



Salute to Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum conducted a regional ceremony recognizing and thanking all Veterans for their service and dedication to our country. The event was held Sunday, November 6, 2016.

Under a 12' x 18' American Flag suspended from the Wood-Ridge Fire Department Ladder Truck, the program began and concluded with Piper Sharon Dunn, BC Firefighters Pipe Band.

With a Drum Line from the Hasbrouck Heights High School Band providing cadence, Honor Guards from the US Navy, Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Bergen County Sheriffs Department, Civil Air Patrol and Boy Scouts from Troop 17, marched onto the field. Scouts led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patriotic songs were sung by the members of the Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Glee Club. Their repertoire included: "Star Spangled Banner,"

"My Country 'Tis of Thee," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "This Land is Your Land," "Amazing Grace" and "God Bless America."

Wood-Ridge Firefighter Elizabeth Ferry played "Taps." The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800 provided the 21 Gun Salute.

Speakers included Assemblywoman Marlene Caride, Assemblyman Gary Schaer, BC Freeholder Maura DeNicola and BC Sheriff Michael Saudino.

Retired West Milford Fire Department Firefighter/Fire Department Chaplain Ralph Villecca provided the Invocation and Benediction. Additionally, FF Villecca provided a 9-11 Memorial Remembrance. Villecca, along with Hasbrouck Heights 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Robert Knobloch, placed a bouquet of flowers at the 9-11 Memorial Stone.

The MC was AHOF Trustee and VFW Post 4591 member Fritz Rethage. ###

