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## HIGH SCHOOLERS SERVE AS PALLBEARERS FOR HOMELESS MILITARY VETS

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Seniors at the University of Detroit Jesuit School are volunteering to serve as pallbearers for homeless veterans who otherwise would be buried alone.

Funeral homes have begun partnering with local country coroners offices and cemeteries to provide proper burials for homeless vets.

This outstanding service to those who've served means just as much to these teenage volunteers as it does to the deceased.

17 year old Nick Benedetto said:

*"I know that these people had loved ones and, whether or not these loved ones could be there to say goodbye, it does not change the fact that everyone deserves a proper burial. During the funerals, while*

*listening to the eulogies, I heard a particular statement that I feel was very important. 'While you didn't know him by name or sight, we are all here today to recognize his service to our country.' I realized that none of us present knew anything about the deceased. However, we were all there to pay them respect for serving our country. After that, I felt a sense of peace and was thankful that I was able to be a part of the services."*

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From Today:

A group of high school students are volunteering to serve as pallbearers for fallen military members who otherwise would have been buried alone.

"This was an opportunity to give something to somebody who finished their life on the fringe of society," said Tom Lennon, 17, a senior at the University of Detroit Jesuit School. "These veterans were men I have never met, but they helped make the country I live in safer and stronger. No matter who they were or what they did on earth, every person deserves a proper burial."

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Should more communities take up programs like this? Let us know your ideas below!

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