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

Executive Order No. 188 - Ordering all State buildings to fly flags at half-staff on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Specialist Kevin Joniel Rodriguez, a resident of Paterson, New Jersey. Specialist Rodriguez enlisted in the Army on October 8, 2013 and served honorably as an infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division, Company A, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team. Specialist Rodriguez was a dedicated and decorated soldier and the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Expert Marksmanship Badge. He tragically lost his life as the result of a training accident at Fort Campbell.

"Specialist Rodriguez was a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers," said Governor Christie. "Specialist Rodriguez' heroism, dedication, and commitment to service and country make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory."

A copy of the Executive Order [\[pdf 9kB\]](#)

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