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Post Burial Report

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Calverton National Cemetery

The normal date for interment had to be changed due to the fourth Nor-Easter we had in March, "In like a Lion, out like a Lamb", did not hold true, this time, for the month of March. It appears that Mother Nature is acquiring some un-healthy habits, associating with politicians. In that when you hang around with ducks you get a waddle. Fortunately the day turned out fine and held some surprising turn of events. The VFW of East Rockaway came in a bus with a contingent of their Post, the Patchogue Post came, other veterans from around Long Island came as well as some aux ladies. A Riverhead Council Women came, which is not common. At least fifty veterans and a number of civilians showed up for the interment of one veteran. This has never happened for one veteran before. It is our fervent wish that this continues. As of late, New York City's Mayor's office of Veteran affairs has been sending MIAP a greater amount of African American veterans than normal. This is coincidental with our American Legion Post 1244 initiation of supporting and giving Post 1218 an all African American Post, aid, in their new endeavor, the post as of late, has been having a renaissance to reestablish their post to their old stature.

Consequently MIAP and Post 1244 decided to strengthen the diversity within the Suffolk County American Legion. It is MIAP, as well as the County American Legion and Post 1244 that have extended themselves.

MIAP has invited Post 1218 to receive the burial flags of the African Veterans who are abandoned and come to MIAP for a proper burial, Post Commander Lenore and 1st Vice Commander Harry Legette accepted the last three flags that have come through from MIAP. We can only hope and pray that our support will help increase their solidarity as a Post and strengthen The MIAP's mission, the County's initiatives, and Post 1244's effectiveness. Doing the right thing will always hold us in good stead, "Because the wolf that you feed, will be the wolf that always survives."

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