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**TO:** All State Agencies

**FROM:** Jay Inslee  
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**SUBJECT:** Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

I am deeply saddened by the death of Marine Sergeant Dietrich A. Schmieman, 26, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory on **Saturday, August 12, 2017**. Sgt. Schmieman was killed in a military plane crash in Mississippi on July 10, 2017.

I have no objection to agencies lowering the flags at the close of business on Friday, August 11, 2017. Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on August 12, 2017, or first thing Monday morning, August 14.

**Please notify your staff and all of your field offices and facilities around the state.**

Other government entities, citizens and businesses are encouraged to join this recognition.

A Celebration of Life and Military Honors will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at 10:00 am at the Central Church in Richland, Washington.

Please call (360) 239-1317 if you have any questions about this flag lowering.