



## **2D Marine Division Public Affairs**

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**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.** – Sgt. Joseph M. Garrison, 27, of New Bethlehem, Pa., died June 6, 2011 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Garrison was an infantryman assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in August 2002 and was promoted to sergeant Oct. 1, 2007.

Garrison deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom four times: from November 2004 to June 2005, from January to May 2006, from May to August 2009 and most recently in January 2011.

His awards include two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, a Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, three Afghanistan Campaign Medals, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and a NATO Medal – ISAF Afghanistan.

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