



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #238

Relating to a Proclamation that the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of Wisconsin Be Flown at Half-Staff as a Mark of Respect for Corporal Robert P. Raess Who Lost His Life in the Korean War

WHEREAS, United States Army Corporal Robert P. Raess tragically lost his life during his service in the Korean War at the age of 21;

WHEREAS, a native of Dodgeville, Corporal Raess was a member of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division;

WHEREAS, Corporal Raess was reported missing in action on September 1, 1950, near Changnyeong, South Korea, and was officially declared deceased on December 31, 1953;

WHEREAS, in 1951, the Army recovered remains from 12 smaller military cemeteries in the area where Corporal Raess was last seen and temporarily interred them at the United Nations Military Cemetery in Tanggok, South Korea, and in 1956, they were buried as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii;

WHEREAS, Corporal Raess' remains were positively identified by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency on March 26, 2024;

WHEREAS, a rosette will be placed next to Corporal Raess' name at the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific to indicate he has been accounted for;

WHEREAS, the people of the United States and the state of Wisconsin are eternally grateful for the service, selflessness, and sacrifice of Corporal Raess and join his sister, Mary Alice, in welcoming him home so that he may be laid to rest; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Raess will be buried on September 7, 2024, in Dodgeville, Wisconsin.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Wisconsin shall be flown at half-staff at all buildings, grounds, and military installations of the State of Wisconsin, beginning at sunrise on Saturday, September 7, 2024, and ending at sunset on that date.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fifth day of September in the year of two thousand twenty-four.

TONY EVERS
Governor



By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State