Rest in Peace, Corpsman Frankovitz

Navy Corpsman Richard Frankovitz, who served with the Third Marine Division in Vietnam, was indigent and without family when he died. Rockland County, New York, Chapter 333 and the Pomona chapter of the Marine Corps League purchased his coffin and held a funeral service during a windswept snowstorm on Saturday, March 12, at the Frederick Loescher Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spring Valley, N.Y.

Four Chapter 333 members served as pallbearers: Ed Frank, Marcus Arroyo, Don Pillar, and Chapter President Roy Tschudy.

“Despite rain mixed with snow, despite wind conditions, despite freezing temperatures, a large turnout of chapter members, along with members of the Marine Corp League, provided a solemn and respectful farewell funeral for Vietnam veteran Richard Frankovitz,” Tschudy said.

“The fact that many gave up their personal time to brave unfriendly conditions for the funeral proves a testimony of brotherhood. ‘No one left behind’ was the motto on the battlefield; the same is true today.”