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Governor Orders State Flag For U.S. Troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Gov. Christie Whitman today ordered that a New Jersey state flag be immediately sent to U.S. troops stationed at Tuzla Air Base in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Press reports today indicate that the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs denied a request for a state flag from troops stationed at the air base. According to the Department, requests for flags from military personnel are routinely granted and this one was denied in error.

"Our troops provide a vital service at significant risk to themselves. As a society, we are indebted to them," said Gov. Whitman. "The least we can do is to show the support of New Jerseyans by sending a state flag."

"It is the policy of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and this administration to provide New Jersey state flags free of charge upon request to deployed units and military personnel," said Gov. Whitman. "Troops stationed at Tuzla Air Base should have received the flag they requested."

"I have directed the Department to immediately send a New Jersey flag to the troops at Tuzla Air Force Base with our apologies for the error. I have further directed the Department to take the necessary action to ensure that such an error does not occur again," said the Governor.

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