

**VILLAGES HONOR FLIGHT NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER,
2015**

NEXT CLUB MEETING. Villages Honor Flight Club will meet on Monday, October 12, at the Colony Cottage Recreation Center, beginning at 12:30 P.M. All members are encouraged to attend. Bring your calendars with you and sign up for a number of upcoming volunteer opportunities.

FASHION SHOW. In what is becoming an annual event, a Fashion Show benefiting Villages Honor Flight will be held on October 24th. IT IS ALREADY A "SOLD OUT" EVENT! WWII veterans will be amongst the models, showing fashions from Tommy Bahama and Anthony's. Raffle items will also be available. Proceeds will be announced in the next edition of this newsletter.

"YEHAW BOB SHOW" TO BENEFIT VILLAGES HONOR FLIGHT. This very popular Disney World entertainer will be holding not one, but two shows on February 29th. Tickets will be available at the upcoming October 12th Villages Honor Flight meeting and the January "Grand Reunion". They are expected to sell out well before the date of the shows. Tickets may also be obtained from Club Member Lavern Holtz, Grammie6@comcaste.net.

GOLF TOURNAMENT. The 3rd Annual Honor Flight Golf Tournament will be held at the Eagle Ridge Country Club on Friday, October 9th. Chairperson Elmer Remson reports that the "field has been filled", with the exception of a few spots still open for residents of the Del Webb Spruce Creek community. Last year's event raised over \$25,000! More details in the next edition of this newsletter

Mission #20, Held September 10. This flight carried 35 veterans, their guardians, and staff to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C. Amongst them was the milestone 500th veteran flown by Villages Honor Flight.

Mission #21, Held September 26. This was Villages Honor Flight's 3rd "Flightless/Virtual" Honor Flight, and was again started with a big send-off from American Legion Post 347, and then moved to the Colony Cottage Recreation Center, where 14

veterans who were not able to make an actual flight participated in a wonderful "virtual" tour of Washington, D.C. After enjoying a catered lunch, complete with the Chic-Fil-A "cow", they were escorted back to the American Legion by no less than 56 motorcycles for a raucous "Homecoming", headlined by singer Petrina. It was the first of three "flightless" missions that thankfully didn't suffer torrential rains.

Mission #23, To Be Mounted on Wednesday, October 28th. This last actual flight of calendar 2015 will, for the first time, have a majority of our honored veterans come from those who served in the Korean War. About 60% of the 35 veterans scheduled to participate were from the Korean era, with the rest from WWII. Sadly, the number of WWII veterans continues to dwindle at an alarming rate, making our mission all the more important. Villages Honor Flight will continue to operate in years to come, as there are already over 130 Korean vets on our waiting list. Mission #23 is scheduled to arrive back at American Legion Post 347 (SE corner of Rolling Acres Rd. and CR-466) at 12:20 A.M. *That's just after midnight on Wednesday night. Club members and their friends and neighbors are encouraged to come out to greet these tired veterans, with entertainment starting at approximately 11:00 P.M.*

GRAND REUNION SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2016. It's early, but put this on your calendar! We will be hosting a reunion for ALL previous honor flight participants at the North Lake Presbyterian Church, 975 Rolling Acres Rd. in Lady Lake (just behind Home Depot). We have now flown over 500 veterans, so we expect a very large turnout. Festivities begin at 1:00 P.M. RSVP's are necessary, as we cannot exceed the capacity of the room. Veterans may bring one guest. RSVP to Laurie Harinsky, 352-633-1220, harinsky@yahoo.com.

NEW EDITOR FOR THIS NEWSLETTER. Harry Miller has been appointed Editor, effective with this issue. If you have items for future editions, please send them to him at harryelsucio@earthlink.net or phone him at 352-259-9417.