



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #137

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 Arthur R. Thinnies of the United States Navy Who Lost His Life on the Battleship USS Oklahoma during the Attack on Pearl Harbor

WHEREAS, Navy Seaman Arthur R. Thinnies, assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, was killed December 7, 1941, during the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii;

WHEREAS, the USS Oklahoma was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft and sustained multiple torpedo hits that caused the ship to quickly capsize, resulting in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Navy Seaman Arthur R. Thinnies;

WHEREAS, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crew between 1941 and 1944 and interred unidentified remains, which included those of Navy Seaman Arthur R. Thinnies, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu shortly after World War II;

WHEREAS, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency exhumed USS Oklahoma Unknowns in 2015 for scientific analysis and identified Navy Seaman Arthur R. Thinnies, who was accounted for on March 24, 2021;

WHEREAS, on Friday, October 15, 2021, Navy Seaman Arthur R. Thinnies will be buried with full military honors at Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, the people of the United States and the State of Wisconsin are forever grateful for the service, selflessness, and sacrifice of Navy Seaman Arthur R. Thinnies of the United States 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 equipped with such flags beginning at sunrise on Friday, October 15, 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 thirteenth day of October in the year of two thousand twenty-one.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State