

Monday, July 17, 2006

Flags to be Flown Half-Staff Wednesday for Serviceman Killed in Iraq

LANSING - Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today ordered that United States flags throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters be lowered for one day on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, in honor of Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks of Rapid River who died July 8 while on active duty in Iraq. Flags should return to full-staff on Thursday, July 20. Army Specialist Micks, age 22, was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Mine Protected Vehicle (RG-31) during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He was assigned to the 54th Engineer Battalion, 130th Engineer Brigade, Warner Barracks, Bamberg, Germany. Under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, Governor Granholm, in December 2003, issued a proclamation requiring United States flags to be lowered to half-staff throughout the state of Michigan and on Michigan waters to honor Michigan servicemen and servicewomen killed in the line of duty. Procedures for flag lowering were detailed by Governor Granholm in Executive Order 2006-10. When flown at half-staff or half-mast, the United States flag should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff or half-mast position. The flag should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. When a member of the armed services from Michigan is killed in action, the Governor will issue a press release with information about the individual(s) and the day that has been designated for flags to be lowered in his or her honor. The information will also be posted on Governor Granholm's website at www.michigan.gov/gov in the section titled 'Spotlight.'

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