



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

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Governor Bill Richardson orders flags to half-staff in honor of Christopher S. Adlesperger

SANTA FE -- Governor Bill Richardson today ordered flags to be flown at half-staff through Tuesday, December 14, 2004 to honor and mourn Lance Corporal Christopher S. Adlesperger.

Lance Corporal Adlesperger was fatally shot last week while on patrol in the Anbar province west of Baghdad. Adlesperger is the ninth New Mexican killed in Iraq since the U.S. invasion last year. He had been awarded the Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Lance Corporal Adlesperger's friends and family described him as a lover of the outdoors, an athlete; someone who loved to be around people and who had found a passion for the Marines.

"Lance Corporal Adlesperger gave his life bravely while serving our country," said Governor Bill Richardson. "I want to express my deep personal condolences to his family and to his friends."

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-065

**FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING
OF CHRISTOPHER S. ADLESPERGER**

WHEREAS, Christopher S. Adlesperger, a native New Mexican and resident of the City of Albuquerque, tragically lost his life this past week while serving his country in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Christopher S. Adlesperger joined the U.S. Marines on December 1, 2003, and had been stationed in Iraq since September and served as a Lance Corporal.

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Adlesperger was a 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School in Albuquerque.

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Adlesperger dedicated his life to serving his country and will be remembered for his bravery and patriotism;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Monday, December 13, 2004, through sundown Tuesday, December 14, 2004, in honor and mourning of Lance Corporal Adlesperger. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family of Lance Corporal Adlesperger as well as a heartfelt thank you for his military service.

ATTEST:
OFFICE THIS

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
GREAT SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE

13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO