



Villages Honor Flight

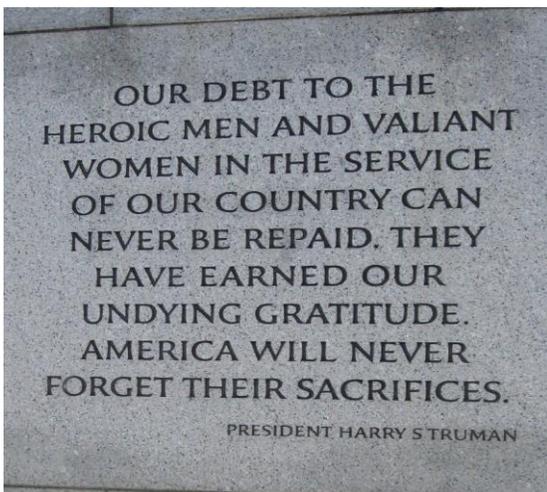
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April 2013

OPERATIONS

The first flight of 2013 was successfully completed on 26March2013 with 24 vets. The day was cold and windy but the enthusiasm of the vets warmed the hearts of everyone they encountered. Over 600 people turned out to give a rousing welcome home to them. Veteran Joe Zappavigna echoed the sentiments of all the vets when he said at the end of the day "I can't believe all those people came out to see us. I wish this day never ended. It was perfect." Photos of the flight are posted on our web site. www.villageshonorflight.org.

Planning for the 27April2013 is in its final stages. The next 25 veterans, guardians and staff will fly into BWI airport, departing American Legion Post 347 on Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake at 3:50 am and returning that same evening at 10:15 pm. The Homecoming festivities to welcome these returning heroes begin at 10:00 p.m. There will be music, cheerleaders and twirlers as part of the event. Please come out and show your support. In the words of President Harry S Truman as is displayed at The WWII Memorial:



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OUTREACH

A number of emails have circulated recently containing interesting items related to WWII. If you are interested in such things, there is a local resource that you should examine. The WW2 History Club (in The Villages) has a web site (www.ww2hc.org) with thousands of items (articles, videos, pictures, etc.) related to WW2. Club membership is officially restricted to Villages residents, but the web site is available to anyone who wants to visit it and "corresponding membership" is available to anyone. New content is posted to the site every day. Visit [Daily Items](#) to see what is new. Click on Search (upper right corner of the home page) to search the site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

In the coming weeks we will be out telling the Villages Honor Flight story. Representatives of Villages Honor Flight Speakers Bureau make presentations to area social clubs, veterans' organizations and community groups on a regular basis. **If you would like a speaker for your group meeting please contact me at 352-391-0548 to arrange it.**

13 April 2013

A dinner and performance by Ken McBride, Irish tenor, at the American Legion Post 347, Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake. This fund raising event is sold out.

1 June 2013

Blackberry Festival at American Legion Post 347 on Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake will feature vendors, crafts and food. We will have a booth to promote our cause and solicit volunteers, guardians and vets.

"Honor Flight" the Movie

"Honor Flight" is a documentary about a Wisconsin community that came together to fly veterans to Washington DC to see the memorial constructed in their honor. For these vets in their late 80's and 90's it was the first time they had been thanked and for some their last trip. We have obtained copies of this movie and it is available for home viewing. A copy can be purchased for \$20 at any Villages Honor Flight event.

P.S. Share this newsletter with a friend or neighbor.