



## Villages Honor Flight, Inc.

Serving Lake, Sumter, Marion,  
Citrus and Hernando Counties

**November 2014**

### OPERATIONS

The 2014 Flight Year came to a close with the 5-Nov'14 mission. The flight was a success with 25 veterans, 25 guardians and staff. The four flights of the year transported 150 vets to DC to see their memorials and 15 additional experienced the sights, sounds and excitement through the Flightless Honor Flight which was held on 27-Sept'14. The reunion for the flights which flew this fall will be on 31-Jan'15.

Plans are underway for 2015 with a Flightless Flight scheduled for 28-Feb'15 and the first trip to DC tentatively set for 25-Mar'15. More details later. Since our inaugural flight in May 2012 we have conducted 15 missions, transported over 400 vets to DC and conducted one flightless flight for 15 vets.

To all who have made this possible, through the donation of their time, talents or treasure, thank you for your contribution. It has been a major undertaking but the results are deeply appreciated and we are honored to have had the opportunity to thank these war veterans for their sacrifices.

The work for this year however is not done. There are several major undertakings yet to complete.

### VETERANS DAY

On this upcoming Tuesday we extend our appreciation to all who wore the uniform of the US military at any time, regardless of when or where you served. Your efforts and sacrifices allow us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. Thank you.

On Tuesday, 11-Nov'14, Veterans Day, Parady Financial Group, a local provider of retirement services, will be sponsoring their Annual "Salute to Veterans". It will be held at Brownwood Square in The Villages, Florida, and is a tribute to all US

Military Veterans, from any service period. The event begins at 5:00 pm with a parade and demonstration by The Village Nomads Motorcycle Club. Johnny Cool will provide on stage entertainment and The Village Twirlers and Band, Village Cheerleaders and other groups will perform. In addition to the music and entertainment Parady will be conducting several fund raising activities with Villages Honor Flight the beneficiary of the event. For this we extend a big thank you to Parady. We will have a tent at the event promoting our programs and branded clothing. Some by and see the volunteers who will be there. Remember, this event is open to all Veterans as a way of honoring them for their service, and all are encouraged to attend...bring a friend.

Village Honor Flight Veteran "Alum" will be introduced in mass and provided front row seating. Those who will attend should contact Sally Byrnes, the event coordinator at 352-259-5890 or [sbyrnes123@yahoo.com](mailto:sbyrnes123@yahoo.com). They will assemble outside the Brownwood movie theatre by 5:00 pm.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**10-Nov'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.

### **22-Nov'14 Villages Honor Flight Golf Tournament**

This fun event is our major fundraising undertaking of the year. Golf participation is fully subscribed and closed. We will be offering "Honor a Vet" signs as a way of paying tribute to a special veteran in your life at the Veterans Day event. Stop by our tent and check them out.

**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 may be obtained at the Villages Box Offices. Stop by our tent for more information.

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