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## Governor Chris Christie Orders Flags Lowered To Half-Staff In Honor Of The Passing Of U.S. Marine Corporal Daniel I. **Baldassare**

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Trenton, NJ - Today, Governor Chris Christie signed the following Executive Order:

Executive Order No. 229 - Ordering all State buildings to fly flags at half-staff on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of U.S. Marine Corporal Daniel I. Baldassare.

A 2015 graduate of Colts Neck High School, Corporal Daniel Baldassare enlisted in the United States Marine Corps that same year. He served honorably in the United States Special Operations Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and was the recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal as well as the National Service Defense Medal.

On July 10, 2017, a plane crash in Mississippi took the life of Corporal Baldassare, 14 other United State Marines, and one United States Navy Sailor.

"Our State and nation were shocked by the news of this tragic accident," said Governor Christie. "Corporal Baldassare and his fellow armed service members deserve our honor and solemn remembrance. Mary Pat, I, and the rest of our State lift up our thoughts and prayers to the families and friends hurt by this painful incident. Their selfless sacrifice should not and cannot go without thanks and gratitude."

A copy of the Executive Order [pdf 27kB]

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