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**VILLAGES HONOR FLIGHT ANNOUNCES SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 FLIGHT OF
WWII VETERANS TO WASHINGTON DC AND WELCOME HOME EVENT**

The Villages, FL- – **Thirty-five** WWII veterans will be honored on the Villages Honor Flight to Washington DC on September 10, 2015. These individuals, who served around the world during the war, served with distinction and honor, and will be appropriately recognized and thanked for their sacrifices and service to America. Villages Honor Flight will be flying their 500th veteran on this flight and along with the American soldiers, there are two ally soldiers flying. Douglas Coleman, Ocala, served in the Canadian Navy. Also flying from Marion County are: David Cozzens, Joseph Bauer, Arthur Wehrman, Donald Hughes and Edway Hodgson Jr.

In making the announcement Mark Erdrich, President of Villages Honor Flight, stated “These WWII veterans made extreme personal sacrifices and risked their lives to literally save the world. We are honored that we can provide this trip for them and thank them for their valiant and unselfish service.”

The community is invited to honor these 35 WWII veteran heroes when they return from this one day trip at a “Welcome Home Ceremony”, a ceremony they never received at the end of their service. This **free event, open to the public**, is held at **American Legion Post 347** on Route 466 and Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake, Florida. Live entertainment begins at **10 pm**, and the buses transporting them from the airport are schedule to arrive about **11 pm**. Attendees are asked to bring a chair, an American flag and a friend.

Villages Honor Flight is a hub of the National Honor Flight Network, a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices. Veterans are flown, without expense to them, to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials established in their honor and visit Arlington National Cemetery to witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Each veteran is accompanied on the flight by a guardian to assist them and the guardians pay their own way.

Villages Honor Flight serves veterans in Lake, Sumter, Marion, Hernando and Citrus Counties. Over 600 veterans, principally WWII veterans, from these areas have registered with Villages Honor Flight to make this trip of a life time. At the conclusion of this flight over **500 veterans** will have flown on a Villages Honor Flight.

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