



## Villages Honor Flight

Serving Lake, Sumter,  
Marion, Citrus and  
Hernando Counties

**January 2013**

### OPERATIONS

The 2013 flight season has begun. As is typical of an undertaking of the magnitude of Villages Honor Flight, the many activities that must precede a flight are not immediately obvious...not dissimilar to a duck which appears to be just floating on a pond, but below water is moving as fast as possible to stay upright and afloat. What is happening now will ensure that our vets will have a safe, secure and meaningful trip. Reservations have been made for the 26 March, 27 April and 25 May flights and 4 more flight for 2013 have been proposed. It is anticipated that if all 7 flights become reality, all vets who are currently on the waiting list will fly in 2013.

### Villages Honor Flight Website

The official website of Villages Honor Flight can be found at [www.villageshonorflight.org](http://www.villageshonorflight.org). This site, which is updated regularly, contains information about all of the activities of the organization along with an event calendar. In addition, applications for vets, guardians and volunteers can be found and downloaded. Many of the questions that individuals may have about Honor Flight are answered in the "FAQ" section. There is also a section on how donations and financial contributions, which are always welcomed (and needed), can be made. The Pictures/Video section highlights and documents the many experiences which made previous Flights a so memorable for the veterans. Check it out.

### VOLUNTEERING

Villages Honor Flight is an all-volunteer organization. There is no paid staff or administrative overhead expense. The individuals who work to make the flights happen are doing so in appreciation of the efforts vets made to secure our freedoms and to honor them, in a small way, for the sacrifices they made. Every volunteer who participates, including the guardians who fly with the vets, pay their own way.

As you can appreciate, there is a continuing need for volunteers and guardians. There are numerous activities which need to be accomplished in pre-flight, flight day and post flight day activities. All skills and interests can be accommodated. 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. There is no greater satisfaction than hearing a vet who returned from a flight say "this is the first time someone let me know they appreciated that I gave up years of my life to serve my country".

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**25-27 Jan 2013**

St. Marks Greek Festival, St. Marks Greek Church of Ocala, Belleview. Greek food, fun and music.

**23 Feb 2013**

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

**13 April 2013**

Dinner and performance by Ken McBride, Irish tenor, at the American Legion Post 347, Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake. Ticket information next month.

**26-28 April 2013**

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Leesburg Bikefest. More details next month as plans evolve.

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

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