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County Executive Neuhaus orders all flags on County properties to be flown at half-staff in honor of servicemen killed in KC-130T Hercules crash earlier this month

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus has ordered that all flags on County properties be flown at half-staff on Wednesday, July 26th through Friday, July 28th in honor of the servicemen who died in the KC-130T Hercules crash in Mississippi earlier this month.

Fifteen U.S. Marines and a Navy Petty Officer assigned to the 2nd Raider Battalion, Special Operations Command, were killed in the crash. The Marine Corps Reserve unit is based at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, and nine of the Marine Reservists on board were members of VMGR-452.

“I have directed flags to fly at half-staff in tribute to the sacrifice made by these 16 servicemen who lost their lives while serving our country,” Neuhaus said. “Orange County continues to mourn the loss of these men and appreciates the sacrifices that our servicemen and servicewomen make on a daily basis. I encourage all Orange County residents to pause for a moment when they see our flags and recall these lives that were tragically cut short.”

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