

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. Jeremy 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](http://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](http://www.michigan.gov/gov) in the section titled 'Spotlight'.

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