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The Newsletter of The Baldwin Foundation for Education

## BFE HOSTS *A SALUTE TO VETERANS*

On Saturday, April 14th the BFE hosted *A Salute to Veterans* as its annual Spring Celebration. **Robert (B.A.) Schoen '65** served as coordinator of this event and emceed with a well-orchestrated mix of history, reverence, and gratitude. In recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day, our program included a concert and service fair to honor all those who served in the armed forces. Representing the active duty services was BMC Brandon Hines USCG. Chief Hines is the Officer in Charge of the Jones Beach Coast Guard which is the closest active military post to Baldwin.

Highlighting the day were performances by the acclaimed Amityville Highland Pipe Band, the Baldwin Steppers, the BHS Symphony Band, the BHS Jazz Ensemble, and the singing of the National Anthem by BHS student Taylor Wade. Warm words of welcome were given by County Executive Laura Curran.

We were honored to be joined by BHS alumnus, retired **Brigadier General John Meincke '65**, (*pictured at Right --->*) who spoke of returning to Baldwin after many years away. **Gen. Meincke**, who was co-captain of the 1965 Golden Wave baseball team, joined the Air Force ROTC while an undergraduate at Lehigh University.

June 14, 2018 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of **SPC5 John Kedenburg '64**. He, along with fellow alumnus **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bernard J. Ray '39**, received *The Congressional Medal of Honor* for their selfless sacrifice.

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