



## **Villages Honor Flight, Inc. Policy B-04 Guardian Selection Policy**

### **Article 1: Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to define the criteria by which Guardians are selected to participate in a Villages Honor Flight mission. The number one priority of VHF is to insure the safety of our Veterans. To that end, individuals must meet certain requirements to be accepted as a guardian.

### **Article 2: Acceptance Criteria:**

All potential guardians must have a guardian application on file with Villages Honor Flight. Guardians must be physically fit and mentally alert. The activities on a traditional Washington D.C. mission flight day will run close to 24 hours from the time the guardian leaves home until they return. Those guardians may be required to push a wheel chair for over an hour on uneven and possibly slippery surfaces, may have to assist a vet who has fallen, assist a veteran by attending to their personal needs and may be asked to help load and unload wheel chairs from the bus.

For the traditional flight to Washington, D.C., the age limit for guardians is 70. However, any applicant who is over 70 but no older than 75 must present documentation from their physician indicating that they are "fit to fly". There is no age limit for guardians participating in a Flightless Honor Flight.

All potential guardians must be approved by the Villages Honor Flight Medical Team.

All guardians must have a current CPR certification prior to flight day.

### **Article 3; Dismissal of Guardians**

Any Guardian found not meeting the expectations outlined in the Guardian manual may be dismissed from their duties by the Flight Director. Dismissal may occur as early as the Pre-flight meeting based on observations of the flight staff. The final decision rests with the Flight Director.

**Article 4: Assignment of Guardians:**

Villages Honor Flight will make all Veteran/Guardian assignments. No Veteran specific guardian applications will be considered.