



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #117

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 Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Valentine of the United States Army Who Lost His Life in the Korean War

WHEREAS, Army Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Valentine, a veteran of the Korean War and a member of the United States Army assigned to Battery B, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, was reported Missing in Action on December 6, 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, during his unit's withdrawal from the area;

WHEREAS, Army Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Valentine's exact circumstances of his loss and disposition of his remains in North Korea were unknown, and the Army presumed him deceased in 1954;

WHEREAS, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in August 2018 accessed 55 boxes of remains from North Korea for scientific analysis and possible identification, and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency laboratory identified Army Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Valentine's remains within this collection, and Army Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Valentine was accounted for on March 16, 2021;

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, Army Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Valentine will be buried with full military honors at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery in Cassville, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Army Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Valentine was awarded the Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation with Japan Clasp, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea-Korean War Service Medal and the Republic of Korea-Presidential Unit Citation for his service; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States and the State of Wisconsin are forever grateful for the service, selflessness, and sacrifice of Army Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas J. Valentine of the United States Army.

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 Tuesday, May 25, 2021 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 nineteenth day of May in the year of two thousand twenty-one.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State