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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 Sergeant First Class Dustin B. Ard, 31, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory on **Saturday, September 14, 2019**. Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ard died from wounds sustained during combat operations in Afghanistan on August 29, 2019.

I have no objection to agencies lowering the flags at the close of business on Friday, September 13, 2019. Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on Saturday, September 14, or first thing Monday morning, September 16.

**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 memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 14, at 3:00 pm, at the Mountain View Funeral Home, 4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, Washington.

Please call (360) 902-0383 if you have any questions about this flag lowering.