



Media Advisory

Loudoun County High School Naval JROTC Annex to be dedicated to the memory of Army Captain James F. Adamouski

Event: Loudoun County High School will dedicate its NJROTC annex to the memory of Captain James F. Adamouski as part of the 10th anniversary of this program.

Army Captain James F. "Jimmy" Adamouski was killed in a helicopter crash in Iraq on April 2, 2003. He was 29, and the first West Point graduate to die in Iraq. The Loudoun County School Board voted to name the Naval JROTC Annex at Loudoun County High School in his honor.

Date: Monday, November 11

Times: 9 a.m.: General Veterans Day Program for the Loudoun County High School student body

11 a.m.: Dedication service for members of the Adamouski family, friends and fellow service members

Location: Loudoun County High School, 415 Dry Mill Road SW, Leesburg, VA 20175

Venue: Loudoun County High School Main Gym

Ceremony: The Naval JROTC drill teams and the combined choruses will perform.

Parking: Parking at Loudoun County High School is extremely limited. Auxiliary parking will be available at the former Monroe Technology Center location at 715 Children's Center Road SW, Leesburg, VA 20175. Shuttles from Monroe to Loudoun County High School will begin at 10:20 a.m. Shuttles will leave every 10 minutes.

Background Army Captain James F. "Jimmy" Adamouski, who planned to enter Harvard Business School, was killed in a helicopter crash in Iraq on April 2, 2003. He was 29. Adamouski, the first West Point graduate to die in Iraq, was killed when the Black Hawk helicopter he was piloting crashed in central Iraq. Because of his Harvard acceptance, Adamouski—an officer of the Second Battalion Third Aviation Regiment of the Third Infantry Division—had not been required to deploy with his unit but chose to deploy and lead his soldiers in defense of his country and, ultimately, fly his final mission. The Loudoun County School Board voted to name the Naval JROTC Annex at Loudoun County High School in his honor.

Dignitaries Expected to Attend This Event

Jeff Morse, Loudoun County School Board Chairman, graduated from Virginia Tech and was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. He served on active duty for 20 years, retiring as a Commander in 2006. He qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer, serving on a frigate, a cruiser, and an aircraft carrier and deploying four times to the Persian Gulf, including Operations Earnest Will and Desert Storm. Ashore, he was a master instructor at the United States Naval Academy, a project manager for several classified advanced weapon systems and, in his final billet, Director, Navy Displays, Processors & Navigation Systems for ships and submarines. In addition to his Bachelor of Science in business management from Virginia Tech, Jeff earned a Master of Science in business finance from the University of Maryland (UMUC) while graduating first in his class, a master of arts in National Security & Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, graduating with distinction, and a one-year fellowship at Harvard University.

Gen. Richard A. Cody (USA-Ret.) is a former Army general. During his 36-plus years of service, he served six of the Army's combat divisions: the 25th Infantry Division, the 2nd Infantry Division, the 24th Infantry Division (MECH), the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), the 1st Cavalry Division and the 4th Infantry Division (MECH). Cody is a master Army Aviator, rated in more than 19 helicopters and has more than 5,000 hours of flight time. He held several key staff positions, including Assistant Division Commander, 4th Infantry Division (MECH); Deputy Commanding General, Task Force Hawk in Albania; Director of Operations, Plans and Mobilization, Department of the Army; Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Department of the Army (G-3); and served as the 31st Vice Chief of Staff, Army from June 2004 to August 2008.

LTG Ray Palumbo (USA-Ret.) Palumbo is a former Army three-star general who served 34 years leading conventional and special operations forces during peacetime and in combat. As a director for the non-profits Quality of Life - Plus (QL+) and the Boulder Crest Foundation, Palumbo's philanthropic passion is committed to improving the well-being of our nation's military veterans, first responders and their families.

Vice Admiral James Crawford (USN-Ret.) James W. Crawford III is a former United States Navy officer, serving for 34 years before retiring. He served as the 43rd Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy from June 26, 2015 to September 12, 2018.

Karen Adamouski-Marion, Captain Adamouski's sister, and his father, LTC **Frank Adamouski Jr.**, (USA-Ret.) will be attending this event.

Loudoun County High School Principal **Dr. Michelle Luttrell** will conduct this program. LCPS Superintendent **Dr. Eric Williams** is scheduled to attend.

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