SCHEDULED SERVICES

March 30—Welcome Home 10:00 A.M.
Vietnam Veterans

May 15—Peace Officers Memorial 10:00 A.M.

Forces Day

3rd Saturday in May—Armed Forces Day 10:00 A.M.

Memorial Day Last Monday in May 10:00 A.M.

June 14—Flag Day 10:00 A.M.

July 4—Independence Day 10:00 A.M.

July 27—Korean War Armistice Day 10:00 A.M.

Sept 11—Remembrance Day 6:00 P.M.
Morse Blvd—Fire Station #44

Sept 19—POW/MIA Recognition Day 10:00 A.M.

Nov 11—Veterans Day 10:00 A.M.

Dec 7—Pearl Harbor Day 10:00 A.M.

Note: All Sunday Services held at 2:00 P.M., except Sept. 11, remains 6:00 P.M.

ORGANIZATIONAL FLAGS

82nd AIRBORNE, DIV. ASSOC. of PARATROOPERS AND GILDERMAN AMERICAN EX-POW's

AMERICAN LEGION POST #347

DAV CHAPTER #150 AUXILLERY

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS #150

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS SOCIETY

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

KOREAN WAR VETERANS, CH #169

LAKE & SUMPTER COUNTIES CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOC.

OF AMERICA

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Cal. Phillip C. DeLong Detachment #1267

MILITARY ORDER OF PURPLE HEART, CHAPTER #795

NS, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, PUG PUGGY CHAPTER

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SUBMARINE SEADRAGON BASE USSVI

SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WWII

TRI-COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST #10126

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICAN #1036

WORLDWIDE AIREBORN

The Park welcomes participation of unit flags from all Tri-County Veterans and patriotic organizations in its ceremonies. ALL VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY HONORABLE ARE WELCOME.

THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK OF THE VILLAGES, INC. FLORIDA

DEDICATED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1998 TO ALL US VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT

(LOCATED JUST OFF MAIN STREET AT PAIGE PL, AND LAKE MIRAMAR)

FLY THE FLAG AT HALF-STAFF ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Sunup till noon
Last Monday in May (Memorial Day)

Sunup till Sundown
May 15 (Peace Officers Memorial Day)
July 27 (Korean War Armistice Day)

The Village Memorial Park is a Pet Free Park.
The Veteran's Memorial Park had its beginning when Frank Mezzatesta was raising money at the local grocery store for the Ex-POWs. Three young teens stopped to ask him if "POW" stood for "People Out of Work." An Ex-POW himself, Mezzatesta was shocked that the younger generation had no knowledge of the meaning of the term. He felt compelled to find a way to educate today's youth about Veterans' contributions to our nation. Thus, the idea of a monument to Veterans was born.

A Committee of Veterans and patriotic organizations was formed to work on the project. The Villages developer, the Schwartz/Morse family donated the grounds for the park and using Mezzatesta's original plans, provided the architectural design. The Village Foundation administered the fundraising efforts. As a result of the partnership, the new park was dedicated on Veterans' Day November 11, 1998. Now that the park is complete the Committee conducts regular services for Veterans throughout the year. The public is invited to these services, and local youth groups are also encouraged to participate.

For more information about the VMP contact Richard Simpson, President 352-259-4031 Please visit our website at: www.thevillagesmemorialpark.org Facebook The-Veterans-Memorial-Park-of-the-Villages

**VMP COMMITTEE**

**ORGINAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Frank Mezzatesta, EX-POW, Park founder, USAAF
Harold E. Sievers, (Emeritus) USAF
John Breisho, USA (Deceased)
Emory Clippert, EX-POW, USA
Del Presher, USN (Deceased)
Tom Ritter, USA (Deceased)
Roger Sullivan, (Emeritus) USAF
Janet Davie, (Emeritus), NSDAR
Christine Heaton (Emeritus), NSDAR

**New Board Members**

Richard Simpson, President USAF
Cliff Robertson, Vice President USAF
Charlaine Zopfi, Secretary DAR
Gordon Yahr, Treasurer USN
Dave Johnson, Chaplain
Warren Beard, HG Commander US Army
Arthur B Canale, Board Member US Army

**15 Years Veterans Memorial Park**

**VMP COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

- Conduct Veterans services at the Veterans Memorial Park.
- Brick sales to commemorate U.S. Veterans past and present. Bricks may be purchased all year. Bricks are dedicated each November 11th during Veterans Day service. For information call VCD office 753-4508.
- Support of VA hospital activities (DAV Van)
- Award scholarships to high school graduates.

**Adopt-a-Kid, Adopt-A-Vet**

This program is a major activity of the VMP Committee and began in the fall of 1999 at the Village Elementary School of Lady Lake, it was created to fill a serious "gap" in our children's education, the absence of any meaningful instruction about what a Veteran is, or their sacrifice to preserve freedom and democracy, about our nation's heritage, and respect for its flag. The program serves elementary schools—grades 4 & 5 in the tri-county area. It's success is spreading across Florida and the nation! The fact that our nation has been savagely attacked by forces trying to destroy our very existence has underscored the importance of such a program. As a nation at war this affords an exciting and rewarding mission of our Veterans to fulfill. Hours required are few but rewards are many.

CALL 352-454-3759 for Information