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After Action Report
Interment of Eugene Bas and Randolph Saunders
Calverton National Cemetery
2 February 2017

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 full military honors upon each.

Eugene Bas who served honorably in the United States Army from 1968-1970, and Randolph Saunders, who served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1959 were remembered and honored by our MIAP volunteers today. Although strangers in life they became brothers in death; members of a proud and select group, known as American Veterans.

The chilly February air was filled with the throaty rumble of our arriving Post 1244 riders as they escorted the two hearses carrying Eugene and Randolph into Calverton’s staging area. Their presence as escorts always provides an extra level of respect and reverence for our fallen heroes.

Following the Army and Air Force Honor Guard flag ceremonies, Chaplain Tom Bergin offered a heartfelt Invocation. I then offered a

eulogy which included the poems “Day Is Done” and “Go Gently”. Chaplain Bergin then ended the ceremony by offering a beautiful Benediction. As all attendees approached both caskets to pay our final respects, a feeling of calm and closure came upon us, for we had once again, remembered and honored once forgotten veterans.

Respectfully submitted,
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