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After Action Report
Interment of Harold Pugh and Leroy Walker
Calverton National Cemetery
13:30 Hours, 23 February 2017

On the afternoon of February 23, 2017, full military honors were bestowed upon Harold Pugh, who served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1978-1981, and Leroy Walker who served honorably in the United States Army from 1961-1963. Although they were strangers in life, they are brothers in death, members of that proud and select family known as American Veterans.

Approximately 30 members of several American Legion Posts, including Greenlawn, Riverhead, Patchogue and Elmont, NY attended the solemn ceremony. Following the sounding of Taps, Marine and Army Honor Guards presented the carefully tri-folded casket flags to Greenlawn Post member and MIAP Volunteer Ken Carlson, and Greenlawn Post member and Rider Herb Walker (no relation to Leroy). Our Post Chaplain, Mike Williams then offered a welcoming invocation followed by my eulogy to each of our honored veterans. I then dedicated the poems, "We Will Find You", and "Go Gently" from all of our attendees, to our newly found brothers, and those still Missing in America. After Chaplain Williams' heartfelt Benediction, all attendees stepped forward to pay their final respects.

I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say that we felt privileged to be part of a ceremony that honored two of our own. May God rest their souls.

Respectfully submitted,
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