



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

**Bill Richardson**  
*Governor*

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## **Governor Richardson Lowers Flags to Honor Fallen Clovis Infantryman Sergeant Robert Paul Kassin**

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson has ordered that state flags be flown at half staff to honor Clovis Infantryman Sergeant Robert Paul Kassin. Governor Richardson will order all state flags be flown at half staff Monday, July 24, 2006 through Tuesday, July 25, 2006.

US Army Sgt. Robert Paul Kassin, age 29, passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2006, while serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. Sgt. Kassin joined the Army in September 1996 and was an infantryman to the C Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 10 Mountain Division, Ft. Polk, Louisiana, serving as part of Task Force Warrior in the southern Afghanistan region. He is survived by his parents Robert Joseph and Lucia Kassin, his wife, two sisters, a son and two stepdaughters.

The text of the Governor's Executive Order follows:

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-041**

#### **FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF SGT. ROBERT PAUL KASSIN**

**WHEREAS**, US Army Sgt. Robert Paul Kassin, age 29, passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2006, while serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan;

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Kassin, of Clovis, New Mexico, was born on January 22, 1977, in Flint, Michigan. His family moved to Clovis in 1990 when his father was assigned to Cannon Air Force Base and Sgt. Kassin attended Jr. High and High School in Clovis;

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Kassin joined the Army in September 1996 and was an infantryman to the C Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 10 Mountain Division, Ft. Polk, Louisiana, serving as part of Task Force Warrior in the southern Afghanistan region;

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Kassin is survived by his parents Robert Joseph and Lucia Kassin, his wife, two sisters, a son and two stepdaughters; and

**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Robert Paul Kassin's patriotism, bravery and dedication to the State of New Mexico will always be remembered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Governor Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Monday, July 24, 2006, until sundown on Tuesday, July 25, 2006, in honor and mourning of US Army Sgt. Robert Paul Kassin. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to his family as well as a heartfelt thank you for his courageous service.

ATTEST:

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS  
21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2006

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
SECRETARY OF STATE

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

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