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**After Action Report
Interment of Earl Green, USA
Calverton National Cemetery
13:30 Hours 24 January 2019**

The torrential rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 24 patriots that attended the interment of PV2 Earl Green today. Veteran Green, who passed away just one week short of his 60th birthday, served honorably with the United States Army from 1975-1977. Taps was sounded by Post 1244 bugler Bob Slingo. As Taps completed, the Army Honor Guard folded and presented Veteran Green's casket flag to WWII veteran, MIAP volunteer and Post 1244 Legionnaire Vinnie Crimardo. Vinnie will present the flag to Jane Messina, the wife of fellow Post member and MIAP volunteer Charlie Messina, for his work with the MIAP and the Northport VA Medical Center. Charlie passed away last night, succumbing to his battle with cancer. Rider Chaplain Mike Williams offered his Invocation, followed by my eulogy which included the poem "We Will Find You", dedicated to all of our missing, yet to be found. Chaplain Williams closed our ceremony by offering his Benediction. Before we paid our final respects to Veteran Green, John Caldarelli, MIAP National Representative and I both said a few words about Charlie Messina's exceptional character and work with the MIAP. Final respects followed, as two by two we rendered slow salutes before Veteran Green's casket. Once again, one of our brothers in arms was respectfully laid to rest.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Tritto
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