



**Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting  
Wednesday, September 3, 2025 7:00PM  
VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.  
Madison, WI 53716**

**Chairperson Report – Ziegler**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:10PM**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Two new volunteers**
- 4. Board and Flight Team Introductions**

**Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler**

- 1. Veteran Recruitment**
  - WE NEED VETERANS!!! With six flights, we will fly over 500 Veterans. We are not getting enough applications to match the number we are flying. We had a table at the VA Hospital and handed out applications. I just had an interview with WIBA AM1310. All the hubs in the state are facing this problem. Recently attended the Honor Flight Network National meeting and brought up about accepting applications for Desert Storm Veterans in the very near future and this was put on hold. 15% of all the Veterans flown to fly DC in 2025 will be from Wisconsin.
- 2. Fall Flight Sponsors**
  - Mission 61 – Kopke's Greenhouse
  - Mission 62 – Heroes for Honor
  - Flight sponsorship is a donation of \$100,000 or cumulative over four years to equal \$100,000
- 3. Speaking Engagements**
  - Upcoming
    - August 26 – Baraboo Kiwanis Club – Tom Cantwell
    - TBD – Bristol Hospice – Stoughton – Brian Ziegler
  - Contact [chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org) for speaking engagements
- 4. Check Presentations**
  - Honoring Our Veterans Car Show \$17,186
  - VFW 7591 Brat Fry \$1,354
  - VFW 8483 Meat Raffle and Auction \$7,833
  - A & W Lancaster Car Show \$2,266.20
  - Mallards 50/50 \$1,914
  - Doug's Handyman \$350



## **Treasurer Report – Ed Brown**

### **1. Large Donations**

- Vilter Foundation \$5,000
- Cardinal Heating employee golf outing \$2,140
- 1 Lt May – 23rd Infantry Wolfhounds \$1,914

## **Secretary Report – Becki Clark**

### **1. Thank you.**

- Thank you to everyone who attended the July services. All twelve of them were attended by volunteers. Your attendance means so much to our Veteran's families

### **2. We Remember the Fallen - July 2025:**

- Dean Willard - Marines Korea - Mission 43
- Samuel Kok - Army Korea - Mission 11
- Clarence Thistle - Army Vietnam - Mission 53
- Robert Olson - Navy Korea - Mission 19
- Gordon Faust- Air Force Korea - Mission 11
- Lloyd Essmann - Army Vietnam - Mission 33
- Robert Kaalberg - Army Vietnam - Mission 46
- James Schmitz - Army Vietnam - Mission 29
- Marvin Hanson - Air Force Korea - Mission 22
- Roger Isely - Army Korea - Mission 20
- Arthur Cothran - Navy Korea - Mission 16
- Darold Dowling - Marines Vietnam - Mission 52

### **3. Eagle Scout Project**

- Colin Timmerman, Troop 168, presented his completed Eagle Scout project to Badger Honor Flight. Colin built a staircase that is a replica of the bus stairs on the coach buses we use on flight day in Washington, D.C. The stairs will be used at Guardian Training to assess our Veteran's ability on the stairs. Thank you very much to Colin for this awesome, very generous donation. Thank you to volunteer Fred Clark for being Colin's mentor for the project.



## **Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report – Tiffany Tobias**

### **1. July Highlights**

- THANK YOU to ALL who volunteered at all the July events!

### **2. Look Ahead**

- August 9th: Guardian Training - Friday set-up will require moving furniture
- August 9th: Heroes for Honor Pancake Breakfast / Sunflower Sale and Silent Auction - 8-11am VFW Post 7964 Prairie Du Sac
- Dream Team – Badger Game Day – Looking for Volunteers – Sign Up Genius will be sent out again
  - All three fall flights are all on Badger home football games!
- September 6th: First fall flight - Sign Up Coming Tomorrow
- October 13th: Larry Satterlee Clay Shoot - Sponsorships still available – Contact Terry Phillips
  - 232 shooters are registered. We have four more teams than last year. We are short volunteers. Have secured \$ 10,000 in guns for raffle.
- November 12: Veterans Shoot in Waunakee
- If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email [volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org)

### **4. Volunteer Opportunities**

- Medical Team Members
- Admin Support
- IT Management
- Newsletter Article Writer

## **Inventory Report – Babler**

1. We currently have 2 new items for sale.
  - Coasters – 1 = \$3, 4 = \$10
  - Red Tumblers = \$15
2. Coming soon!
  - 3' by 5' BHF Flags = \$50
3. Always open to new ideas for merchandise.



## **Administration Report – Stevens**

### **1. Flown as of 6/1/2025**

- World War II 1,255
- Korea 1,270
- Vietnam (11/1/1955 to 5/7/1975) 2,792
- Persian Gulf War on Terrorism 5
- Total 5,322

### **2. Next milestone**

- Mission 63 – 5,500 Veteran

### **3. Waitlist as of 8/6/2025**

- 5 – Korean
  - 2 will fly In Fall 2025
  - 3 requested Spring 2026
- 675 – Vietnam
  - Approximately 265 will fly in Fall 2025, leaving approximately 410 on waitlist for 2026. WE NEED APPLICATIONS . . .

## **Medical – Greenwood**

### **1. Guardian Training/Flight Day Updates**

- We have over 20 volunteers for GT. A good number of them are going on flights. GT will be different from the medical side, so we can eliminate IT problems. I'm trying to do more delegation. Lynn Waldera will be the lead for GT. Each flight will have a flight lead, someone familiar and can take lead. Dr. Carimi will oversee evaluating major, new problems with Veterans at GT.

## **Flight Operations Report – McClain**

### **1. Fall Flights**

- Mission 61 – September 6, 2025  
7am departure/9:15pm arrival
- Mission 62 – October 11, 2025  
7am departure/9:15pm arrival
  - George from Chick-fil-A in DC will be coming to Madison to experience an entire flight day with us.
- Mission 63 – November 8, 2025  
7am departure/8:15pm arrival
  - Ace from Arby's in DC will be coming to Madison to experience an entire flight day with us.



## **2. Flight Day Sponsorship Opportunities, per flight**

- Flight / \$100,000 – Nov \*\*that's just \$68.63/day for 4 years!
- Buses / \$5000 – Sept, Oct, Nov
- US Park Police / \$1500 – Sept, Oct, Nov
- Lunch / \$2500 – Nov
- Dinner / \$2500 – Oct, Nov
- Contact Jody or Ed if interested in sponsoring a piece of flight day.

## **3. Swag bags**

- Always looking for swag bag content donations. Small chotchkes, business swag, etc. 95 per flight. Great opportunity for free advertisement!

## **4. Remembering Dolly**

- Dolly served as the Chief Happiness Officer on Mission 60. She passed away unexpectedly on July 7th.

## **Misc.**

### **1. Fall Flights Publicity Recap**

- Mission 61
  - WISC – Channel 3 Videographer
  - WIBA 1310 AM – Radio
- Mission 62
  - Oregon Observer - Photographer
- Mission 63
  - 5,500 Veteran flown. We are working on plans for celebrating this moment. Let me know if you know of someone who might be interested in going on the flight

### **2. Veteran Recruitment**

- Board is exploring opportunities for BHF to promote our mission and recruit Veterans. Submit ideas to Brian for Board consideration.

### **3. Color Guards**

- We are in need of Color Guards to help with our Welcome Home. If you know of any that are interested, please let Brian know.

### **4. Guardian Training**

- TSA and Custom Canines Service Dog Academy will be in attendance.



### Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
  - **September 3, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
  - **October 1, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
  - **November 5, 2025** – VFW 7591– 301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison 7:00pm

### Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,  
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