



## Villages Honor Flight

Serving Lake, Sumter and  
Marion, Citrus and  
Hernando Counties

**September 2013**

### OPERATIONS

The 8-Sept'2013 was flawlessly executed with 25 WWII veterans accompanied by 25 guardians who had all served honorably as members of the USMC and are members of Marine Corp League Detachments. The weather cooperated and the veterans were welcomed at the USMC Memorial by a Marine Corps Brigadier General who personally thanked them for their service.

The 5-Oct'2013 flight planning began with the first pre-flight meeting on 26-Aug'2013. All of the veterans served during WWII, and show the enthusiasm and anticipation excitement as those who have flown before them. The sendoff from the American Legion Post 347 is scheduled for about 0430 hours (4:30 am) and return about 2230 hours (10:30 pm). Homecoming activities at the Legion will begin about 2130 hours (9:30 pm). Entertainment will be provided by Ralph DiNome and Betsy Starr, the Villages Cheerleaders, Prime Time Twirlers and Clowns. Everyone is encouraged to come out. Bring a flag, chair and friend.

Planning for the final flight of 2013, 2-Nov 2013 flight is underway. The first pre-flight meeting will be held 23-Sept' 2013.

### WWII VETERANS

The waiting list of WWII vets to fly has shortened 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS (see web site for more details)

#### 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 and lunch. Price is \$60 with the field limited to 256 players. As seasonal residents begin to return we anticipate the remaining openings to fill quickly, so the time to register is now. For those who wish to support the tournament and remember a veteran, there is the opportunity to have a sign dedicated to a veteran, living or deceased, for a \$30 contribution. Announcement sheets and reservations forms are downloadable from our web site, under "fundraisers". You may register as a group or play as a single.

#### 25-29Oct'2013

**Questar Productions and Broadway Bound Players** are staging the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Savanna Center, The Villages. They have designated **Villages Honor Flight** as beneficiary of this event. Tickets are available through The Villages Box Offices.

#### 7-Nov'2013

**Bob Evans Restaurant**, 2199 Parr Drive, The Villages will be the scene of a one day community fundraiser. For every patron who presents the flyer, which is available at our web site under fundraisers, at the time they pay their bill, Bob Evans will donate 15% of the bill to **Villages Honor Flight**.

#### 9-Nov'2013

**Belk's Charity Sale** will take place at the Belk's Department Store in The Villages. For every \$5 you donate to **Villages Honor Flight**, you receive a \$5 coupon that is good at the store on 9-Nov'2013. A win-win for everyone. Coupons are for sale at all Villages Honor Flight events.

#### 11-Nov'2013

**Veterans 4**, a local veterans group, are sponsoring their Third Annual Veterans Day Tournament one day golf outing at the Links at Spruce Creek South. They have generously designated **Villages Honor Flight** as the beneficiary. Information and a registration form is available on our web site.

#### 7-Dec'2013

**The Villages Swing Band** will perform a concert, "Songs We Remember from the 40's" at American Legion Post 347, for the benefit of **Villages Honor Flight**. Information is available on our web site and tickets are available at all Villages Honor Flight events or contact Marilynn at 352-753-2603.

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