



Governor Charles Baker has ordered that the United States flag and the Commonwealth flag be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Friday, June 22, 2018, the day of interment, in honor of Private First Class John William MacDonal, USMC, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division.

PFC Williams, a native of Somerville, MA, participated in the invasion of Tarawa Atoll and was Killed in Action during the assault on Beach Red 3 on 20 November 1943. His remains have been identified and are returning home to be laid to rest at the Bourne National Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts.