



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**FLAGS ON GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD HEADQUARTERS  
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ORDERED LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF**

**WHEREAS:** On July 17, 2012, Spc. Nicholas A. Taylor, Jr., 20, and Spc. Sergio E. Perez, Jr., 21, were on a mounted route clearance patrol in Kandahar Province when they were killed in an attack that included rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire in Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS:** In January of this year, four members of the same unit were killed when an improvised explosive device blew up under their armored vehicle. Soldiers involved in that incident were Spc. Brian J. Leonhardt, 21; Staff Sgt. Jonathan Metzger, 32; Spc. Robert Tauteris Jr., 44; and Spc. Christopher Patterson, 20; and

**WHEREAS:** The soldiers were members of the 713<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company headquartered in Valparaiso; and

**WHEREAS:** It is both fitting and proper for the Georgia National Guard to recognize the service and sacrifice of their military brethren by lowering the flags on the Georgia National Guard Headquarters to half-staff on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, in coordination with the Indiana National Guard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN HONOR AND AS A MARK OF RESPECT FOR THE MEMORY OF THESE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN, 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 the State of Georgia be flown at half-staff on the Georgia National Guard Headquarters building and grounds on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, until sunset.

This 10 day of August, 2012.

*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR