



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #86

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 Second Lieutenant James A. Des Jardins of the United States Army Who Lost His Life While Serving His Country During World War II

WHEREAS, on November 25, 1944, 2nd Lieutenant Des Jardins, a member of the 360th Fighter Squadron, 356th Fighter Group, 8th Army Corps, was killed in action when his P-51 Mustang was shot down during a bombing and strafing run of a railroad station in southwestern Germany; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2011, Second Lieutenant Des Jardins's P-51 Mustang and remains were discovered by German officials when a field near Einhausen, Germany was dredged; and

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Des Jardins's remains were officially accounted for in September, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Des Jardins will be laid to rest sixty-eight years after giving his life to prevent the emergence of a new Dark Age, ensuring the resilience of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, October 14, 2012, a memorial service and ceremony will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin to remember and honor the service and sacrifice of Second Lieutenant Des Jardins and veterans of all wars.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by federal and state law, do 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 equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on **Sunday, October 14, 2012**, 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 in the City of Eau Claire this eighth day of October, in the year two thousand twelve.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State