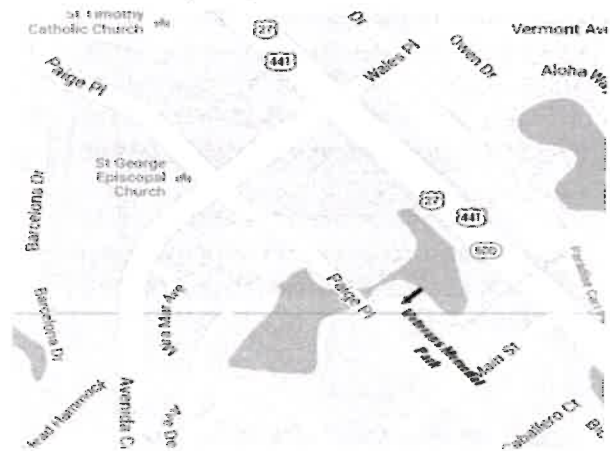


## SCHEDULED SERVICES

<b>March 30—Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans</b>	10:00 A.M
<b>May 15—Peace Officers Memorial</b>	10:00 A.M
<b>3rd Saturday in May—Armed Forces Day</b>	10:00 A.M
<b>Memorial Day Last Monday in May</b>	10:00 A.M
<b>June 14—Flag Day</b>	10:00 A.M
<b>July 4- Independence Day</b>	10:00 A.M
<b>July 27—Korean War Armistice</b>	10:00 A.M
<b>Sept 11—Remembrance Day</b> Morse Blvd—Fire Station #44	6:00 P.M
<b>Sept 19—POW/MIA Recognition Day</b>	10:00 A.M
<b>Nov 11—Veterans Day</b>	10:00 A.M
<b>Dec 7- Pearl Harbor Day</b>	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-POWs  
 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  
 Col. Phillip C. DeLong Detachment #1267  
 MILITARY ORDER OF PURPLE HEART,  
 CHAPTER #795  
 NS, DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN  
 REVOLUTION, PUC 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.

## HISTORY

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](http://www.thevillagesmemorialpark.org)

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## VMP COMMITTEE

### ORIGINAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Frank Mezzatesta, EX-POW, Park founder, USAAF

Harold E. Sievers, (Emeritus) USAF

John Brehio, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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's 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