when his military vehicle rolled over in Diwaniyah, Iraq, on March 11. Vega was assigned to the 223rd Military Intelligence Company, 223rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Army National Guard, based in Sacramento, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of 1st Lt. Vega, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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March 23, 2004 - Flags lowered to half-staff in honor of Sandri, Castetter

SHAMOKIN — Ronald McElwee, president of Shamokin Area School Board, announced Sunday night that Shamokin Area School District lowered its American flags to half-staff in memory of Victoria Castetter and Matthew J. Sandri. Castetter, a former physical education and health teacher at the high school, died Saturday evening. Sandri, a 1997 graduate and paratrooper/medic with the "White Devils" 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, died Saturday in Fallujah, Iraq, following a rocket attack on a U.S. Army base.

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March 23, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Stockton Soldier Maj. Mark D. Taylor

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Maj. Mark D. Taylor, of Stockton, CA: "Maria and I send our condolences to Major Taylor's family and friends. I commend Mark for his tremendous service to this nation. His sacrifice and courage will be remembered forever." Maj. Taylor, 41, and one other soldier, died on March 20, in Fallujah, Iraq, when their living area came under a rocket attack. Maj. Taylor was assigned to the 782nd Main Support Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Maj. Taylor, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, March 22, 2004

March 22, 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Two Twentynine Palms Marines

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the deaths of Pfc. Brandon C. Smith of Washington, AR and Pfc. Ricky A. Morris, of Lubbock, TX. Both Marines were stationed at Twentynine Palms, CA. "Maria and I are deeply saddened by the deaths of these two young Marines. Both men were brave soldiers who fought to protect the lives of their fellow Americans and gave their lives in return. We will always remember their sacrifice." Pfc. Smith, 20, and Pfc. Morris, 20, died on March 18 as a result of enemy action in Al Qaim, Iraq. Both Marines were assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of both Marines, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Sunday, March 21. 2004

March 21, 2004 Gov. Wise to lower flags to half-staff for U.S. District Judge Charles H. Haden II

Gov. Bob Wise will issue an order to lower flags to half-staff to honor U.S. District Judge Charles H. Haden II.

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Thursday, March 18, 2004

March 19, 2004 Governor McGreevey Orders Flags at Half-Staff on One Year Anniversary of Iraq Conflict

(TRENTON) – In honor of New Jersey National Guard members and reservists who served or are still on active duty in Iraq, Governor James E. McGreevey today ordered the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff on Friday, March 19, the one year anniversary of the start of the Iraqi conflict. “As the one year anniversary of the Iraqi conflict approaches, we thank and remember all of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives to defend freedom and democracy for our nation and the world,” said McGreevey, who will issue an Executive Order to have the flags flown at half-staff. The Governor also will call for a moment of silence at 12:30 p.m. before he speaks at an AARP Town Hall Meeting in Union Township on March 19. He is requesting that members of the public and State Employees join in the moment of silence. “As Governor, I want to thank all the brave men and women of our armed forces and their families, especially those of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard, for their sacrifices on behalf of our nation and for the honor they bring to our State,” McGreevey said. “Our troops’ mission was to protect, defend and liberate. Their dedication to preserving freedom in Iraq from its tyrant dictator has given the Iraqi people a chance to live a better life.” Over the past 12 months, McGreevey has met with family members of deployed New Jersey National Guard soldiers to discuss and share their experiences about the hardships of having loved ones deployed to Iraq and to explain how programs like the Family Readiness Group can help families cope with these difficulties. The Governor also personally bid farewell to New Jersey troops being deployed overseas and welcomed others back from their tours of duty. “There is no greater joy than seeing a soldier reunited with family,” McGreevey said. “We look forward to the day when all our troops return home safe and sound.”

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Wednesday, March 17, 2004

march 17, 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Santa Ana Soldier

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Pfc. Joel K. Brattain, of Santa Ana, CA: "Joel was an honorable soldier who died while protecting the freedom of others. Maria and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. He will be sorely missed." Pfc. Brattain, 21, and two other soldiers died on March 13, in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device struck their military vehicle. All three soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Pfc. Brattain, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, March 15, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Soledad Fireman Mario Cunha

Governor Schwarzenegger issued the following statement today regarding the death of Mario Cunha, an on-duty fireman with the Soledad Fire Department: "Each day, firefighters put their lives on the line to protect fellow Californians and our Golden State. Mario showed great courage and commitment, and his noble sacrifice will not be forgotten." Cunha, 32, died on March 13, when the Soledad Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire located on northbound 101, in the city of Soledad. Upon arrival, the fire department reported to the CHP that the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames and heavy smoke surrounded the scene. Soon after, a citizen called 911 to report a fireman at the scene of the fire had been struck by a passenger vehicle. Immediately after the collision, the responsible vehicle fled. Cunha was pronounced dead at the scene. About 30 minutes later, the Gonzales Police Department made an enforcement stop on the responsible driver. The driver is currently charged with vehicular manslaughter and felony hit and run. Cunha had been a member of the Soledad Fire Department since April 1st, 2002. He was not married and had no children. In honor of Cunha, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Saturday, March 13. 2004

March 13, 2004 - Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Soldier Pfc. Matthew G. Milczark

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Pfc. Matthew G. Milczark, of Kettle River, MN, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. "Maria and I express our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Matthew Milczark. Matthew answered the high calling of military service, and his dedication to such a noble duty will be remembered by all Californians." Pfc. Milczark, 18, died March 8 due to a non-combat related incident at Camp Victory, Kuwait. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Pfc. Milczark, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.###

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Friday, March 12, 2004

March 11, 2003 Indiana Mourns Loss of Former Governor Orr

Former Indiana Gov. Robert D. Orr, 86, died March 10, 2004 at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. Orr was Indiana's last Republican governor. He was widely credited with leading the state out of recession. His administration is recognized for finishing the Lloyd Expressway and planning Interstate 164. Orr served eight years as lieutenant governor, becoming Indiana's governor in 1980.

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Wednesday, March 10, 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Soldier Pfc. Matthew G. Milczark

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement on the death of Pfc. Matthew G. Milczark, of Kettle River, MN, who was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA. "Maria and I express our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Matthew Milczark. Matthew answered the high calling of military service, and his dedication to such a noble duty will be remembered by all Californians." Pfc. Milczark, 18, died March 8 due to a non-combat related incident at Camp Victory, Kuwait. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Pfc. Milczark, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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South Carolina Legislature Mulls Half-staff for Military Casualties

The South Carolina legislature is on the verge of passing a bill mandating that flags fly at half-staff atop the capitol on the day of any serviceman and servicewoman's funeral. INTRODUCED May 27, 2003 H. 4281 Introduced by Rep. WalkerS. Printed 5/27/03--H. Read the first time May 27, 2003. A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-161, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO WHEN THE FLAGS ATOP THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE FLAGS SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF ON THE DAY WHEN FUNERAL SERVICES ARE CONDUCTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICES WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE IN COMBAT. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 10-1-161 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 226 of 2002, is amended by adding a new subsection (D) to read: "(D) In addition to the public officials enumerated in subsection (B), flags atop the state capitol building shall be lowered to half-staff on the day when funeral services are conducted for members of the United States military services who were residents of South Carolina and who lost their lives in the line of duty while in combat."

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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Friday, March 5, 2004

March 5, 2004 - WISE ORDERS STATE FLAGS LOWERED TO HONOR FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- Gov. Bob Wise today ordered state flags flown at half-staff in honor and remembrance of Fred H. Caplan, a former justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. "Justice Caplan was a dedicated public servant," Wise said. "He spent his life working for the people of our state, and he will be missed." Caplan served as chief justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and as its president. He also served as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, as a state assistant attorney general and as the chairman of the Public Service Commission. Following his retirement, Caplan served as a member of the West Virginia Ethics Committee. All state flags at all state facilities are to be displayed at half-staff on Saturday, March 6, 2004.

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Monday, February 23, 2004

February 23, 2004 Gov. Sanford Directs Flags Lowered to Half-Staff

Gov. Sanford Directs Flags Lowered to Half-Staff
FLAGS LOWERED IN MEMORY OF CAROL CONNOR, FIRST FEMALE APPEALS COURT JUDGE
Columbia, S.C. - February 23, 2004 - Governor Mark Sanford has directed that flags at all state buildings be lowered to half-staff today in memory of Judge Carol Connor of Columbia, the first woman judge to serve on the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Judge Connor, a former public defender, member of the Attorney General's staff and Circuit Court Judge prior to her 1993 appointment to the Appeals Court, died Friday at the age of 54. "Judge Connor consistently broke new ground here in South Carolina," Gov. Sanford said. "In addition to being the first woman to serve at both the circuit court and appeals court levels in our state, she was also one of those folks in public life who never lost sight of the people she was serving. Her positive engagement in the lives of so many South Carolinians extended far beyond the courtroom - into mentoring, volunteering and countless other efforts to better people's lives. Jenny, the boys and I would ask all South Carolinians to join our family in offering our thoughts and prayers to Judge Connor's family, friends and all those who mourn the loss of this remarkable South Carolinian."

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February 23, 2004 Wisconsin Pvt. 1st Class Nicole Frye, 19, Killed in Iraq, Wisconsin to Lower Flag 2-26-2004

Wisconsin Governor Doyle issues Half-staff Order
Executive Order #38 Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin be Flown at Half-Staff as a Mark of Respect for Private First Class Nichole M. Frye of the United States Army Who Lost Her Life During Operation Iraqi Freedom WHEREAS, on February 16, 2004, Private First Class Nichole M. Frye of Oconto, Wisconsin, a member of the 415th Civil Affairs Battalion, formerly a member of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion, was killed in a bomb explosion in Iraq; and WHEREAS, Private First Class Nichole M. Frye faithfully and honorably served the people of the State of Wisconsin and the people of the United States; and WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin mourn the death of Private First Class Nichole M. Frye; NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by Federal and State law, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds and military installations of the State of Wisconsin equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on Thursday, February 26, 2004 and ending at sundown on that date. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twentieth day of February, two thousand and four. JIM DOYLE Governor By the Governor: DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State

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Saturday, February 21, 2004

February 20, 2004 Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Half-staff order for Slain LAPD Officer

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger issued the following statement today on the death of LAPD Officer Ricardo Lizarraga. "Officer Lizarraga's legacy of duty and courage is an inspiration to all Californians. His service and sacrifice represent the best of our state's law enforcement. Our hearts go out to his family." Officer Lizarraga was shot and killed today when he went to a residence in Los Angeles with a female resident to remove her belongings from the house while her abusive boyfriend was inside. Upon arrival, Officer Lizarraga was shot in the upper abdomen. He was transported to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center where he died from his injuries during surgery. Lizarraga, 30, had been employed by Los Angeles Police Department since April 2001. In honor of Officer Lizarraga, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Tuesday, February 17, 2004

Gov. Johanns Orders Flags Lowered to Half-Staff Through Thursday, Feb. 19 for Firefighter Bob Heminger

(Lincoln, NE) Gov. Mike Johanns has ordered all U.S. and Nebraska flags lowered to half-staff through Thursday, Feb. 19 in honor of fallen Wood River firefighter Bob Heminger. Heminger's funeral is scheduled for 2 p.m. CT Thursday at Wood River High School. Gov. Johanns said, "This tragedy reminds us all of the commitment, bravery and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform. Mr. Heminger was a true hero who gave his life while trying to help another. He will be forever missed." Stephanie and I extend our deepest condolences on behalf of the state of Nebraska to Mr. Heminger's family and friends and the family and friends of fire victim Anna Carrig. I ask that Nebraskans keep them in their thoughts and prayers, and I urge all individuals and businesses to join government in honoring Mr. Heminger's memory by lowering U.S. and Nebraska flags to half-staff through Thursday, Feb. 19."

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Friday, February 13. 2004

Governor Schwarzenegger issued the following statement today regarding the death of Army Sgt. Patrick S. Tainsh of Oceanside

Governor Schwarzenegger issued the following statement today regarding the death of Army Sgt. Patrick S. Tainsh of Oceanside, CA: "Patrick died defending our freedom, and we honor his sacrifice for protecting our cherished way of life. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family." Sgt. Tainsh, 33, died on Feb. 11 in Baghdad, Iraq when an improvised explosive device struck the soldier while he was on a mounted patrol. Another soldier died in the incident. The soldiers were assigned to Troop E, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Sgt. Tainsh, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death Master Sgt. Jude C. Mariano

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Master Sgt. Jude C. Mariano of Vallejo, CA: "I share the sorrow of Jude's family. As a master sergeant, he carried with him the highest ideals of our country, and we are greatly indebted to him for protecting our freedoms. Maria and I send our deepest condolences to his family." Master Sgt. Mariano, 39, died Feb. 10 in Doha, Qatar. Mariano was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom and died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Mariano was assigned to the 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, CA. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Master Sgt. Mariano, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Rhode Island Senate Remembers West Warwick NightClub Tragedy February 20th

Rhode Island's Senate has passed a resolution to fly flags in the state at half-staff on February 20, 2004. This is the anniversary of the devastating and deadly nightclub fire in West Warwick. The tragedy claimed 100 lives a year ago.

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Friday, February 6, 2004

Governor Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff to Honor State Trooper Bertram T. Zimmerman III

(TRENTON)—In honor of Trooper Bertram T. Zimmerman III, Governor James E. McGreevey today signed an Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly half-staff for one week starting immediately. “As a member of the New Jersey State Police, Bertram Zimmerman was willing to risk his own life every day of the year to keep us safe and secure,” said Governor McGreevey. “Throughout his three years as a State Trooper, he demonstrated great courage and professionalism to protect our citizens. Trooper Zimmerman exemplified the character and spirit that makes the New Jersey State Police the finest state police force in our nation. We will keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.” Zimmerman, died this morning when his marked car went out of control and struck a utility pole while responding to an armed robbery call. Trooper Zimmerman was assigned to the Troop ‘A’ Tactical Patrol Unit at Buena Vista Headquarters and worked as part of a team of State Police Troopers and Detectives investigating recent armed robberies at area convenience stores. He enlisted in the State Police on March 14, 2001 as a member of the 119th Class and served in several stations in southern New Jersey. Below is a copy of the Executive Order: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 94

WHEREAS, Bertram T. Zimmerman III, joined the New Jersey State Police in March, 2001, and was assigned to Troop A, Tactical Patrol Unit; and WHEREAS, Trooper Zimmerman served with exceptional courage and professionalism, genuine courtesy and abiding commitment to the finest traditions of the New Jersey State Police; and WHEREAS, Trooper Zimmerman served proudly as part of the finest State Police force in the Nation; and WHEREAS, Trooper Zimmerman has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while protecting New Jersey citizens and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing and to honor his memory. NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. MCGREEVEY, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of the State of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities during appropriate hours for one week, commencing Thursday, February 5, 2004, in recognition and mourning of New Jersey State Trooper Bertram T. Zimmerman III, Badge 5853.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this fifth day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Twenty-Eighth.

James E. McGreevey
Governor

Attest: Michael R. DeCotiis
Chief Counsel to the Governor

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Wednesday, February 4, 2004

Iraq Will Fly Flags at Half-staff for Three Days

Iraq's Governing Council has declared a three-day period of mourning after twin suicide bombings left dozens dead and hundreds injured. Flags are ordered flown at half-staff for the period. Sunday's attacks occurred at the offices of the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan in Erbil.

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Governor Granholm Orders Flags Flown at Half-Staff for Servicewoman Killed in Iraq

Lansing -- Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered on Thursday February 5, 2004, in honor of Private First Class Holly J. McGeogh of Taylor who was killed while on active duty in Iraq. Pfc. McGeogh, United States Army, was assigned to Company A, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division from Fort Hood, Texas. She was killed on Saturday, January 31, near Kirkuk when an improvised explosive device exploded on the side of the road as her convoy drove past. Pfc. McGeogh was 19 years old. Pfc. McGeogh enlisted in the Army immediately following graduation from Truman High School in Taylor in 2002. She had served almost a year in Iraq and was preparing to return home in March. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and half-mast on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's web site at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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Monday, February 2, 2004

Remembering Discovery, Challenger, Apollo

NASA winds up several days of flying their facility flags at half-staff today. This has been a brief period of honoring our space travelers. We recognize where and what we were doing when hearing the news of those aeronautic disasters, long after the investigations are over and gathering dust. NASA and the space flight programs are a part of contemporary social consciousness, and it is remarkable that participation comes from being the actors on a worldwide stage. Most of the time, we half-consciously track these true 'leet players through sound bytes and a news writeup that chronicle their comings and goings to our planet's outer reaches. We are the voyeurs, and they are the dream. When accident strikes them, it is riveting, in America, and around the world. It is as if that disaster, on the launch pad, minutes into launch, or moments from home, is happening to us. And in a way it is. Go to <http://www.nasa.gov>, and what you get is an optional flash movie intro. This is your first clue this .gov web site isn't your staid taxpayer-supported compendium of rules, regulations and counts. What you get is a site with excitement and sex appeal, just like fashion sites <http://www.prada.com> and <http://www.fendi.com>. This translates into tangible social benefits; NASA is annually responsible for a measurable portion of worldwide scientific discovery every year. Let's hope NASA funding continues prudently and our space programs continue forward.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Sacramento Soldier

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Adam G. Kinser of Sacramento, CA: "Serving in the armed forces is a noble calling with grave risks. Adam bravely assumed those risks and we honor his courage and commitment to our country. Maria and I offer our deepest condolences to Adam's family and friends." Spc. Kinser, 21, died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom on Jan. 29, west of Ghazni in Afghanistan. Kinser and eight other soldiers were working around a weapons cache when there was an explosion. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Spc. Kinser, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Honors Westminster PD Officer Steven Phillips

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Officer Steven Phillips of Westminster Police Department:

"Maria and I are deeply saddened by Steven's death. He was a courageous officer that dedicated his life to protecting the citizens of Westminster. It is a tragedy when an officer's life is lost in such an unfortunate accident. He will be missed."

Officer Phillips, 46, died when a 71 year-old motorist failed to stop at a stop sign. Phillips, a motorcycle officer, crashed into the driver's car. He and the driver were taken to a nearby hospital where both later died of multiple injuries.

Officer Phillips had been with the Westminster Police Department for 18 years. His was the first line-of-duty death for the department since it was established in 1957. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, his father, Robert and his brothers, Robert Jr. and Ken.

In honor of Officer Phillips, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Clemente Soldier

Governor Schwarzenegger today issued the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Eliu A. Miersandoval of San Clemente, CA: "Maria and I want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Eliu Miersandoval. Eliu leaves behind a legacy of profound commitment to our country and our freedom. He will be missed." Sgt. Miersandoval, 27, died when his vehicle was hit on Jan. 31 by an improvised explosive device during convoy operations in Kirkuk, Iraq. Two other soldiers were killed in the incident. The soldiers were assigned to Company A, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division (Mech), Fort Hood, TX. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Sgt. Merisandoval, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Thursday, January 29, 2004

Gov. Schwarznegger Honors Slain Hemet Soldier

Governor Schwarzenegger Releases Statement on Death of Hemet Soldier Governor Schwarzenegger released the following statement today regarding the death of Army Spc. Jason K. Chappell of Hemet, CA: "Maria and I express our deepest sympathy to the family of Jason Chappell. Jason lost his life while protecting the lives of all Americans. His memory will not be forgotten." Spc. Chappell died while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed when a vehicle-based improvised explosive device detonated in Khalidiyah, Iraq on Jan. 24. Two other soldiers died in the explosion. The soldiers were assigned to Company B, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, Fort Hood, TX. The incident is under investigation. In honor of Spc. Chappell, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Monday, January 26, 2004

Monterey, California Councilwoman Ruth Vreeland Dies

The city of Monterey, California will lower all flags to half-staff in honor of Ruth M. Vreeland. Vreeland, 68, died in a car accident. Vreeland served on the City Council for over 20 years. Profession: Teacher (retired), substitute teacher, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Elected positions: Monterey City Council (four-year term); 1983, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002 Appointed positions: Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (director); League of California Cities board of directors, Quota International; Women in Municipal Government; Monterey Bay Sanctuary Advisory Committee, alternate; Overall Economic Development Committee of Monterey County; Institute for Local Self-Government; 20th District Parents/Teachers Association; Monterey Peninsula Concert Association, past president; Children's Home Society, Winnie the Pooh Chapter, past president; Volunteers in Action, past board member; Monterey Bay Task Force, past member; Friends Outside of the Monterey County, advisory board member. Memberships: Monterey Vista Homeowners Association; Community of Caring; League of Women Voters; American Association of University Women; California Teachers Association; Monterey Bay Teachers Association; Responsible Hospitality; California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research; Monterey Main Street Program; National Organization of Women; Old Monterey Preservation Society; Sierra Club; ACLU; State Theater Preservation Group; Monterey Civic Club; Monterey History and Art Association; American Association for Retired Persons; California Retired Teachers' Association; Unitarian Church. Awards: WHO (We Honor Ours), California Teachers Association; Community Service, Volunteers in Action; Outstanding Achievement, Sierra Club; Outstanding Woman in Politics, Planned Parenthood; Outstanding Teacher, Monterey Rotary; Outstanding Service, California Democratic Party; Recognition for Exceptional Dedication, Old Monterey Business Association; 20-Year Service Award, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments; Golden Rule Award, J.C. Penney; Community Volunteer, Monterey Civic Club; Wharf Rat of the Year 1995, Fisherman's Wharf

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Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Rhode Island Governor Orders State Flags Lowered to Half Staff

Jan 21, 2004 - Governor Carcieri order half-staff

CARCIERI STATEMENT ON REP. PAUL SHERLOCK Governor Orders State Flags Lowered to Half Staff
2004-01-18

Governor Donald L. Carcieri today released the following statement regarding the passing of Representative Paul Sherlock.

"Paul Sherlock was a man of great integrity, ability, and passion. Representative Sherlock was a gentleman whose wisdom will be missed by all of us who are working to make Rhode Island a better place to live and work."

"In my short time as Governor, I enjoyed working with Representative Sherlock as we attempted to come to grips with the state's budget problems. Additionally, I deeply appreciated and personally shared his profound commitment to helping those with disabilities. His long years of service have been a tremendous benefit to the citizens of this state."

"In honor of Representative Sherlock's 25 years of dedicated service to the people of Rhode Island, I have ordered state flags lowered to half staff until he is laid to rest. In the meantime, my thoughts and prayers, and those of my wife Sue, are with Paul and his family."

Department or agency: Office of the Governor

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Monday, January 19, 2004

CARBONDALE, COLORADO TOWN COUNCIL ISSUES HALF-STAFF PROCLAMATION

January 19, 2004 - Carbondale, Colorado Issues Proclamation for Weekly Half-staff Names of one hundred of the 500 servicemen who have been killed in Iraq were read out loud at Town Hall in Carbondale, Colorado, today week during a ceremony in which the town flag was lowered to half staff in recognition of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Carbondale, a town of 5000 residents, has issued a proclamation that its flag will be flown at half staff one day a week until the state of war no longer exists. Text of Proclamation Whereas, The Town of Carbondale, the rest of the United States of America and it's allies, are in a state of war; and Whereas, Our armies have sustained and continue to sustain casualties; and Whereas, The flying of our flag at half staff is a symbol honoring our soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice; Now, Therefore Be It Proclaimed, That for the purpose of honoring our war dead, the United States flag that Carbondale flies at its Town Hall shall be lowered and flown at half staff each and every Monday at 8:00 a.m., beginning January 19, 2004, and raised again each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. Be It Further Proclaimed, That Carbondale shall continue to honor our war dead in this manner until the state of war no longer exists. Dated this 13th day of January, 2004 By: Michael Hassig, Mayor

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Monday, January 12, 2004

Florida Community Honors Fallen Soldier Aaron Weaver

Flags in Inverness and surrounding Tampa Bay areas fly at half-staff in memory of Army Sergeant Aaron Weaver. Weaver dies when the Blackhawk helicopter he was flying in was shot down in Iraq. He was also a veteran of Somalia.

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Thursday, January 8, 2004

New Mexico Governor Richardson orders half-staff across state

Governor Bill Richardson Orders Flags in New Mexico To Be Flown At Half-Staff In Honor of Jesse Bingaman, Father of U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman
SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today issued an Executive Order directing flags in New Mexico to fly at half-staff to honor the late Jesse F. Bingaman, Sr., father of U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman. Jesse Bingaman passed away yesterday at the age of 93. The Executive Order states that flags in New Mexico should be flown at half-staff from today through the interment, which has not yet been scheduled.

EXECUTIVE ORDER
2004-01
WHEREAS, Jesse F. Bingaman, Sr., father of Senator Jeff Bingaman, dedicated his life to his family, public service in science and science education, and through his leadership inspired people of all ages; WHEREAS, Mr. Bingaman moved to New Mexico in early 1920 with his parents and his four brothers, first to Santa Rita, and later to Silver City. He attended public schools in Silver City and graduated in 1930 from New Mexico State Teachers College (now Western New Mexico University); WHEREAS, Mr. Bingaman began teaching at the college before his formal graduation and his teaching career extended for 45 years until he retired in 1976 as head of the WNMU Science Department. In 1933 he earned a Masters Degree in Chemistry from Stanford University. In 1990 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Science by Western New Mexico University; WHEREAS, During World War II, Bingaman served as a second lieutenant in the US Navy, as an instructor in sonar detection in San Diego, California; and WHEREAS, Mr. Bingaman was a devoted husband and father who is survived by his two children Rachel Koel and Senator Jeff Bingaman, daughter-in-law Anne K. Bingaman, grandsons Tom Koel and Eric Koel, and John Bingaman, and great-grandson Christopher Koel. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Wednesday, January 7, 2004, through the date of interment, in mourning and in honor of Jesse F. Bingaman, Sr. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family of Jesse F. Bingaman, Sr. as well as a heartfelt thank you for his public service.

ATTEST: DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 7th DAY OF JANUARY, 2004
REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DIANE D. DENIS, GOVERNOR, PURSUANT TO HER AUTHORITY AS ACTING GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

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