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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Lance Cpl. Joseph R. Giese, 24, of Winder, Ga., died Jan. 7, as a result of a hostile incident while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Giese was an infantryman assigned to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team-1, I Marine Expeditionary Force Forward. He joined the Marine Corps in July 2007 and was promoted to lance corporal September 1, 2008.

He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2008 to April 2009. Most recently, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in July 2010.

His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Giese is survived by his wife.

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