

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Governor Perdue Orders Flags on State Buildings Lowered to Half-Staff in Honor of Coretta Scott King

ATLANTA – Governor Sonny Perdue today ordered flags on all state buildings and grounds be flown at half-staff in memory of civil rights activist Coretta Scott King. The flags will remain at half staff until sunset the night of her funeral. “Coretta Scott King was one of the most influential civil rights leaders of our time,” said Governor Sonny Perdue. “While her husband was the public face of the civil rights movement, no person is that successful without strong support at home. She was the anchor on which he depended, allowing him to reach historic triumphs. Coretta Scott King, along with thousands of others, took a morally courageous stand to end segregation in our Nation and fought for equal treatment for all citizens under the law. Mrs. King was a gracious and kind woman whose calm, measured words rose above the din of political rhetoric. For decades, she proudly bore the torch of her husband's legacy. Now she has passed it on to a new generation to keep the dream alive. Mary and I mourn the passing of this dynamic leader.”Text of the Executive Order is provided below.Executive Order
FLAGS ON STATE BUILDINGS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF STAFF
WHEREAS: Today the State of Georgia mourns the loss of Coretta Scott King, one of the most graceful and influential civil rights leaders of our time; and **WHEREAS:** Throughout the Civil Rights movement, Coretta Scott King was an aid and comfort to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and following his tragic death, carried on their non-violent movement for equality and justice; and **WHEREAS:** In 1968, Coretta Scott King founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change in Atlanta, Georgia to honor Dr. King's memory and to advance the cause of civil rights; and **WHEREAS:** Coretta Scott King demonstrated unwavering dedication to the causes of social justice and peace that she and her husband held dear and carried that message across all nations.**NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF CORETTA SCOTT KING, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:** That the flag of the United States and the flag of this State be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds from this date until sunset on the day of her funeral.This 31st day of January, 2006.(Signed: Sonny Perdue)**GOVERNOR**

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:34

Monday, January 30, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Oceanside Soldier: Sgt. David L. Herrera

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. David L. Herrera of Oceanside:02/03/2006 Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of La Habra Marine: Lance Cpl. Hugo R. Lopezlopez Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Hugo R. Lopezlopez of La Habra:"Lance Cpl. Lopezlopez' bravery is an example of the determination and courage that makes our nation strong. Those willing to sacrifice their lives for this country and our freedom deserve our utmost respect and deepest gratitude. Maria and I join all Californians in sending our sincere condolences to Hugo's family as they mourn the loss of this brave Marine."Lopezlopez, 20, died Jan. 27 at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, from wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Rawah, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, his unit was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. In honor of Lance Cpl. Lopezlopez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Two Camp Pendleton Marines: Cpl. Carlos Arellanopandura & Lance Cpl. Brandon Dewey

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the deaths of Cpl. Carlos Arellanopandura of Los Angeles and Lance Cpl. Brandon Dewey of San Joaquin: "Losing members of our nation's armed forces always weighs heavily on the hearts of all Californians. Cpl. Arellanopandura and Lance Cpl. Dewey displayed tremendous courage and commitment to duty in defending our nation. Maria and I wish to express to these brave Marines' families our deep gratitude for their selfless service and profound indebtedness for their valiant sacrifice. We will keep them in our prayers." Arellanopandura, 22, and Dewey, 20, died Jan 20 of injuries sustained from a suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations in Haqlaniyah, Iraq. They were both assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, their unit was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. In honor of Cpl. Arellanopandura and Lance Cpl. Dewey, Capitol flags will be flown at half staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 23:50

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

Gov. Heineman Orders Flags to Half-Staff in Honor of U.S. Rep. Virginia Smith

(Lincoln, Neb.) Gov. Dave Heineman today ordered all state and U.S. flags in Nebraska be flown at half-staff on Friday, January 27, 2006, in honor of the life and service of U.S. Rep. Virginia Smith, who passed away Monday in Arizona. Rep. Smith, 94, served Nebraska's third congressional district – located primarily in central and western Nebraska – with distinction. Public funeral services are planned for 11 a.m. MT Friday at the United Methodist Church, 346 Babcock Ave, in Chappell. Gov. Heineman, who plans to attend the funeral, said, "Virginia Smith went to Washington and made a difference in the daily lives of ordinary Nebraskans. She set the standard by which all public servants should be judged in terms of citizen responsiveness and in terms of hard work. The Congresswoman will be sorely missed, but always remembered."

Posted by Harrison C. at 22:45

Monday, January 23. 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of El Segundo Soldier: Chief Warrant Officer Rex C. Kenyon

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Rex C. Kenyon of El Segundo: "Maria and I join all Californians in mourning the loss of Chief Warrant Officer Kenyon. His heroic service and selfless sacrifice for his country will not be forgotten. We send our heartfelt sympathies to Rex's family during this painful time." Kenyon, 34, died Jan 16 when his AH64D (Apache) helicopter was shot down while he was conducting aerial patrols in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, Combat Aviation Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. In honor of Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kenyon, Capitol flags will be flown at half staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 23:40

Governor Orders State Flags To Be Lowered In Memory of Logan County Miners

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Gov. Joe Manchin has ordered all state flags displayed at state facilities lowered to half-staff in memory of the two miners who lost their lives this past weekend at the Aracoma Coal Company's Alma #1 Mine in Melville, W.Va. State flags are to remain at half-staff until sunset on the day of burial of the last victim of this accident.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:22

Thursday, January 19, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Cpl. Justin J. Watts

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Justin J. Watts of Crownsville, MD: "There is no higher calling than representing one's country in the struggle for liberty. Maria and I have the strongest admiration for the men and women of our armed forces who put their lives on the line to defend democracy and freedom. Our thoughts and prayers are with Justin's family and friends who have lost a cherished loved one." Watts, 20, died Jan. 14 from a non-hostile gunshot wound in Haditha, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. His unit was attached to the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC. His death is currently under investigation. In honor of Cpl. Watts, Capitol flags will be flown at half staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 21:39

Blunt Orders Flags Flown at Half-staff in Memory of Judge McMillian

JEFFERSON CITY—Gov. Matt Blunt today announced that all flags at state facilities in Missouri will be flown at half-staff to honor the memory of Judge Theodore McMillian of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Flags will remain at half-staff until dusk on the evening of funeral services honoring Judge McMillian.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:34

Thursday, January 12, 2006

Gov. Rounds asks that all flags fly at half staff Friday to honor fallen soldier

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Mike Rounds asked that all flags in the state be flown at half staff on Friday, January 13, 2006, from 8 a.m. (CT) until sunset, in honor of South Dakota Marine Cpl. Brett L. Lundstrom, 22, who was killed Saturday, January 7, 2006, near Fallujah, Iraq. Wake services will begin at 4 p.m. (MT) on Saturday, January 14, 2006, in Kyle, S.D., on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and continue Sunday, January 15, 2006. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at Immaculate Heart of Mary in North Glenn, Colorado. Burial will follow in Denver, Colorado at the Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Posted by Harrison C. at 23:53

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Monrovia Marine Lance Cpl. Raul Mercado

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Raul Mercado of Monrovia, CA: "Lance Cpl. Mercado bravely faced the dangers that come with defending our freedom. His sacrifice is a reminder that our liberty comes at a price and that we all owe the courageous men and women of the United States Marine Corps a tremendous debt. Maria and I will keep Raul's loved ones in our thoughts and prayers." Mercado, 21, died Jan. 7 while conducting combat operations near Al Karmah, Iraq when his vehicle was attacked with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. In honor of Lance Cpl. Mercado, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 21:46

Codey Orders Flags to Fly Half-Staff Tomorrow to Honor Corrections Officer Wayne Clark

(TRENTON) – Governor Richard J. Codey today signed an executive order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006 to honor Senior Corrections Officer Wayne Clark, who died yesterday in the line of duty. "Wayne Clark touched the lives of many officers as he mentored them during their early days on the job. He had a positive impact on all staff members, whether they wore a uniform to work or not." "My thoughts and prayers are with the Clark family, as well as the entire staff at Riverfront State Prison, during this difficult time." Clark, 62, was killed in a car crash while on duty yesterday in Edgewater Park. He was stationed at Riverfront State Prison in Camden, but was a courier who delivered mail and other documents to other Corrections facilities in the region, including daily trips to the department's central office in Trenton. Clark was heading back to Riverfront yesterday afternoon when his car crashed on Route 130 southbound. Clark was hired at New Jersey State Prison, formerly Trenton State Prison, in 1983. He later transferred to Riverfront State Prison where he served as a mentor to newly hired officers. The 22-year senior corrections officer was a life member of PBA Local 105 and a current member of FOP Lodge 142. He was a former patrol officer in Cinnaminson Township in the early 1970s after he served in South East Asia as an enlisted member of the United States Air Force. He is survived by a loving companion, four children and two sisters. A copy of the Executive Order is attached: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 75 WHEREAS, Senior Corrections Officer Wayne Clark, a loving father and brother, and a career law enforcement officer, joined the New Jersey Department of Corrections in March 1983, after serving in Southeast Asia with the United States Air Force and as a patrol officer in Cinnaminson Township; and WHEREAS, SCO Clark proudly served the Department in various assignments at New Jersey State Prison, the Vroom Readjustment Unit and at Riverfront State Prison with exceptional courage, dedication and professionalism, genuine courtesy and abiding commitment to the finest law enforcement traditions; and WHEREAS, SCO Clark was a member of the Riverfront State Prison honor guard, was cited as officer of the year on three occasions, and received numerous citations for meritorious service; and WHEREAS, SCO Clark served as a mentor to newly-hired officers, and made a positive impact on the lives of uniformed and non-uniformed staff; and WHEREAS, SCO Clark passed away while on duty, 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, 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 Thursday, January 12, 2006, in recognition and mourning of Senior Corrections Officer Wayne Clark. 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal
this 11th day of January, Two Thousand and Six, and of the Independence of the United States, the Two Hundred and Thirtieth. /s/ Richard J. Codey Governor
[seal] Attest: /s/ Robert L. Garrenger Senior Associate Counsel to the Governor

Posted by Harrison C. at 21:33

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Stockton Soldier: Pvt. Robbie M. Mariano

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pvt. Robbie M. Mariano of Stockton, CA: "California has lost a valiant soldier who walked courageously in harm's way and risked his life for his fellow Americans. Our country is forever indebted to Pvt. Mariano for his selfless service and sacrifice. Maria and I will keep Robbie's parents and loved ones in our prayers as they mourn the loss of a beloved son." Mariano, 21, died Jan. 5,

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from injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during convoy operations in An Najaf, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX. In honor of Pvt. Mariano, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 20:38

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of East Palo Alto Police Officer Richard May

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of East Palo Alto Police Officer Richard May: "California lost a brave and noble man when Richard May was taken from us. He was a veteran police officer who faced danger with courage and fortitude every day to protect the people of his community. To those who loved him, his loss is devastating. Maria and I send our deepest sympathy to his family, the brave men and women who served with him and all those who knew him."May, 39, died Jan. 7, from gun shot wounds when a suspect turned around and opened fire. Officer May is survived by his wife Diana, daughters Lauren, 9, Deanna, 13 and step-daughter Brittany, 17. Officer May was a 16-year veteran. In honor of Officer May, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 21:37

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Sgt. Adam L. Cann

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Adam L. Cann of Davie, FL: "Californians owe a debt of deep gratitude to the brave men and women who risk their lives in service of their country. Sgt. Cann gave his life upholding the ideals of this nation and his sacrifice reminds us of the dangers faced on all of our behalf every day. Maria and I send our sympathies to Adam's family as they mourn the loss of a beloved and noble Marine."Cann, 23, died Jan. 5, from injuries sustained when a suicide bomber attacked an Iraqi police recruitment center in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to Security Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, his unit was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. In honor of Sgt. Cann, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 20:37

Monday, January 9, 2006

Governor Orders Flags to be Flown at Half-Staff in Memory of Oregon Soldier

Flags to be flown at half-staff on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 in honor of Specialist Ryan Doran Walker (Salem, OR) – Today Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski ordered that all flags at public institutions be flown at half-staff on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 in memory of Specialist Ryan Doran Walker, 25, of Pendleton, Oregon. Specialist Walker was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga. He was killed on January 5, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV during convoy operations in Baghdad, Iraq. “Specialist Walker carried on his family’s long history of service in the United States Military and in doing so he represented all the citizens of Oregon with honor and pride,” Governor Ted Kulongoski said. “Oregon not only lost a friend, son and fellow citizen, but we lost a future leader. My thoughts and prayers are with the Walker family and friends during this difficult time.”

Posted by Harrison C. at 22:32

Wednesday, January 4, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of La Puente Soldier: Spc. Marcelino R. Corniel

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Marcelino R. Corniel of La Puente: "Spc. Corniel served his country with courage and made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation. It is a debt we will never be able to repay. Maria and I will keep Marcelino's loved ones in our prayers as they mourn this brave soldier." Corniel, 23, died Dec. 31, when an enemy mortar attack occurred in the vicinity of his post in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment, Fullerton, CA. In honor of Spc. Corniel, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 22:36

Flags to be Flown Half-Staff Friday, Monday for Servicemen 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 in honor of Michigan servicemen who lost their lives while on active duty in Iraq. Flags will be lowered: Friday, January 6, 2006 to honor Army Specialist Anthony O. Cardinal of Muskegon. Army Spc. Cardinal, 20, was killed December 25 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. Monday, January 9, 2006 to honor Army Specialist Dane O. Carver of Freeport. Army Spc. Carver, 20, was killed December 26 when his HMMWV came under attack by enemy forces in Khalidiyah, Iraq. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment out of Saginaw, Michigan. Flags should return to full-staff on Tuesday, January 10. 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 to be 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'.

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Posted by Harrison C. at 11:34

Monday, January 2, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of CHP Officer: Lieutenant Michael Walker

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Michael Walker. "At a time when we look to new beginnings, Lt. Walker's family, friends and colleagues are suffering a grievous loss. Maria and I will keep them in our prayers as they mourn a husband, a father and a man who dedicated his life to preserving our safety and protecting us. He will be greatly missed." Lt. Walker, 47, of Daly City, died December 31 while responding to a motor vehicle collision when another vehicle struck an automobile at the scene. Walker is survived by his wife, Michelle and daughters Amanda and Jennifer. Lt. Walker was a 24-year veteran of the California Highway Patrol. In honor of Lt. Walker, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 23:46