

State of New Jersey

Governor Phil Murphy

Governor Murphy Directs U.S. and New Jersey Flags to Fly at Half-Staff in Honor of Private First Class Jamie R. Riley

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TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today ordered that the U.S. and New Jersey flags be flown at half-staff at all state buildings and facilities in honor of the late Private First Class Jamie R. Riley of Fair Haven, New Jersey on Monday, February 4, 2019.

"I am deeply saddened to hear of the death of Jamie Riley, a dedicated servicemember from New Jersey," **said Governor Murphy**. "Jamie was selfless in his service to our nation, sacrificing his life to protect the freedom of his fellow Americans. Tammy and I extend our sincerest condolences to Pfc. Riley's family and friends in this difficult time."

On Tuesday, January 22nd, Pfc. Riley was killed in a training accident while on active duty at McGregor Range in New Mexico along with Corporal Cole Trevor Wixom of Bloomingdale, Michigan. Seven other soldiers were injured in this tragic occurrence.

Pfc. Riley served as a cavalry scout and joined the Army in January of 2018. As a servicemember, he arrived at Fort Bliss, Texas in June of 2018. His awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Air Assault badge.

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