

VILLAGES HONOR FLIGHT NEWSLETTER,
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NEXT MEETING. The Villages Honor Flight Club will meet on Monday, 11-Jan-2016, at 12:30 P.M. at the Colony Cottage Rec. Center. There will be a review of the Swing Band Concert as well as the upcoming "Grand Reunion". Volunteers for the 2016 Golf fundraiser will be sought, as well as for the upcoming 24 -Feb-2016 Flightless Honor Flight. The featured presentation will be the Quarterly Review for the end of 2015 and a preview of upcoming events in 2016.

WW2 HISTORY CLUB FUNDRAISER. This club has traditionally sponsored an Evening of WWII Music each February with proceeds going to Villages Honor Flight. In 2016, the event is being moved to March with *two* evenings of live entertainment: Wed., 23-Mar-2016 at the Eisenhower Rec. Center and Wed.,30-Mar-2016 at the Seabreeze Rec. Center. Music by Music Mix & Savoy Bands. Doors will open at 5:30PM and the events will start at 6PM. There will be approximately two hours of live band entertainment each evening. WW2 History Club members and VHF volunteers/vets/guardians will have priority for tickets, which will be \$10.00 and which will be available at VHF and WW2 History Club meetings and events. After 1 March, tickets will be made available to the general public. We need a few volunteers to help with ticket sales and with "usher" duties at the two actual events. Contact Mark Erdrich at (585) 455-2853 or merlin66@ww2hc.org.

FREE CPR CLASSES. These are offered by CERT the 2nd Friday of each month at the La Hacienda Recreation Center in Spanish Springs. All guardians MUST have completed CPR training within the 2 years prior to any flight (exception: Flightless Honor Flights do not need to have

CPR training). Sign up at the monthly club meeting, or by contacting Liza Walters at 352-753-9664 or lizadiana@aol.com.

"I DIDN'T KNOW THAT". VHF uses standard software for its "official" business, in particular MS Excel, MS Power Point, MS Word and AES encryption software.

2016 GOLF SCRAMBLE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. This important meeting will take place on Monday, 11-Jan-2016 at 9:00 A.M. (yes, the morning prior to the club meeting) at the Sumter County Library on the corner of Parr Drive and Belvedere. The 2015 event will be reviewed and plans started for the 2016 event. We need volunteers NOW to begin early solicitation of sponsors. If interested, just show up at the meeting. Questions? Contact event chairman Frank Moravik at 586-292-3138 or fpmoravcik@yahoo.com.

FEMALE VETERANS CELEBRATION. Are you a female veteran from Lake, Marion or Sumter County who served in wartime WW@, Korean, Vietnam or the Gulf Wars? The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 347 in Lady Lake, FL wishes to honor your service on Monday, 07-Mar-2016. Pre-registration is required for this luncheon as seating is limited to 225. Deadline to register is 12-Feb- 2016, and you may do so by contacting Peggy Hearlson at 352-307-8119 (H), 352-875-4454 ©, or plhearlson@aol.com.

YEHA BOB FUNDRAISER CONCERT. This will be on Monday, 29-Feb-2016, at the Eisenhower Recreation Center. There will be two shows, at 6pm and 8:15pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person, and tables for 10 may be reserved for \$100.00. You may bring your own drinks and snacks to the shows if you wish. The tickets may be purchased at any VHF club meeting, or by contacting Lavern Holtz at 352-430-0899 or grammie6@comcast.net. The Mickey's Fanatics Club is paying for the entertainer's fee, so 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to VHF.

VILLAGES SWING BAND CONCERT REVIEW. On Pearl Harbor Day, a sold-out crowd at American Legion Post 347 enjoyed another outstanding performance by The Villages Swing Band. With income not only from ticket sales, but from a 50-50 raffle, sale of baked goods and several “Chinese Auction” items, \$5,800.00 was raised to benefit Villages Honor Flight. A generous concert attendee added a \$1,000.00 donation, The Villages Swing Band donated their time and the American Legion post 347 donated the venue; resulting in a total of \$6,800.00! Chairperson Marilyn Gagen did a wonderful job of ticket sales and overall organization, plus arranged for donations of the mounds of baked goods and the auction items.

VOLUNTEERING. Villages Honor Flight is an all-volunteer organization. As we continue to grow and expand, we have an increasing demand for volunteers. We guarantee no pay, hard work, diverse opportunities and fantastic rewards, as when a vet approaches a volunteer and says “*I never knew anyone cared that I gave years of my life to serve my country. Thank you! This is the best thing that has happened to me.*” If you are interested in volunteering or if you know someone who is interested, go to the web site (www.villageshonorflight.org) and download and mail a volunteer application, or call us at 352-432-1382, and we will find a job you can do and will enjoy.

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