



Villages Honor Flight

Serving Lake, Sumter and
Marion, Citrus and Hernando
Counties

January 2014

OPERATIONS

Establishing the logistics for flying flights of 50 veterans and 50 guardians are nearly completed. Flight dates have been set as 27-April' and 25-Jun'14. The manifest for the April flight is being finalized and veterans and guardians will be notified shortly. Departures and returns will be at the American Legion Post 347 as in prior flights. Save the dates and plan on attending the Homecoming event which begin at 9:30 pm for both flights.

Plans for non-flying Honor Flight Missions for those unable to endure a flight to DC continue to be developed. If you are aware of a WWII vet who has hesitated to file an application because they are incapable of flying, this is a program designed for them. Have them submit an application and mark on it "Non-Flying-Vet".

HOW CAN I HELP???????

Frequently the question is asked how someone can get involved with Villages Honor Flight, to join in paying tribute to our war heroes. There are numerous opportunities to participate. Here a few.

Villages Honor Flight Club meets at 12:30 pm, the 2nd Monday of each month at Colony Cottage Recreation Center in The Villages. Organizational activities are discussed, upcoming events are reviewed and volunteer opportunities and needs are presented. Membership and attendance is open to anyone who wishes to support our mission. Guardians, past and future, are encouraged to attend as their opportunity to directly interact with a vet during a flight is a unique experience.

Providing public information about our mission and encourage veterans to register is an ongoing activity. The "**WE WANT YOU**" CAMPAIGN started in November to enlist all WWII veterans, regardless of where they served or what they did to contribute to the war effort, continues. Encourage all WWII vets to submit an application so they can be honored for their service.

A **Speakers Bureau** representative is available to make a presentation to clubs, community or veteran groups, church groups or similar organizations. They address the history of Honor Flight, our mission, why we exist, and how we function. Call 353-432-1382 to arrange a presentation.

Pass this newsletter along to others in your email address book. Share the news about us.

Encourage friends and neighbors to attend a Flight Homecoming event. Many veterans rate this event as one of the major highlight of their flight experience.

Fundraising is an ongoing necessity if we are to continue. We receive no outside funding, and rely on contributions and donations. If you belong to an organization that is seeking a cause to donate to or raise funds for, recommend Villages Honor Flight. Direct contributions are also always welcomed. Recently we introduced a mailer whereby memorial donations or those in honor of a person, event or occasion could be made with acknowledgement of your donations and appropriate comments forwarded to a designated recipient. If you desire a supply of these, respond via email with your mailing address and they will be sent to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Your and your friends are welcome at all of these events.

14-FEB'2014 Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 347 is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dance at Post 347, featuring Johnny Ray McCullah. Proceeds will go to Villages Honor Flight. Call the Post at 352-750-2099 for details and tickets.

15-Mar'2014 Korean War & Service Veterans Association of Lake County, Chapter 169 is sponsoring a Walk-A-Thon at Leesburg High School. Proceeds will be shared with Villages Honor Flight. Call Art Iverson at 352-753-0139 for participation information and sponsorship opportunities.

25-Mar'2014 Villages Parrot Heads and Cody's Original Roadhouse will sponsor a Salute to Villages Honor Flight as a fundraising event. The event at Cody's starts at 4:00 pm is open to the public, music and food provided and admission is only \$5.00. Check our website for more information.

P.S. Please share this newsletter with friends.