



Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker has ordered that the United States of America flag and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag be lowered to half-staff beginning at sunrise on Saturday, April 2, 2022 through sunset on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the day of interment, in honor of Captain Ross A. Reynolds, USMC, formerly of Leominster, MA, who passed away north of Bodo, Norway during a NATO training exercise on Friday, March 18, 2022.



Captain Reynolds, Marine Tiltrotor Squadron, 261, Marine Aircraft Group 26, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Air Corps Station New River, NC, will be laid to rest at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon, MA.



LEOMINSTER: U.S. Marine Captain Ross A. Reynolds, 27, of Hampstead, NC, formerly of Leominster, died Friday, March 19, 2022 as a result of injuries sustained when his Osprey aircraft went down in the Arctic Circle in Norway. He and his "Raging Bulls" squadron were participating in NATO training exercises at the time. Ross was born in Leominster, March 3, 1995, the son of Scott A. and Catherine H. (Biron) Reynolds and was a 2013 graduate of Leominster High School. While in high school he was a member of the National Honor

Society graduating with Honors. He attended the Boys State Civic leadership program and competed on the wrestling and soccer teams, and the LHS Devil Dogs Robotics club. Ross had an innate desire to serve. He joined Scouts at an early age and through dedication to his community and grit he obtained the status of Eagle Scout in 2011, scouting's highest honor. While at the B.S.A. Camp Wanocksett, Ross was a dedicated staff member for 8 years and an active member of the Order of the Arrow serving in roles on the Gischachsummen team related inductions and ceremonies. He also attended the National Order of the Arrow Conference in 2012. He loved hiking, camping, and boating. Some of his fondest memories were of times spent at the lake at Camp Wanocksett. Ross continued his education at Worcester State College graduating Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in the Criminal Justice Program. While at Worcester State, Ross was as a Presidential Student Ambassador and represented WSU abroad in the new partnership with the Letterkenny Inst. of

Technology in Ireland and England. He also represented the University by attending a national conference in Washington D.C. He began his military career in the NROTC program at Holy Cross and was commissioned as a Marine 2nd Lt. Officer on May 13th, 2017. Ross' dreams and ambitions were boundless, and they took him to the sky as he earned his "wings" as an Osprey pilot in 2020. He was stationed at M.C.A.S. New River and achieved his Captain rank. He was assigned to the VMM-261 Osprey squadron. His decorations included the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment ribbon, and a Navy Arctic Service ribbon. Ross is fondly remembered for his infectious smile, that lit up every room he walked into. He was always ready to serve when called upon without hesitation. He truly achieved all of his dreams and aspirations which is part of his incredible legacy.