



Villages Honor Flight

Serving Lake, Sumter and
Marion, Citrus and
Hernando Counties

May 2013

OPERATIONS

The second flight of 2013 was successfully completed on 27 April 2013 with 25 vets. The weather cooperated, travel arrangements were flawless and the crowd at homecoming was loud and welcoming (despite the fact the flight was delayed 1 ½ hours). As an added attraction on the return trip from Orlando Airport residents of Legacy of Leesburg on Route 27 staged a salute to the veterans as their bus rolled by... Thank you Legacy of Leesburg residents for your support! Pictures of this and all flights are posted on our website www.villageshonorflight.org. Be sure to check it out.

Photos and videos of the 26 March 2013 flight has been made into a YOUTUBE video. It is well done and worth watching, and our thanks go out to Grey Ghost Studios for producing it. The spirit of the Honor Flight Experience is captured in an exciting way. Access it through our web site or down load <http://youtube/NO-piEj0hFA>
After you watch it you will surely be as excited as the veterans who experienced the day.

Planning for the remaining 5 flights for 2013 is underway with the 25 May 2013 flight entering final countdown. They will fly into BWI airport, departing American Legion Post 347 on Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake about 3:30 am and returning that same evening at 10:30 pm. The Homecoming festivities to welcome these returning heroes begin at 9:30 p.m. There will be music, cheerleaders and twirlers as part of the event. Please come out and show your support. Bring a chair, bring a flag and bring a friend, and be there.

AWARENESS AND OUTREACH

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 church and community groups on a regular basis. **If you would like a speaker for your group meeting please contact me at 352-391-0548.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

6 June 2013

Singing sensations Billie Thatcher and The Dorels, two local favorites, have joined together to perform a concert for the benefit of Villages Honor Flight. This June 6, 2013 event is sure to be a sellout. Tickets, priced at \$10 and \$15 (\$15 at the door) are on sale at the Villages Box Offices, or online at www.thevillages.net. This performance at the beautiful Church on the Square, in The Villages, is open to the public. All seats are reserved.

29 June 2013

The guardians for the September 2013 Villages Honor Flight will be USMC Veterans. They have been recruited by Joe Quinn from area Marine Corp League Detachments. In support of their undertaking, a spaghetti dinner and show will be held at the American Legion Post 347. The entertainment will be "A Tribute to Veterans" show by Dunning Shaw. Tickets are available at the American Legion Post 347.

"Honor Flight" the Movie

This movie about a town coming together to sponsor an Honor Flight is sure to touch your heart. Copies available for home viewing can be purchased for \$20 at any Villages Honor Flight event.

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