



Villages Honor Flight, Inc.

Serving Lake, Sumter, Marion,
Citrus and Hernando Counties

February 2015

OPERATIONS

The first mission of 2015, scheduled for **28-Feb-2015** will be a Flightless Mission. This mission is designed for vets who for any number of reasons cannot fly, but none-the-less have earned our respect and admiration for their selfless sacrifices: 15 vets and 15 guardians will depart American Legion Post 347 at 9:45 am on their way to a simulated trip to DC at Eisenhower Recreation Center, The Villages.

Upon arrival they will be greeted by a TSA Honor Guard and pass through a simulated TSA security check. They will be seated on their "plane" by representatives of Southwest and fly a simulated video flight to DC. After an airport greeting, the mission will board their "bus" for a tour of the War Memorials, led by Major Bob Mebane, US Army Ret. who has been our local guide on every trip to DC. Lunch will provided at our stop at the "Air Force Memorial", a traditional stop, followed by a visit to Arlington National Cemetery to witness the changing of the guard, always a moving experience.

Upon completion of their "travels", they will be led by a bag piper and the dismounted Villages Nomads to their bus for their return trip home. The Nomads will remount and provide an escort back to ALP 347, our starting point.

Upon return to American Legion Post 347, they will receive a truly patriotic Homecoming Event... a celebration for which they have been waiting 70 years ...they certainly deserve it and we will give it to them!

The **WELCOME HOME** festivities begin at **1:30 pm** with entertainment by **Billie Thatcher, Village Twirlers and Band, Villages Cheerleaders and Clown Alley 179** at the 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, and bring a friend...rain or shine.

If you are aware of a war veteran who has hesitant to consider going on a VHF mission, a future flightless mission may suite them. Call us at 352-432-1382 and we will mail them an application.

FUTURE MISSIONS

We anticipate having 4 traditional missions in 2015. The spring trips have been scheduled for 25-March and 27-May.

The 25-March flight has been formed with 35 vets and guardians. The excitement of this group was evident when they met on 7-Feb-2015 at their first pre-flight meeting.

Web Site

We continue to make improvements and updates to our web site, www.villageshonorflight.org. Check it out to stay abreast of our happenings and" Like us" on Facebook.

A Villages Honor Flight 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. There is no charge for this service...we enjoy telling our story!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

27-Feb-2015 The WWII History Club is sponsoring an Evening of WWII Music, for the benefit of VHF, 6pm to 8pm, at the Eisenhower Recreation Center. Music provided by the Music Mix and the Savoy's swing bands.

Event is Sold Out

9-Mar-2015 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.

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