



Villages Honor Flight

Serving Lake, Sumter and
Marion, Citrus and
Hernando Counties

February 2013

OPERATIONS

The first pre-flight meeting for the flight departing on 26 March 2013 will take place 9 Feb 2013. This is the first step in making sure we have a safe journey. There will be two Junior ROTC Cadets from Leesburg flying as Guardians on this flight. Congratulations to them for volunteering. We are proud to have them.

Villages Honor Flight Website

The official website of Villages Honor Flight can be found at www.villageshonorflight.org. In addition to information about the flight and our hub there are numerous pictures and videos of prior flights. Check it out to see the trip the vets experience...they are priceless! Our newsletter library is also on the website.

VOLUNTEERING

Villages Honor Flight is an all-volunteer organization. As we grow and expand we have an increasing demand for volunteers. We guarantee no pay, hard work, diverse opportunities and fantastic rewards, as when a vet approaches a volunteer and says "I never knew anyone cared that I gave years of my life to serve my country. Thank you! This is the best thing that has happened to me."

If you are interested in volunteering, or if you know someone who is interested, go to the web site, download and mail a volunteer application or call us at 352-432-1382, and we will find a job you can do and will enjoy.

HOMECOMING

When their service was completed, most veterans received their final pay and a bus ticket or train ticket home. There were no large parades or welcome home parties as portrayed in the media. They returned to an economy that was trying to convert itself from a military manufacturing base to an industrial base. Housing and materials were in short supply. They came home and went to whatever work they could find. Honor Flight makes every effort to remedy that injustice for these great veterans who received no expression of gratitude from a war weary population, for **ALL THEY DID WAS SAVE THE WORLD.** When the motorcycle escorted buses return after the flight we endeavor to stage a loud, patriotic, flag waving, baton twirling, and cheerleader led, music filled welcome. We need you to be there for them. The festivities for the 26 March 2013 flight begin at **11:15 pm**...it is late but it is worth it and they deserve it. Bring a chair, bring a flag, bring a friend...but come out and welcome our vets' home!

UPCOMING EVENTS

In the coming weeks we will be out telling the Villages Honor Flight story. Please stop by and lend your support.

9 Feb 2013

Pancake breakfast at American Legion Post 347, Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake.

23 Feb 2013

Strawberry Festival, American Legion Post 347, Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake.

1-3 March 2013

Wings of Freedom Tour at Leesburg Airport. Come see WWII aircraft.

13 April 2013

Dinner and performance by Ken McBride, Irish tenor, at the American Legion Post 347, Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake. Tickets cost \$15.00 and will go on sale 11 Feb 2013 at the Village Honor flight Club meeting.

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

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