



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #202

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 Navy Seaman Second Class David Joseph Riley

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, Navy Seaman Second Class David Joseph Riley, of Juda, Wisconsin, assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor;

WHEREAS, the remains of the deceased crew from the USS Oklahoma were first interred in the Halawa and Nu'uaniu Cemeteries and, after attempts at identification in 1947, were reinterred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific;

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency began exhuming remains from the USS Oklahoma for analysis and identification, and in 2021, Seaman Second Class Riley's remains were positively identified;

WHEREAS, prior to enlisting in the Navy, Seaman Second Class Riley served in the Wisconsin National Guard, Company K, where he was well-regarded for his character;

WHEREAS, Seaman Second Class Riley was posthumously awarded a Purple Heart, the American Campaign Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and in 1947, Monroe, Wisconsin's American Legion Post #84 was renamed Zilmer-Riley in his honor and memory;

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 27, Seaman Second Class Riley will be buried with full military honors in Juda, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States and the state of Wisconsin are forever grateful for the service, selflessness, and sacrifice of Seaman Second Class Riley of the U.S. Navy.

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, May 27, 2023, 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 twenty-fifth day of May in the year of two thousand twenty-three.

TONY EVERS
Governor



By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State