

# **Villages Honor Flight June 2015 Newsletter**

## **May Flight Greeted by Air Force Officials**



Several high-ranking U.S. Air Force officials, headed by Ms. Heidi Grant, Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for International Affairs, met our group at the Air Force Memorial during the May 27 flight. Representatives from Air Force News and Airman Magazine interviewed several Army Air Corps veterans in our group. Ms. Grant is also the daughter of one of the guardians on the flight.

## **Upcoming Flights**

We will take our usual break and not fly to Washington, DC in the heat of July and August. Mission 20 will take 35 veterans to see the memorials in Washington on Sept. 10. We will have another Flightless Honor Flight, Mission 21, Sept. 28 for 15 WWII veterans who are not able to stand the rigors of a one-day trip.

## **September Flight will take all Remaining WWII Veterans**

Mission 20 on Sept. 10 will complete the list of all WWII veterans who have registered with Villages Honor Flight. Since our first flight in May 2012, we have flown 477 WWII veterans plus several Korean and Vietnam veterans. That milestone does not mean the organization will fade away. We will continue our mission, concentrating on Korean War and Vietnam War veterans.

## **Golf Tournament in October**

The annual Villages Honor Flight Golf Tournament fundraiser will be Oct. 9 at Spruce Creek Golf and Country Club. Registration details will be provided at a later date. Mark your calendars now.

## **Thank You**

David Blackston, of the Blackston Financial Advisory Group, hosted a patriotic party and dance in May and made a \$4,000 donation to Villages Honor Flight. Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club also made a \$1,325 donation from an event they hosted. It is community support such as this that enable us to take veterans to Washington, DC at no cost to them.

## **WWII Ace to participate in Flightless Flight**

Local resident Jack Lenox, a WWII Ace, recently flew to Washington, DC, along with 38 others, to receive a Congressional Gold Medal. He had previously received the Silver Star and two Bronze Star Medals for his service. He is credited with five kills and two probables flying a P-38 Lightning against German Me109 and Me 210 aircraft. He hopes to participate in an upcoming Flightless Honor Flight.

