

Monday, July 31, 2006

CORZINE ORDERS FLAGS TO FLY AT HALF-STAFF TO HONOR U.S. ARMY STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH CHIOMENTO II

TRENTON – In honor of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Joseph Chiomento II, Governor Jon S. Corzine signed the following Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff on Tuesday, August 1, 2006. The Executive Order is below: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Robert Joseph Chiomento II of Pennsville, New Jersey, and Fort Polk, Louisiana, was raised on military bases in the United States and Germany before moving to Fort Dix, New Jersey, with his family; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chiomento graduated from Pemberton Township High School in 1990 and then enlisted in the United States Army in 1991; and Whereas, Staff Sergeant Chiomento proudly served in the United States Army as the son of a career soldier; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chiomento was subsequently deployed to Afghanistan in 2006, after volunteering for a combat assignment with the Army's elite 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chiomento gave his life in the line of duty while on combat patrol near Khwaya Ahmad, Afghanistan; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chiomento served his country with honor and distinction and has received and has been recommended for some of our nation's highest military honors; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chiomento was a committed soldier who loved his family, parents, wife, daughters, friends, and community; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chiomento was, in turn, loved by his wife, his daughters, his parents, and his many friends and neighbors who take great pride in his commitment, professionalism, and achievements; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chiomento has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while serving our country in Afghanistan; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Chiomento's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and to his fellow soldiers make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans; and WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing, remember his family as they mourn their loss, and honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 Tuesday, August 1, 2006, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Army Staff Sergeant Robert Joseph Chiomento II. 2. This order shall take effect immediately.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:19

Friday, July 28, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Discovery Bay Soldier: Spc. Joseph Graves

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Joseph Graves of Discovery Bay: "Spc. Graves courageously undertook his duties as a member of the United States Army. Maria and I want to reaffirm to Joseph's family that we are forever indebted to him for giving his life to the cause of freedom. Our hearts go out to his family during this painful time." Graves, 21, died July 25 of injuries sustained when his convoy encountered enemy fire in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 110th Military Police Company, 720th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade, Fort Hood, TX. In honor of Spc. Graves, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:40

Flags to be Flown Half-Staff Tuesday 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, August 1, 2006, in honor of Army Staff Sergeant Michael Dickinson II of Battle Creek who died July 17 while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Wednesday, August 2. Army Staff Sergeant Dickinson, age 26, was killed when his dismounted patrol encountered enemy forces small arms fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to the 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations Group, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. 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 on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. Procedures for flag lowering were detailed by Governor Granholm in Executive Order 2006-10. 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 website at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight.'

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:21

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Francisco Police Officer Nick-Tomasito Birco

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of San Francisco Police Officer Nick-Tomasito Birco of South San Francisco: "Officer Birco's dedication to duty serves as a model that all Californians can admire. Maria and I send our deepest sympathies to Nick's loved ones as they endure this painful loss. He gave his life to protect his fellow Californians and maintain safety in our Golden State." Birco, 39, died July 26 as a result of injuries sustained when a vehicle being pursued by other San Francisco Police Department officers struck Officer Birco's vehicle. Birco was assigned to the Bayview Police Station. He is survived by parents Tomasito and Zenaida and sisters, Holly and Christine. Birco was a five-year veteran. In honor of Officer Birco, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:42

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Fort Irwin Soldier: Specialist Andrew Velez

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Specialist Andrew Velez of Lubbock, TX: "Today, we solemnly add Specialist Velez's name to the list of fallen service members. Maria and I offer our deepest sympathies to Andrew's loved ones. We feel honored to have people like Andrew protecting our country and will remain forever grateful for the sacrifices made for our freedoms." Velez, 22, died July 25 of non-combat related injuries sustained in Sharona, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the Corps Support Battalion, Theater Support Command, Fort Irwin, CA. In honor of Specialist Velez, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:40

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Stockton Soldier: Staff Sgt. Jason M. Evey

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Jason M. Evey of Stockton: "Staff Sgt. Evey was a heroic soldier who fought with determination and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Maria and I send our condolences to Jason's family, friends and fellow soldiers. Our thoughts go out to his family as they suffer this extraordinary loss." Evey, 29, died July 16 of injuries sustained when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Hood, TX. In honor of Staff Sgt. Evey, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:43

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Woodlake Soldier: Spc. Manuel J. Holguin

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Manuel J. Holguin of Woodlake: "Maria and I join Californians in expressing our sadness over the loss of Spc. Holguin. Manuel willingly gave his life for the noble cause of freedom. We will remember Manuel as he joins the brave servicemen and women who have lost their lives serving our great nation." Holguin, 21, died July 15 of injuries sustained when his dismounted patrol encountered enemy small arms fire and an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany. In honor of Spc. Holguin, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:42

Monday, July 24, 2006

Flags to be Flown 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, July 26, 2006, in honor of Army Sergeant Al'kaila T. Floyd of Grand Rapids who died July 13 from injuries sustained while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Thursday, July 27. Army Sergeant Floyd, age 23, died as the result of injuries sustained on July 8, 2006 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Mine Protected Vehicle (RG-31) during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to the 54th Engineer Battalion, 130th Engineer Brigade, Bamberg, Germany. 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 on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. Procedures for flag lowering were detailed by Governor Granholm in Executive Order 2006-10. 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 website at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight.'

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:23

Friday, July 21, 2006

Flags to be Flown Half-Staff Tuesday 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, July 25, 2006, in honor of Army Staff Sergeant Duane Dreasky of Novi who died July 8 from injuries sustained while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Wednesday, July 26. Staff Sergeant Dreasky, age 31, died as the result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in Habbaniyah, Iraq, on November 21, 2005. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment (Mechanized), Saginaw. 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 on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. Procedures for flag lowering were detailed by Governor Granholm in Executive Order 2006-10. 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 website at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight.'

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:31

Thursday, July 20, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine: Lance Cpl. Geoffrey R. Cayer

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Geoffrey R. Cayer of Fitchburg, MA: "Today, we honor Lance Cpl. Cayer, an individual who walked courageously in harm's way and risked his life for his country. Maria and I wish to send our condolences to Geoffrey's family, friends and fellow Marines who served alongside him. Our prayers go out to those who mourn his loss." Cayer, 20, died July 18 of injuries sustained from a non-hostile incident 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 Lance Cpl. Cayer, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:41

Tuesday, July 18. 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Cottonwood Soldier: Sgt. Thomas B. Turner

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Thomas B. Turner Jr. of Cottonwood: "The loss of Sgt. Turner is a painful reminder of the price paid for our treasured freedom. Maria and I extend our sympathies to Thomas' loved ones. Californians are deeply grateful for his courage and his dedicated service to our country." Turner, 31, died July 14 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained on July 13 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Bradley Fighting Vehicle in Al Muqdadiyah, Iraq. Turner was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY. In honor of Sgt. Turner, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:45

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Huntington Park Soldier: Sgt. Andres J. Contreras

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Andres J. Contreras of Huntington Park: "By voluntarily joining the armed forces, Sgt. Contreras courageously took on the risks of protecting our freedoms. Maria and I send our heartfelt sympathies to Andres' family and friends as they mourn his loss. We will keep them in our prayers." Contreras, 23, died July 15 of injuries sustained when his HMMWV encountered an improvised explosive device during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 519th Military Police Battalion, 1st Combat Support Brigade, Fort Polk, LA. In honor of Sgt. Contreras, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:44

Monday, July 17, 2006

Flags to be Flown 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, July 19, 2006, in honor of Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks of Rapid River who died July 8 while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Thursday, July 20. Army Specialist Micks, age 22, was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Mine Protected Vehicle (RG-31) during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to the 54th Engineer Battalion, 130th Engineer Brigade, Warner Barracks, Bamberg, Germany. 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 on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. Procedures for flag lowering were detailed by Governor Granholm in Executive Order 2006-10. 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 website at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight.'

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:32

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Department of Motor Vehicles Employee David Gallegos

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of David Gallegos of Chula Vista: "Maria and I wish to send our condolences to David's family as they mourn the loss of a cherished loved one. Californians dream of the day when they finally get their driver's license and David helped turn that dream into reality. Our prayers are with his family, friends and fellow co-workers." Gallegos, 32, died July 11 of injuries sustained during a collision while conducting a driving test in Otay Mesa. He is survived by two daughters, Isabel and Samantha. Gallegos had been with the Department of Motor Vehicles since 1999. In honor of Gallegos, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:45

Tuesday, July 11. 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Francisco Soldier

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Christopher Rose of San Francisco: "Cpl. Rose was committed to the safety and protection of his fellow Americans. California has lost a brave individual who risked his life to preserve our freedoms. Maria and I send our condolences to Christopher's family, friends and fellow soldiers. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who mourn his loss." Rose, 21, died June 29 as a result of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX. In honor of Cpl. Rose, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 10:43

Saturday, July 8, 2006

Corzine Orders Flags to Fly at Half-Staff to Honor U.S. Air Force Airman Carl Jerome Ware, Jr.

TRENTON – In honor of U.S. Air Force Airman Carl Jerome Ware, Jr., Governor Jon S. Corzine signed the following Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff on Wednesday, July 12, 2006. The Executive Order is below: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21 WHEREAS, United States Air Force Airman Carl Jerome Ware, Jr. was born in Smyrna, Delaware, where he was subsequently raised before moving to Glassboro, New Jersey, with his family; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2004 after graduating from high school in 2002; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware proudly served in the United States Air Force and was assigned to the 15th Airlift Wing, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware was subsequently deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq in 2006, with the Air Force's 886th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware served his country with honor and distinction; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware was a committed airman who loved his family, parents, wife, daughter, brothers, friends, and community; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware was, in turn, loved by his wife, his daughter, his parents, his brothers, and his many friends and neighbors who take great pride in his commitment, professionalism, and achievements; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while serving our country in Iraq; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and to his fellow airmen make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans; and WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing, remember his family as they mourn their loss, and honor his memory; NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Wednesday, July 12, 2006, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Air Force Airman Carl Jerome Ware, Jr. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:20

Corzine Orders Flags to Fly at Half-Staff to Honor U.S. Air Force Airman Carl Jerome Ware, Jr.

TRENTON – In honor of U.S. Air Force Airman Carl Jerome Ware, Jr., Governor Jon S. Corzine signed the following Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff on Wednesday, July 12, 2006. The Executive Order is below: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21 WHEREAS, United States Air Force Airman Carl Jerome Ware, Jr. was born in Smyrna, Delaware, where he was subsequently raised before moving to Glassboro, New Jersey, with his family; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2004 after graduating from high school in 2002; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware proudly served in the United States Air Force and was assigned to the 15th Airlift Wing, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware was subsequently deployed to Camp Bucca, Iraq in 2006, with the Air Force's 886th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware served his country with honor and distinction; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware was a committed airman who loved his family, parents, wife, daughter, brothers, friends, and community; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware was, in turn, loved by his wife, his daughter, his parents, his brothers, and his many friends and neighbors who take great pride in his commitment, professionalism, and achievements; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while serving our country in Iraq; and WHEREAS, Airman Ware's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and to his fellow airmen make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans; and WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing, remember his family as they mourn their loss, and honor his memory; NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, 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 New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Wednesday, July 12, 2006, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Air Force Airman Carl Jerome Ware, Jr. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Posted by Harrison C. at 09:26

Friday, July 7, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Pfc. Rex A. Page

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Rex A. Page of Kirksville, MO: "Each time we lose a member of our armed forces, we are reminded of the high price paid for our continued freedom. Pfc. Page was a proud member of the United States Marine Corps and willingly risked his life for his country. Maria and I offer our prayers to Rex's loved ones during this difficult time." Page, 21, died June 28 as a result of wounds received while conducting combat operations 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 Pfc. Page, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Rex A. Page of Kirksville, MO:

Posted by Harrison C. at 10:52

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy David Piquette

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy David Piquette of Corona: "Today, Maria and I were saddened by the news of Deputy Piquette's passing. We wish to send our thoughts and prayers to David's family during this difficult time. His extraordinary courage and allegiance to service warrants the highest appreciation of all Californians." Piquette, 34, died July 7 as a result of injuries sustained in a traffic collision in Santa Ana. He is survived by his wife, Shawna, son Justin and daughter, Jordan. In honor of Deputy Piquette, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 10:44

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, July 7, 2006, in honor of Marine Staff Sergeant Raymond J. Plouhar of Lake Orion who died June 26 from injuries sustained while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Saturday, July 8. Staff Sergeant Plouhar, age 30, died as the result of wounds he received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, in Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. 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 on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. Procedures for flag lowering were detailed by Governor Granholm in Executive Order 2006-10. 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 website at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight.'

Posted by Harrison C. at 10:41

Thursday, July 6, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Lancaster Soldier Cpl. Ryan Clark

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Ryan Clark of Lancaster: "Today Maria and I join all Californians in expressing our sadness over the loss of Cpl. Clark. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Ryan's family. Every person willing to sacrifice their life for this country and our freedoms deserves our utmost respect and gratitude." Clark, 19, died June 29 in the Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX, of injuries sustained on June 17 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to the 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, Baumholder, Germany. In honor of Cpl. Clark, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 10:54

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Covina Police Department Sergeant Scott Hanson

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Covina Police Department Sergeant Scott Hanson of Covina: "Along with the great privilege of serving in law enforcement comes the great risk of injury and death. Sergeant Hanson faithfully fulfilled his duties on behalf of his fellow Californians and we will remain forever grateful for his service. Maria and I join all Californians in sending our deepest condolences to Scott's family, friends and fellow peace officers. His brave legacy will continue on in our hearts." Hanson, 45, died July 3 as a result of head injuries sustained from an on-duty traffic collision on August 14, 2003. Sergeant Hanson is survived by his wife Allison, daughter, Sarah and son, Andrew. He was a 22-year veteran of the Covina Police Department. In honor of Sergeant Hanson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 10:53

Wednesday, July 5, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine Staff Sgt. Raymond Plouhar

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Raymond Plouhar of Lake Orion, MI: "Through his courageous service Staff Sgt. Plouhar exemplified an unwavering commitment to protect our nation and its citizens. Maria and I send our deepest gratitude to Raymond's family for the service their loved one bravely took on in serving his country. His loyalty will never be forgotten." Plouhar, 30, died June 26 as a result of wounds received while conducting combat operations 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 Staff Sgt. Plouhar, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 10:55

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Riverside Marine Cpl. Jason Morrow

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Jason Morrow of Riverside: "The sacrifice Cpl. Morrow made in defending freedom is an inspiration to all Americans. Maria and I join all Californians in sending our thoughts and prayers to Jason's family and friends as they mourn this painful loss. He made the ultimate sacrifice for his country and we will remember his service with gratitude." Morrow, 27, died June 27 as a result of wounds received on June 26 while conducting combat operations 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 Cpl. Morrow, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 10:54