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After Action Report
Interment of Michael Sanchez and Joe P. Kennedy
Calverton National Cemetery
1330 hrs 28 March 2019

Theodore Roosevelt said, "A man who is good enough to risk shedding his blood for his country, is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards." Today we provided the final piece of that square deal to two deserving veterans as we bestowed military honors upon each.

Cpl. Joe P. Kennedy who served honorably in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953, and Sp4 Michael Sanchez, who served honorably in the United States Army from 1978 to 1984 were remembered and honored today by 42 patriots. Although strangers in life, they became brothers in death through the honors each has earned and richly deserved.

Following the sounding of Taps by Post 1244 bugler Bob Slingo, and the Army Honor Guard flag folding and presentations, Chaplain Tom Bergin offered a heartfelt Invocation. I then offered a eulogy which included the poem "Final Inspection". Post 1244 Rider Chaplain Mike Williams ended the ceremony by offering his Benediction. As all attendees approached both caskets to pay their final respects, a feeling of calm and closure came upon us, for we had once again, remembered and honored once forsaken veterans.

Respectfully submitted,
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