



Villages Honor Flight

Serving Lake, Sumter and
Marion, Citrus and
Hernando Counties

August 2013

OPERATIONS

The next flight will depart 8 Sept 2013. The guardians for this flight will be a special group. All 25 guardians have served honorably as members of the USMC and are members of Marine Corp League Detachments. All of the veterans served during WWII. The sendoff from the American Legion Post 347 is scheduled for about 0415 hours (4:15 am) and return shortly after midnight. Homecoming activities at the Legion will begin about 2330 hours (11:30 pm). Entertainment will be provided by "Diamonds and Spurs", and the Villages Cheerleaders, Twirlers and Clowns. Everyone is encouraged to come out and welcome these "Grey Warriors" home. Bring a flag, chair and friend. (As a reminder, alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the American Legion Parking lot at any time.) *"We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by."* - Will Rogers

Planning for the 5 Oct' 2013 flight is underway. The first pre-flight meeting will be held 26 Aug' 2013.

Frequent Flyer Credits

If you are a member of the Southwest Air Rapid Rewards program of you can receive credit for Honor Flights to BWI if you request them within one year of the flight. Call Rapid Rewards Customer Relations, 214-932-0333, and provide the reservation number and your own Rapid Rewards number. The flight reservation numbers below are needed to receive credit: 23 Sept 2013 flight is GX70X4, G4COXL and 4P9XFM; 27 April 2013 flight is G5516W; 25 May 2013 is GCHIZD; 22 June 2013 is GOZOXY.

WWII VETERANS

Our waiting list of WWII vets to fly will have shortened considerably after our 2013 flights are completed. If you know a WWII who has not completed an application and registered, now is the time to do so as it is likely they will fly in 2014. Veteran applications are available from our web site or call our Infoline at 352-432-1382 and we will mail an application out. The time to act is now.

UPCOMING EVENTS (see web site for more details)

7 September 2013

St. Marks Greek Orthodox Church, 9926 SE 36 Ave. (CR 467) Belleview, FL. 34420, will have a one day fair festival with vendors, food, and entertainment, from 8:30am -2:30 pm. Please stop by and patronize this community event and visit our booth. Through this effort we reach out to the Marion County area to deliver our message and recruit veterans and guardians.

9 September 2013

The **Second Annual Villages Honor Flight Lunch and Fashion Show** will be held at Colony Cottage Recreation Center starting at 12:30. Fashions are by Anthony's and lunch by Flippers. Tickets are \$15 and are available by calling Cindy Bettis at 770-856-9802. Several of our WWII female veterans will be models. This is a fun event and a few tickets are still available including 4 tables for 8. Gather your friends and come out.

12 October 2013

The **Villages Honor Flight Inaugural Golf Tournament** will be held at Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Spruce Creek Golf and Country Club, Summerfield, FL. It will begin with a gala opening ceremony to honor veterans, scramble golf, prizes, games, lunch and much more. Price is \$60 with the field limited to 256 players. Formal announcement sheets and reservations forms are downloadable from our web site, under "fundraisers". You may register as a group or play as a single. Numerous opportunities to participate in this event as a sponsor or to assist as a volunteer are available. Following this newsletter you will find a listing of the sponsorship opportunities. Do not hesitate to pass along the names of any sponsors who may wish to participate and if you would like to volunteer forward your name on to me.

TRIVIA



The image of "Kilroy Was Here" was made famous during WWII. It is etched into two obscure places on the WWII memorial and the challenge is given to the vets to try and find them.

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