



Governor Charlie Baker has ordered that the United States of America flag and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Friday, July 15, 2022, the day of interment, in honor of United States Marine Corps Sergeant Samuel Michael Demers, of New Bedford, MA, who passed away on June 20, 2022.

Sergeant Samuel Michael Demers, United States Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, CA, will be laid to rest at the Pine Grove Cemetery, New Bedford, MA on this date.



Sergeant Samuel Michael Demers, USMC, age 25, passed away unexpectedly on the 20th of June 2022 in

the city of Twentynine Palms, CA. Sgt. Demers was born and raised in New Bedford, MA, and spent his adult life with his wife and daughter stationed on aboard Camp Lejeune, NC and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center 29 Palms, CA.

Sam grew up playing baseball at SEYAA and loved spending time with friends and family. He graduated high school from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School in 2015, where he was an active part of the track team.



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He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps shortly after graduating high school, serving faithfully for seven years as a Rifleman, Squad Leader, and Platoon Sergeant. Sgt. Demers deployed in support of the Black Sea Rotation Force to Romania in 2016, a Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, Japan in 2017, and

Operation Inherent Resolve to Iraq in 2019. Sgt. Demers was awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two bronze stars en-lieu of third award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

Sam was a loving father to his daughter, who was born during his 2016 deployment, and a dedicated husband. He fiercely loved his girls and was a giant teddy bear kind of guy. Sam always had broad smile and laugh; he instantly made you feel like a friend. You were truly blessed to have the opportunity to know him. He will be remembered as kind, goofy, warm-hearted, loving husband, father, son, and friend.