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Governor Chris Christie Orders Flags Lowered To Half-Staff In Honor Of The Passing Of U.S. Navy Petty Officer Kenneth Smith

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

Executive Order No. 232 - Ordering all State buildings to fly flags at half-staff on Saturday, September 16, 2017, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of U.S. Navy Petty Officer Second Class Kenneth Smith.

A Cherry Hill resident and 2013 graduate of Cherry Hill High School East, Petty Officer Kenneth Smith served honorably in the United States 7th Fleet. He was the recipient of the National Service Defense Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Navy Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon. Petty Officer Smith was a third-generation sailor who followed the honorable footsteps of his father and grandfather in Navy service.

On August 21, 2017, a United States Navy ship, the U.S.S. John S. McCain, was involved in a collision near Singapore that took the life of Petty Officer Smith and nine other United States Navy sailors. Petty Officer Smith, along with his fellow sailors, was posthumously advanced to the next rank.

“New Jersey was deeply saddened to learn of this painful incident at sea,” said Governor Christie. “Petty Officer Smith was a loving son, whose memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow sailors. We offer our sincerest condolences to his and the other families who lost loved ones. May we solemnly remember, honor, and also be inspired by their selfless sacrifices for our country.”

A copy of the Executive Order is attached.

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