



Villages Honor Flight

Serving Lake, Sumter and
Marion, Citrus and
Hernando Counties

March 2013

OPERATIONS

Plans for our first flight of 2013, departing on 26 March 2013, are complete and we have entered the final countdown stage. 25 vets, 25 guardians and 4 staff will depart from American Legion Post 347 at 5:20 am, to fly to Regan National Airport in DC. Come out and extend your well wishes as these American heroes depart to receive the thanks and praise they deserve. The return flight will arrive at the Legion about 11:30 pm to the welcome home they did not receive at the end of their service. Come join us as we to stage a loud, patriotic, flag-waving, baton-twirling, cheerleader-led, and music-filled welcome. We need you to be there for them. The festivities begin at **11:15 pm**...it is late but it is worth it and they deserve it.

OUTREACH

A principle objective for 2013 is to reach as many veterans as possible, particularly WWII vets, telling them the Honor Flight story and encouraging them to file a veterans application. Our efforts reach to all the area military organizations and housing communities which exist in our 5 county service area. While concentrating on WWII vets, we encourage vets from all service periods to apply. Applications are prioritized on a first come first serve basis by service period with terminally ill vets always receiving priority. If you know a vet, encourage them to file an application. If you know of a group who would like to hear about Honor Flight, contact us. We have speakers available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

In the coming weeks we will be out telling the Villages Honor Flight story.

13 April 2013

Dinner and performance by Ken McBride, Irish tenor, at the American Legion Post 347, Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake. Tickets for this fund raising event cost \$15.00 are sold out. A waiting list has been established and is available at the American Legion Post office.

“Honor Flight” the Movie

“Honor Flight” is a documentary about four living WWII veterans and a Midwest community that came together to fly these veterans to Washington DC to see the memorial constructed in their honor in 2004. 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 are excited to announce we are in the process of obtaining copies of this movie and will be able to make it available locally for viewing. We will provide the details of this heartwarming event as they are developed in the near future.

FUNDING

Someone asked where the funding for flying to Washington DC comes from. The answer is simply “donations”. We receive no government funds, the vets pay nothing (and we won’t accept donations from them) and the guardians and volunteers pay their own way. We rely entirely upon contributions and gifts from individuals and businesses who share our passion for recognizing and thanking the vets who willingly gave of themselves to secure our freedoms. If you wish to assist us in this noble cause, tax deductible contributions can be made through our fiscal agent:

Veterans Memorial Post 347
Attn: Ralph Munden, Honor Flight
Po Box 1534
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