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Villages Honor Flight Newsletter

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All They Did Was Save The World 1944

Late Breaking News

It is with great sadness that I must report that Mark Erdrich, founder of Villages Honor Flight and a friend to many of us, passed away on the 12th of February 2018. Mark was the driving force behind Villages Honor Flight working with a small group of people in late 2011 and early 2012 to launch the first mission on 26 May 2012. So far we have honored over 1000 Veterans.

Since then Mark was the Board Chairman, Hub President, data meister and many other duties too numerous to mention. He became ill in mid-2017 and, one by one, slowly relinquished his duties to others. The one thing he did not relinquish was his unwavering commitment to the veterans and to Villages Honor Flight

At no time did Mark expect and demand anything less than 100% from us and was fond of saying "if you tell me you are going to do it, then you better do it". It was this philosophy and constant innovation that allowed us to grow to be one of the highly recognized hubs within the National Honor Flight system and to be the robust organization we are today. It is incumbent upon the rest of us to continue

to maintain the strong legacy that he left. As current Chairman of the Board, I will ensure that all of us in this organization he founded and gave his heart to, Villages Honor Flight, will continue to be "all about the Veterans". Please mark your calendars for 29 March 2018. There will be a memorial service for Mark locally. We will be requesting that as many VHF members, past and present, Veterans and friends attend this service. Details will be forthcoming.

Some of you may receive this notification twice. I am using two separate email distributions to insure that as many people as possible receive it.

Per Mark's wishes, there are to be no flowers, contributions etc. Cards to Carol only. Cards may be sent to;

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