



VILLAGES HONOR FLIGHT NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING. The Villages Honor Flight Club will meet on Monday, 8-Aug.-2016 at 12:30 P.M. at the Colony Cottage Recreation Center in The Villages, FL (We always meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, so mark your calendars in advance). You will have the opportunity to sign up for many volunteer opportunities, including the 1-Oct.-2016 Golf Scramble, 20-Aug.-2016 Spring Reunion and the 7-Sept.-2016 Sendoff & Homecoming, so be sure to bring your calendars to the meeting.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS.

--24-July, M28 Pre-Flight #1, Colony Cottage Rec. Cen., 12:30pm

--8-Aug., VHF Club monthly meeting, Col. Cot., 12:30pm

--12-Aug., CPR class, La Hacienda Rec. Cen., 1:00pm

--20 Aug., Spring Reunion, Col. Cot. Rec. Cen., 1:00pm, **Volunteers needed**

--21 Aug., M28 Pre-Flight #2, Col. Cot. Rec. Cen., 12:30pm

--3-Sept., M29 Flightless Pre-Flight, Col. Cot. Rec. Cen., 12:30pm

--7-Sept., M28 Flight to Washington, D.C.
Homecoming Greeters needed

--9-Sept., CPR class, La Hacienda Rec. Cen., 1:00pm

--12-Sept., VHF Club monthly meeting, Col. Cot. Rec. Cen., 12:30pm

--24-Sept., M29, Flightless Mission, Amer. Legion & Col. Cot. Rec. Cen.

--25-Sept., M31, Pre-Flight #1, Col. Cot. Rec. Cen., 12:30pm

--1-Oct., Annual Golf Scramble at Spruce Creek CC.
Volunteers needed

--10-Oct., VHF Club monthly meeting, Col. Cot. Rec. Cen., 12:30pm

--14-Oct., CPR class, La Hacienda Rec. Cen., 1:00pm

--18-Oct., Bob Evans Fundraiser. 6am to 9pm.

Volunteers needed

--19-22-Oct. Tentative dates for Prison Flightless Mission. **Volunteers needed.** Contact gkadow@aol.com

--23-Oct., M31 Pre-Flight #2, Col. Cot. Rec. Cen., 12:30pm

--2-Nov., M31 Flight to Washington, D.C.

Homecoming Greeters needed

--10-Nov., Fundraiser "Forever Young" Doo Wop concert/dance, Wildwood Com. Cen., 6:30pm

--11-Nov., **VETERAN'S DAY !!!**

--12-Nov., Fundraiser "75 Years of USO", Savannah Center, details later

--14-Nov., VHF Club monthly meeting, Col. Cot. Rec. Cen., 12:30

--19-Nov., Fundraiser Fashion Show, Eisenhower Rec. Cen., 9:30am & 12:30pm

November Mission to be in honor of Lou Branch

M31, the last mission of the year will be the **Lou Branch Memorial Flight**. The WW2 History Club has achieved the donor level of Mission Sponsor and has decided to name M31 in honor of Lou Branch a WW2 and Korean War veteran who was one of the initial members of the club and key to the success of the WW2 Vets Group. Lou died in an automobile accident last November.

DOO-WOP CONCERT/DANCE FUNDRAISER. This fun evening will feature music by "Forever Young" and will be held at the Wildwood Community Center

beginning at 6:30pm on Thursday, 10-Nov. It's BYOB with ice and cups, plus snacks and desserts all furnished. Tickets are \$15.00 and tables for 6 (or 12, or 18, etc.) may be reserved. Contact Chairperson Marilyn Gagen at mgagen@me.com or 352-753-2603 or 352-552-6468 to purchase tickets. You may mail her a check made payable to "Villages Honor Flight" at 309 Emmalee Place, The Villages, FL 32162. How about buying six tickets from Marilyn and then filling up a table with friends and neighbors?

THE ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE IS COMING UP! This fun day will be on 1-Oct. and will be held at Eagle Ridge course at Del Webb's Spruce Creek Country Club. We'll need *lots* of volunteers for this very important fund raising event. Please contact Chairman Frank Moravcik at fpmoravcik@yahoo.com or 586-292-3138 to see what you can do to volunteer that day. We also are in need of both golfers and sponsors, so how about sponsoring a sign (only \$30) for one or more of your favorite veterans? How about recruiting one of your business contacts as a sponsor? You and potential sponsors can go to our web site, www.VillagesHonorFlight.org and click on "Fund Raisers" on the left side of the home page, then "Golf Tournament". Clicking on "More Info" will give you the links for entry forms and for sponsor forms.

VETERAN'S CORNER. M28 is our 7-Sept. Flight to Washington, D.C., and it is filled with 35 veterans. M29 is our "Flightless" mission on 24-Sept., for which there are currently 15 veterans ready to participate, with perhaps a few more still to be added. M31 will be our last flight to Washington, D.C. for calendar 2016, and we are increasing the number of veterans flying from 35 to 40. We are beginning to assign veterans for this flight, with priority being given to vets from WW2.

BOB EVANS FUNDRAISER. On Tuesday, 18-Oct., the Bob Evans restaurant on CR-466 in The Villages will donate 15% of sales to anyone who presents their server with a flyer. This will go on the entire day, from 6:00am to 9:00pm, and could result in a huge donation from Bob Evans, assuming we do a good job of getting the flyers distributed. We will have a supply of the flyers for you to distribute at the August, September and October monthly VHF Club

meetings. We will have an information table set up in the Bob Evans lobby to make people aware of Honor Flight and will have brochures, as well as merchandise to sell. You can help in two ways: volunteering to work a shift staffing the table and also by distributing the "flyers" to friends and neighbors. To either volunteer, or to get a link so you can print up some flyers, please contact Event Chairman Glenn Yagle, at 352-216-8747 or gjyagle@aol.com.

GUARDIAN'S CORNER. Have you been a guardian in the past? Do you want to fly again? Do you know someone who could be a great guardian? We need guardians, both new and experienced ones. You simply have to be in good health, under the age of 76 and be able to escort a veteran for a long day, including pushing him/her in a wheelchair for long distances. If you're 18 or older, *including over age 76*, you can *also* serve as a guardian on a "flightless" mission. Go to our web site at www.VillagesHonorFlight.org and click on the "Applications" tab on the left side of the Home Page. You can then select the appropriate application. Mail the completed application to: Villages Honor Flight, P.O. Box 490, Lady Lake, FL 32158-0490. Please write "Application" on the lower left corner of the envelope. Questions about applications? Please contact Guardian Coordinator Janet Myers at gc1jmyers@gmail.com or 352-350-4325.

"REUNION" FOR FIRST 4 MISSIONS OF 2016 TO BE HELD IN A FEW WEEKS. On Saturday, August 20, we will be holding a "Reunion" for the Veterans, Guardians and Staff who participated in the two spring 2016 flights to Washington, D.C, which were M25 on 30-March and M26 on 18-May. Also included are the two "Flightless" missions held so far in 2016, M24 on 27-Feb. and M27 on 23-June. The reunion will be held at the Colony Cottage Rec. Cen., beginning at 1:00pm. Veterans may bring a single guest. Yearbooks will be distributed to the veterans at this event. By the time this is received, veterans and guardians eligible to participate *should* have been contacted by their guardians so they could RSVP. If you're an eligible veteran or guardian from one of those 4 Missions, and have *not* been

contacted, please call or E-mail Sally Byrnes at 352-259-5890 or sally5890@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

We also are in need of volunteers to help at the Reunion. You may volunteer by also contacting Sally, as listed, above.

FASHION SHOW IS ALMOST HERE AGAIN. One of our most popular and successful fundraisers has been our Annual Fashion Show, and this year's two shows will be held on Thursday, 19-November, and will again be held at the Colony Cottage Rec. Cen. Models will include members of the VHF Club, as well as many veterans. Some of our male models will be escorted by members of "The Villages Sweeties" chapter of the "Sweet Potato Queens". The "Brunch Show" will be held at 9:30am and the "Lunch Show" will be held at 12:30pm. Either Brunch or Lunch is included in the \$15.00 cost of the tickets, and you may reserve tables of eight for your group, or purchase lesser numbers of tickets. Fashions, as well as discount shopping coupons, will be provided by Anthony's Women's Wear and Tommy Bahamas and the food catered by Chicken Salad Chic (*not* just chicken salad!). There will be chance drawings for prizes, raffles and likely a few surprises. To order tickets, please contact Laverne Holtz at 352-430-0899 (H) & 443-762-6292 (Cell) and grammie6@comcast.net. Tickets, *if still available*, can also be purchased at the Aug., Sept. & Nov. VHF Club meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. Remember, however that all of the previous events have been early sell-outs, so purchase tickets early so you don't get left out.

"75 YEARS OF USO" GRAND MUSICAL TO BE PRESENTED ON NOV. 12TH. The day after Veteran's Day many of OUR local singing and dancing stars will be participating in a big show at The Savannah Center. As we go to press, details other than the date are not available. All profits from this not-to-be-missed show will go to Villages Honor Flight. Tickets will be sold through The Villages Box Office and will be announced soon. Other details will be provided in next month's newsletter, but put it on your calendar now.

MAAD – "MISSIONS AT A DISTANCE" –MISSION #30. Gary Kadow, our VP for Administration, has announced a new "Prison Flightless Honor Flight",

Mission #30. After conducting our first mission at an Assisted Living Center with great success, thanks to Gary, Liza Walters and all of the talented members of VHF, we are now ready to conduct another "First" for our organization. In Mid-October we are planning to launch another Prison Mission in partnership with the Honor Flight HUB in Tallahassee. Mission #30 will be conducted at the Gulf Correctional Institute, just south of our State Capital, during the 3rd week of October (specific date to be determined shortly). This will be a coordinated effort between the two HUBs and the State of Florida Dept. of Corrections. Gary will serve as MADD Program Director and Barbara Hambright will be the Flight Director for this very special Mission. This will not be easy due to the distance involved, however Villages Honor Flight has never failed to complete a mission, and with everyone's help, this mission will be yet another "first" for us. *Your* help will be needed, therefore if you are interested in being part of this effort, please e-mail Gary at gkadow@aol.com to be included on the list of potential volunteers. Please be advised that anyone volunteering will need to go through a full NCIC security background screening. Gary looks forward to hearing from volunteers and will be in contact with those selected for the mission.

DONATIONS RECEIVED. *GIFTS* from Knights of Columbus St. Timothy Council No. 10034 and Plaza Cadillac. *IN MEMORY OF* Paul B. Briscoe, Don Dedmon, Johnny Fridell, Charles Jenkins, Dallas Johnson, Terry Moore, Bobby Russell, C.Q. Williams. *IN HONOR OF* Henry (Hank) A. Into.

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