



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #48

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 Army Tech. 5th Grade John E. Bainbridge of the Wisconsin National Guard Who Lost His Life in World War II

WHEREAS, Army Tech. 5th Grade John E. Bainbridge, a veteran of World War II and a member of the Wisconsin National Guard assigned to Company C, 128th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division, was reported unaccounted for on December 2, 1942, during the Battle of Buna in New Guinea;

WHEREAS, his remains were designated "Unknown X-135" and in 1947, were interred in the Philippines at the Manila American Cemetery. His name is memorialized on the cemetery's Wall of the Missing, along with others missing from World War II;

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2017, Army Tech. 5th Grade John E. Bainbridge's remains were sent to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency laboratory for analysis and identification;

WHEREAS, because of the efforts of Army Tech. 5th Grade John E. Bainbridge's surviving niece and the work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Army Tech. 5th Grade John E. Bainbridge's remains have been positively identified;

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 29, 2019, Army Tech. 5th Grade John E. Bainbridge will be buried with full military honors in Monona, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Army Tech. 5th Grade John E. Bainbridge was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his actions at the Battle of Buna; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States and the State of Wisconsin are forever grateful for the service, selflessness, and sacrifice of Army Tech. 5th Grade John E. Bainbridge of the Wisconsin National Guard.


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 equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on **Sunday, September 29, 2019**, 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-seventh day of September in the year of two thousand nineteen.


TONY EVERS
Governor



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State