



VILLAGES HONOR FLIGHT NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING. The Villages Honor Flight Club will meet on Monday, 10-Oct-2016 at 12:30pm 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, so be sure to bring your calendars to the meeting. Gary Kadow & Barbara Hambright will be updating everyone about M30, the “flightless” mission at the VFW’s Veterans Village at Ft. McCoy on 18-Oct-2016.

Ben Mack-Jackson will be the guest speaker at the October meeting. Ben is the founder of the WWII Veterans history project. He previously talked to the club in June but now has a new presentation and his traveling museum is twice the size. You do not want to miss hearing Ben's presentation. Last time he received a standing ovation. Ben is only 14 years old !

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS.

- 01-Oct: Annual Golf Scramble at Spruce Creek Country Club
- 09-Oct: Project SOS Concert, Savannah Center, 5 to 7:30pm
- 10-Oct: VHF Club monthly meeting, 12:30pm, Colony Cottage Rec Center

- 14-Oct: CPR class, 1pm, La Hacienda Rec Center
- 15-Oct: Volunteer Appreciation Day, Wildwood Community Center., 10am-2pm
- 18-Oct: Bob Evans fund Raiser, 6am-9pm
- 18-Oct: M30 “Flightless” at Veterans Village, Ft. McCoy
- 23-Oct: M31 Pre-flight #2, 12:30pm, Colony Cottage Rec Center
- 2-Nov: M31 flight to DC; Homecoming greeters needed
- 10-Nov: Doo Wop concert, 6:30pm, Wildwood Community Center
- **11-Nov: VETERAN’S DAY!!**
- 11-Nov: Paquette Farms Show Barn Canteen Dance, 6-9pm
- 11-Nov: CPR class, 1pm, La Hacienda Rec. Center
- 12-Nov: “75 Years of USO” musical at Savannah Center
- 14-Nov: VHF Club monthly meeting, Colony Cottage Rec Center, 12:30pm
- 19-Nov: VHF Fashion show, 9:30am & 12:30pm, Colony Cottage Rec Center
- 09-Dec: CPR class, 1pm, La Hacienda Rec Center
- 12-Dec: VHF Club Monthly Meeting, 12:30pm, Colony Cottage Rec Center

BOB EVANS FUNDRAISER. On Tues., 18-Oct-2016, the Bob Evans on CR-466 in The Villages will donate 15% of sales to anyone who presents their server with one of our Honor Flight flyers. This will go on the entire day, from 6am until 9pm and could result in a *huge* donation to Villages Honor Flight. We have to get those flyers out to many, many people! Pick

up a supply at our Oct. club meeting, or contact Chairman Glenn Yagle at 352-216-8747 and he can give you a link to print some up for your own distributions to neighbors, friends, clubs, etc. Also available on our web site. Glenn could also use some volunteers to help staff a VHF info table at Bob Evans on 18-Oct, so sign up with him if you can help out.

DOO-WOP CONCERT/DANCE FUNDRAISER.

“Forever Young” will be the featured group at this fun evening, to be held at the Wildwood Com. Cen. on Powell Rd., beginning at 6:30pm on Thursday, 10-Nov. *It’s BYOB with ice, cups, snacks and desserts all provided!* Cost is only \$15.00 and tables for six can be reserved by contacting Chairperson Marilyn Gagen at mgagen@me.com or 352-753-2603 or 352-552-6468. You may also mail her a check made payable to “Villages Honor Flight” at 309 Emmalee Place, the Villages, FL 32162. Including a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your ticket return would be appreciated. Marilyn could also use some volunteers to work on decorating, set-up, clean-up, etc. She also needs some volunteers to bake cookies. Please contact her if you can help out.

WILDLY POPULAR ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

“BRUNCH” TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE. The Annual Fashion Show, which will be held at the Colony Cottage Rec. Cen. on Thursday, 19-Nov-2016, still has some tickets available for 9:30am “brunch” show. (The “lunch” show at 12:30pm has been sold out.) These shows always sell out, so don’t miss out by waiting too long to purchase the \$15.00 tickets for the 9:30am show, which includes brunch, door prizes, raffles and lots of surprises. Food will be catered by Chicken Salad Chic (*not* just chicken salad!) and the fashions will come from Anthony’s and Steinmart’s, who will also provide discount shopping discounts. You may order tickets from LaVerne Holtz at 352-430-0899 (H) & 443-762-6292 (C) or

grammie6@comcast.net. Tables for eight (8) may also be reserved. Tickets, *if still available*, may also be purchased at the Oct. and Nov. VHF Club monthly meetings.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Bronze Level (\$1,000-\$2,499): LSD of St. Charles Driveway Party

In Memory of: Elaine Cucchiara and Clarence Ostrander

WHERE DO OUR VETS LIVE? We have approximately 1,000 veterans in our Data Base. Although we serve 5 counties most of them come from the tri-county area of Sumter-Lake-Marion. More specifically, following are the cities/towns where most of them live:

- The Villages: 39%
- Lady Lake: 14%
- Leesburg: 11%
- Summerfield: 5%
- Ocala: 4%
- Tavares, Bushnell, Wildwood, all: 3%

The following are 1% to 2%: Oxford, Eustis, Clermont, Mt. Dora, Fruitland Park, Altoona, Brooksville, Belleview, Inverness, Hernando, Groveland & Grand Island.

VHF COULD USE SOME “TRANSPORTATION”

VOLUNTEERS: We serve 5 counties, with some towns and cities quite a distance from The Villages. Sometimes a veteran needs transportation to a VHF event, such as a meeting, send-off, squad social and return from Homecoming. These requests are few, but we need volunteer drivers on hand. Please E-mail Bob Sedaille at rob.sue1@live.com if you would be available for this Transportation Pool. If you’ve provided this information in the past, please re-confirm to Bob your continuing interest.

VHF PRESENTS "VETERANS SERVICE AWARD" TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 347. On Sep 14th, VHF presented a certificate and a handsome bronze eagle statue to celebrate the many years of outstanding service Post 347 has provided to us. This is the first time such an award has been made by VHF. They have provided their building to us, *at no cost*, for flight send-offs, homecomings, fund raising concerts, CPR classes, etc. In our early years, Post 347 allowed us to operate under their tax-free IRS license until we had our own. The Post Honor Guard has turned out in large numbers at all hours of the day and night for our missions. Post 347 has been one of our very most important supporters and we greatly appreciate their continued support. The award was presented by Gary Kadow, VHF VP for Administration, and Harry Miller, VHF Media Director, who are both Post 347 members. More than 20 VHF members were also in attendance.

THE SHOW BARN CANTEEN DANCE. This event will take place at the Paquette's Historical Farmall Museum on Whitney Rd., just south of SR-40 in Leesburg from 6-9pm on Veteran's Day, Nov., 11th. This will be a 3-hour show featuring Tampa's "42nd St. Big Band", a Frank Sinatra tribute, and an Andrews Sisters tribute. The cost is \$30.00 per person, with a portion being donated to VHF. *If you wear your military uniform you'll get \$4.00 cash back at the door!* Free US flags, coffee and donuts will be provided and light concessions will be for sale. Come dance to the music of the 40's and see the display of military vehicles. Call 352-728-3588 for information and ticket purchase.

"USO 75 YEARS OF SERVICE" SHOW. Villages Smash Productions will present a show benefiting VHF and USO on Saturday, 12-Nov-2016 at 7pm at the Savannah Center. It is a fast-paced variety show creating the look and feel of USO shows through time. It will be

presented in 3 sections with music and dance for WW2, Korea and Vietnam, and will feature popular songs from those eras that will surely have the audience singing along. The stellar cast includes well-known performers such as Bill Davis, Bill Krone, Bonnie Williams, Carolyn Hoffman, Chris Bolus, Gary Chubeck, Jan Lavin, Janice Schwartz, Jim Case, Bruce & Lynne Greenberger, along with Music in Motion members Marek "The Skipper" Finkle, Phil Catabellotta & Sally Spieth. Also performing will be The Villages Beatlemaniacs and singers from The Villages Pop Chorus. The show will be led by a Veterans Honor Guard and the Sounds of Scotland Bagpiper group. Tickets are on sale at all Villages Box Offices or online at www.thevillagesentertainment.com and cost \$20 & \$25.

VHF COOKOUT HONORING OUR VOLUNTEERS. We will be celebrating our 5th anniversary by saying "Thank You!" to our volunteers at a cookout on October 15th, from 11am to 2pm. This will be at the Wildwood Community Center at 6500 Powell Rd. and is open to anyone who has volunteered with VHF. Please RSVP with numbers expected from your group to Peter Tetrault at 352-205-8503 or tate1443@aol.com. This event is made possible by donated products and volunteers and no VHF funds will be used, as all donations to VHF are for our veterans, only.

M30 AT FT. MCCOY'S VFW VETERANS VILLAGE TO HAVE SOME "FIRSTS". This "road" event will be held on Tuesday, 18-Oct-2016. It will be a "Flightless" mission, serving some 35 resident veterans and many of their spouses. There will also be some special recognition of three widows of former Ft McCoy Veteran's Village residents, something VHF has not done before. Col. Al Lugo, US Army (retired) is the Executive Director at Veteran's Village, and Barbara Hambright will be serving as the Flight Director. We would really like to have VHF members

show up and participate in the "Homecoming" portion of the mission. If you, perhaps with friends & neighbors, would like to take a pleasant afternoon drive to Veteran's Village for the "Homecoming", please contact Gary Kadow, who is the Program Director for Missions at a Distance (MAAD) at 352-430-0567 or gkadow@aol.com.

YAHOO DATA BREACH This has been in virtually every newspaper and on every news program, but you may have missed it. YAHOO! had a massive data breach two years ago that is just now gaining visibility. Over 500 million accounts were compromised. If you have a Yahoo account including an email account, your account was likely part of the breach and some personal information may have been compromised. If you have a Yahoo account, change your password immediately.

NB: our Data Meister, Mark Erdrich, has been messing around with computers for 45+ years. He manages a dozen email dist lists of substantial size (> 250 addresses). When a user is hacked, they often tell the webmaster that they have been hacked and what their new email address is. Yahoo is at the top for accounts which have been hacked followed by Hotmail and gmail.

WWII Trips The WW2 History Club sponsors trips of WW2 interest each year. A group of 36 Villagers just returned from a great 3 day trip to the National WWII Museum.

Three trips are in consideration for 2017:

1. The Battle of the Bulge and the Crossing of the Rhine Tour, covering Belgium, Luxembourg and western Germany, April 24 – May 1, 2017.
2. The Tour of Normandy, covering Normandy and Paris, France, May 3 – 10, 2017.
3. A trip to Crete, Sicily, Malta and North Africa sometime in the fall

See [WWII History Club web site](#) for more details

GOLF TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS!

Chairman Frank Moravcik reports that the 2016 event was likely the biggest, most successful fundraiser in the history of Villages Honor Flight! A full report will be made at the monthly meeting on Monday, 10-Oct. at 12:30pm at the Colony Cottage Rec. Center. If you would like to reclaim the "tribute" sign you purchased for display at the tournament, please contact Frank directly at fpmoravcik@yahoo.com or telephone 586-292-3138 to make arrangements to pick up your sign at his home, which is at 2539 Alandari Lane in the village of Duvall. Frank says he has more than 150 signs, so cannot bring them to the meetings for you to pick up.

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