

Friday, August 18, 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, August 22, 2006, in honor of Army 1st Sergeant Aaron D. Jagger, of Hillsdale, who died August 9 while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Wednesday, August 23. Army 1st Sergeant Jagger, age 43, was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armor Division, Friedberg, 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 12:21

Governor Corzine Orders Flags To Fly At Half-Staff To Honor U.S. Army Specialist Hai Ming Hsia

TRENTON – In honor of U.S. Army Specialist Hai Ming Hsia, 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, August 23, 2006. The full text of the Executive Order is below. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28 WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Hai Ming Hsia was raised in New York City, and his wife currently lives in Newark, New Jersey; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia enlisted in the United States Army in 2002; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia proudly served in the United States Army; and WHEREAS, while serving with the Army's 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, in Baumholder, Germany, Specialist Hsia was deployed to Iraq in 2005 for a second tour of duty in that combat theater; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia gave his life in the line of duty during combat operations in Ramadi, Iraq; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia served his country with honor and distinction and has been recommended for some of our nation's highest military honors; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia was a committed soldier who loved his family, parents, wife, son, friends and neighbors who take great pride in his commitment, professionalism, and achievements; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while serving our country in Iraq; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia'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, including his wife who resides in New Jersey, 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 Wednesday, August 23, 2006, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Army Specialist Hai Ming Hsia. 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:19

Tuesday, August 15. 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine: Lance Cpl. Jeremy Z. Long

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Jeremy Z. Long of Sun Valley, NV: "At this incredibly difficult time, Maria and I want to express how grateful we are to Jeremy for his dedicated service. As a member of the United States Marine Corps, he was committed to protecting our country. We send our condolences to his loved ones and will keep them in our prayers." Long, 18, died Aug. 10 of injuries sustained while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Long, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:23

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Trinity Center Soldier: Sgt. Jeffery S. Brown

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Jeffery S. Brown of Trinity Center: "Sgt. Brown willingly put his life on the line as he courageously took extreme risks to assist fellow servicemen and women. Maria and I send our thoughts and prayers to Jeffery's family as they bear this painful loss." Brown, 25, died Aug. 8 of injuries sustained when his UH-60 Blackhawk crashed into a lake in the vicinity of Korean Village in Rubtbah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 82nd Medical Company, Fort Riley, KS. In honor of Sgt. Brown, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:22

Monday, August 14, 2006

Governor Orders Flags Lowered for Palmer Soldier

(Juneau) ? Governor Frank H. Murkowski today ordered Alaska flags to be lowered to half staff in honor of Spc. Shane W. Woods, an Alaskan soldier who died on August 9 in Iraq. Spc. Woods and two other soldiers were killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, during combat operations. "We are deeply saddened by the death of Shane Woods, and express our condolences to his family and friends," Murkowski said. "It is a mark of his character that he dedicated himself to the fight for freedom for oppressed Iraqis, giving up the comforts of home to take on a difficult task. His selflessness and his commitment will long be remembered by Alaskans." Spc. Woods, 23, was from Palmer. All three soldiers were assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, based in Friedberg, Germany. The governor ordered state flags to be flown at half staff from Tuesday morning, August 15, until Friday afternoon, August 18. Murkowski will send a letter of condolence and a state flag to the family of Spc. Woods. A service for Spc. Woods is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, August 18 at the First Baptist Church in Palmer.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:24

Friday, August 11, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Diego Based Navy SEAL: Petty Officer 2nd Class Marc A. Lee

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Petty Officer 2nd Class Marc A. Lee of Hood River, OR: "Answering the highest call of duty, Petty Officer Lee risked his life to protect our freedom. As a member of the SEAL team, Marc will be remembered for his strength and commitment in fearlessly serving our nation. Maria and I send our condolences to his family and friends for the loss of such a courageous individual." Lee, 29, died Aug. 2 of injuries sustained during combat operations while on patrol in Ramadi, Iraq. He was an aviation ordnance man and a member of a West Coast-based SEAL Team, San Diego. In honor of Petty Officer Lee, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:24

Acting Governor Codey Orders Flags to Fly at Half-Staff to Honor Police Detective Kieran T. Shields

TRENTON – In honor of Police Detective Kieran T. Shields, Acting Governor Richard J. Codey signed the following Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff on Saturday, August 12, 2006. The Executive Order is below: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26 WHEREAS, Police Detective Kieran T. Shields was raised in Orange, New Jersey, attended Arts High School in Newark, and graduated from Essex County Community College; and WHEREAS, Officer Shields, a loving husband and the devoted father of three young children, fulfilled his dream to serve the public and to follow in his father's footsteps by joining the Orange Police Department, and after serving for four years was promoted on January 1, 2005, to the rank of detective, having distinguished himself in December 2004 by rescuing a five-year-old girl who was the subject of an Amber Alert; and WHEREAS, in the late evening hours of August 7, 2006, in the City of Orange in Essex County, Police Detective Shields, at the age of thirty-two, made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life while responding to reports of gunfire and while attempting to locate and apprehend an armed suspect; and WHEREAS, Detective Shields' selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others makes him a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State where he was raised and where he served so proudly as a peace officer to recognize his remarkable commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss, 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 the appropriate hours on Saturday, August 12, 2006, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of Police Detective Kieran T. Shields. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:19

Tuesday, August 8, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine: Lance Cpl. Kurt E. Dechen

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Kurt E. Dechen of Springfield, VT: "Lance Cpl. Dechen valiantly served and protected the lives of his fellow Americans. Maria and I send our thoughts and prayers to Kurt's loved ones. His passing is a painful reminder of the sacrifices made by the courageous men and women of our armed forces to ensure the protection of our country." Dechen, 24, died Aug. 3 as a result of wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, while attached to Regimental Combat Team 5, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Dechen, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:33

Sunday, August 6, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of California Highway Patrol Officer Brent Clearman

Governor Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Officer Brent William Clearman of Concord: "Californians owe a debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who put themselves in constant danger to keep us safe. Officer Clearman exemplified that commitment and courageously made the ultimate sacrifice. Our hearts go out to his friends and family during this difficult time." Clearman, 33, died August 6 as a result of injuries sustained when a vehicle struck him while he was investigating a traffic collision on the northbound I-880 in Oakland. He is survived by wife, Cathy Jo. Officer Clearman has been with the California Highway Patrol for nearly two years. In honor of Officer Clearman, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:34

Friday, August 4, 2006

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WHEREAS, in the late evening hours of August 7, 2006, in the City of Orange in Essex County, Police Detective Shields, at the age of thirty-two, made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life while responding to reports of gunfire and while attempting to locate and apprehend an armed suspect; and

WHEREAS, Detective Shields' selfless devotion to public service and the protection of others makes him a hero and a true role model for all New Jerseyans and, therefore, it is appropriate and fitting for the State where he was raised and where he served so proudly as a peace officer to recognize his remarkable commitment to the welfare and safety of others, to mark his untimely passing, to remember his family as they mourn their tragic loss, 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:

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Posted by Harrison C. at 13:18

Thursday, August 3, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Four Twentynine Palms Marines

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the deaths of Cpl. Phillip Baucus of Wolf Creek, MT, Lance Cpl. Anthony Butterfield of Clovis, Pfc. Jason Hanson of Forks, WA and Sgt. Christian Williams of Winter Haven, FL: "By courageously putting themselves in harm's way to defend freedom abroad, these four Marines exemplified the selflessness that guides our men and women in uniform. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their loved ones." Baucus, 28, Butterfield, 19, Hanson, 21 and Williams, 27, died July 29 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, CA. In honor of Cpl. Baucus, Lance Cpl. Butterfield, Pfc. Hanson and Sgt. Williams, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:37

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine: Lance Cpl. James W. Higgins

Governor Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. James W. Higgins of Frederick, MD: "Maria and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Lance Cpl. Higgins. We are indebted when someone makes the conscious decision to risk sacrificing themselves for our country and our freedoms. James and his family have our respect and gratitude." Higgins, 22, died July 27 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. In honor of Lance Cpl. Higgins, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

Posted by Harrison C. at 13:39

Flags to be Flown Half-Staff Thursday 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 Thursday, August 3, 2006, in honor of Army Specialist Dennis K. Samson Jr., of Hesperia who died July 24 while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Friday, August 4. Army Specialist Samson, age 24, died of injuries sustained by enemy small arms fire in Taqaddum, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. 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.'

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