



Villages Honor Flight, Inc.

Serving Lake, Sumter, Marion,
Citrus and Hernando Counties

August 2014

OPERATIONS

The 4-September'14 flight of 25 vets, 25 guardians and staff is in the final countdown. The flight will depart at 3:15 am. The WELCOME HOME festivities begin at 9:00 pm. Entertainment by "Scooter the DJ", **Village Twirlers and Cheerleaders and Clown Alley 179** starts at 9:00 pm, at American Legion Post 347, CR 466 and Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake. Come out and be part of it...bring a flag, bring a chair, bring a friend...rain or shine...don't miss it...they have earned it and deserve it!

We are excited to announce the details of our **27-Sept'14 inaugural Flightless Mission**. This mission is designed for vets who for any number of reasons cannot fly, but none-the-less has earned our respect and admiration for their selfless sacrifices: 15 vets and 15 guardians will depart American Legion Post 347 at 10:00 am on their way to a simulated trip to DC. All activities will be held at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, The Villages, where we will have a simulated flight, airport greeting, bus trip around DC, lunch at the USAF Memorial, visit to the memorials and all the elements of a regular mission. The vets will return to American Legion Post 347, for a 2:00 pm afternoon Homecoming Event... a celebration they have been waiting 65 years -- they certainly deserve it and we will give it to them! Save the date, mark your calendars and enlist your friends to join us for this patriotic fun event! More details shortly...watch for A SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER.

ABOUT HONOR FLIGHT

Recently we began a series about Villages Honor Flight (VHF) in response to readers' questions about "who we are" and "how we function". Today the topic is the answer to the first question vets typically ask after they have registered "When will I fly?" First a little background.

Priority is given to terminally ill vets, regardless of war service period, for obvious reasons. Following after, is by war period (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, etc. as listed on our web site). Within any war period group priority is based upon date application received by VHF. We are receiving applications on a regular basis which are

categorized by war period. As a result the list of vets to fly is a dynamic process, but those terminally ill always go first, WWII next and so on. Our projections as of 31-July'14, after accounting for those who will fly on the remaining flights in 2014, are that WWII vets on the list as of 31-July'14 will likely fly by spring of 2015. WWII vet applications received after 31-July'14, of which there has been a multitude, will fly later. The date obviously cannot be established until time draw closer and flight schedules are established. It is however likely that flight of Korean War vets will not occur until 2016.

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UPCOMING EVENT

8-Sept'14 Villages Honor Flight Club meeting is at Colony Cottage Recreation Center, in The Villages at 12:30 pm. Attendance is open to anyone who wishes to support our mission. Guardians, past and future, are encouraged to attend.

14-Sept14 Villages Wings of Gold Squadron are sponsoring a fundraising BBQ event for the benefit of VHF. The event will be held at American Legion Post 347. Tickets and info by calling 352-753-9767. No tickets will be sold at the door.

23-24-Oct'14 Off Broadway Players production of "Speakeasy the Musical" for benefit of local charities including VHF. Tickets through Villages Box Offices after 1-Sept'14.

25-Oct'14 Third Annual VHF Fashion Show. Tickets for this fun filled event available by calling 352-432-1382. Call now, it fills up quickly.

22-Nov'14 Villages Honor Flight Golf Tournament
This fun event is our major fundraising undertaking of the year. A separate email message last week outlined all the details and registration and support materials. If you need details, call Jerry at 352-789-3320.

7-Dec'14 Villages Swing Band will perform a benefit concert "Music from the 40's" to mark the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Tickets will go sale at the Villages Box Offices on 30-Oct'14.

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