

Army Specialist Jacob Sexton was laid to rest yesterday and the *Star Press* provided the coverage:



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[Final salute: Family lays Army Spc. Jacob Sexton to rest](#)

Another family said good-bye to its American hero Tuesday in Parker City.

Under the cover of a perfect blue sky and wind that made the honor guard's flag fly gently in the air, Army Spc. Jacob W. Sexton was laid to rest with full military honors at Beech Grove Cemetery.

But this was not just another military funeral. And Sexton was not just another veteran.

The 21-year-old served two tours in combat, both in Iraq and Afghanistan. And then last week while at home on leave, seemingly safe from those wars, he took his own life.

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*Congressman Mike Pence said, "**Sometimes our heroes fall on foreign soil and sometimes***

they come home and fall, but we honor their service and sacrifice all the same."

The *Star Press* [also editorialized](#) about the need for better care for our country's veterans:

Often, we send our men and women off to war with great fanfare. There are parades, speeches, press releases, photos ops and proclamations. We honor our soldiers -- those men and women who will be fighting for our freedom and way of life -- with accolades. And rightly so.

We do these things to show appreciation.

But on the flipside, when our soldiers come home, it's a different story. There are no parades. Rarely are there photos or news stories. We expect our soldiers to put down their weapons and pick up their life right where it left off.

If only it were so easy, but it isn't.

They also shot [video](#) during the event: