

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

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