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## Press Release



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### Statement from Governor Hassan on U.S Army Special Forces Staff Sgt. David J. Whitcher

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement on the death of U.S. Army Special Forces Staff Sergeant and former New Hampshire National Guard member David J. Whitcher of Bradford during a training exercise in Florida:

“U.S. Army Special Forces Staff Sergeant David J. Whitcher was a decorated soldier whose service and sacrifice made our country safer and our freedom stronger. As a former member of the New Hampshire National Guard, he exemplified the very best of the Granite State’s strong tradition of service to our country during two deployments to Afghanistan. Tom and I join all Granite Staters in mourning his loss and coming together in support of David’s family, loved ones, fellow soldiers and community.”

Governor Hassan will direct flags to half-staff on the day of Staff Sergeant Whitcher’s memorial service once announced.

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