



# Missing In America Project

## Post Funeral Activity Report

Veteran

Howard Johnson

September 21, 2017

Calverton Cemetery, N.Y.

The day began hot and humid and stayed like that the entire day, however that did not deter our American Legion Brothers from attending the funeral.

Approximately 30 members attended including escort rider's in all. There were two new aspects to this funeral, one, for the first time we would have a live trumpeter to play Taps, and the second was the fact that the American Legion rider's wore white shirts and ties under their leather vests, a very classy appearance, it simply added to the whole ceremony.

The M.I.A.P. Chaplain, Michael Williams was consistently fine, as always, a subtle religious aura was about the man. "Go Gently" was recited by me, as well as the eulogy and a short speech as to why we are here at this funeral, and what it means to us as a nation. Veteran Johnson may have been alone at the time of his death, but accompanied by brother Veterans at the time of his funeral.

Final closure was given by our last salute at the coffin. As we started to disperse a soft breeze caress us and the coffin adding to the solemn finality from "Mother Nature".

Respectfully Submitted,  
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