



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #273

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 Private First Class Leon R. Karwacki Who Lost His Life in World War II

WHEREAS, United States Army Private First Class Leon R. Karwacki was killed on September 17, 1944, during his service in World War II at the age of 27;

WHEREAS, from Milwaukee, Private First Class Karwacki was assigned to Company E, 2nd Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment, 3rd Armored Division;

WHEREAS, in September 1944, Private First Class Karwacki's battalion advanced against enemy forces, and he was killed during an attack near the village of Mausbach, Germany;

WHEREAS, Private First Class Karwacki's body could not be immediately recovered due to the intensity of enemy fire, and in late 1945, unidentified remains from the area were interred at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Belgium;

WHEREAS, for his sacrifice, Private First Class Karwacki was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and other campaign honors;

WHEREAS, Private First Class Karwacki's remains were exhumed in June 2024, and he was accounted for by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency on September 26, 2024;

WHEREAS, the people of the United States and the state of Wisconsin are eternally grateful for the service, selflessness, and sacrifice of Private First Class Karwacki and welcome him home so that he may finally be laid to rest; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Karwacki will be buried on September 10, 2025, in Milwaukee.

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 **Wednesday, September 10, 2025**, 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 ninth day of September in the year of two thousand twenty-five.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State