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## **CITY HONORS SGT. ERIC M. SEAMAN**

Wildomar, CA- In honor of Sgt. Eric M. Seaman, Mayor Ben Benoit issued a directive that flags at City facilities be lowered to half staff through Friday June 12, 2015. Sgt. Seaman, Murrieta resident, was one of the six marines killed in a helicopter crash last month during an earthquake relief mission in Nepal.

Sgt. Seaman was born in Wildomar, CA and attended Wildomar Elementary, David A. Brown Middle School, and graduated from Elsinore High School in 2003. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in 2009, trained at the Marine Corp Recruit Depot in San Diego, then reported to Pensacola, Florida for Crew Chief Indoctrination Training. Upon graduating, Sgt. Seaman selected UH-1Y Hueys, and reported to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Training Squadron 303 in Camp Pendleton for Advanced Crew Chief training. He later joined the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469 'Vengeance', graduated from the Weapons and Tactics Crew Chief instructor course and was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sgt. Seaman received the Air Medal with Strike/Flight bronze numeral '5', the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two bronze stars, and the NATO ISAF Afghanistan Medal.

Sgt. Seaman's memorial services are set for 10:00a.m. on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium.

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