



Missing In America Project

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After Action Report
Interment of John L. Snipes, USAF
Calverton National Cemetery
13:30 Hours 27 April 2017

On the afternoon of 27 April 2017, Korean War Veteran John L. Snipes was given full military honors for his service in the United States Air Force between 1952 and 1956. Approximately 25 attendees participated in the solemn ceremony. Suffolk County Chaplain Tom Bergin opened the ceremony with a heartfelt Invocation. A beautiful rendition of Taps by bugler Bob Slingo, a proud new member of our Greenlawn American Legion Post 1244 followed. As Taps completed, the Air Force Honor Guard folded and presented Veteran Snipes' casket flag to American Legion Rider Craig Lanigan for his dedication to our Post 1244 Riders' mission. I offered a eulogy for Veteran Snipes and included the poems "Go Gently", dedicated to all of our fallen veterans, and "Because That's What We Do" dedicated to those in attendance, and all of the other Missing in America Project volunteers across the country that continue their mission to locate, identify and inter with honor and dignity, our forgotten American Veterans. Chaplain Bergin added some commentary and closed our ceremony by offering his Benediction. As two by two we approached Veteran Snipes' casket to pay our final respects, a sense of closure could be felt, for once again, one of our brothers in arms was respectfully laid to rest.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Tritto, Assistant New York State Coordinator