



**Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting  
Wednesday, January 7, 2026 7:00PM  
VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.  
Madison, WI 53716**

**Chairperson Report – Ziegler**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:05PM**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Two new volunteers**
- 4. Board and Flight Team Introductions**

**Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler**

- 1. Overview**
  - Spring Flights
    - All contracts are signed! Three flights. This spring flight season has been the most difficult for procurement of charter planes ever.
      - Mission 64 – April 18
      - Mission 65 – May 9
      - Mission 66 – May 30
  - WI Honor Flights / Honor Flight Network News
    - WI Honor Flights
      - WI Honor Flight Summit – Jan 24 in Wausau. This is a great opportunity to network on topics such as fundraising, recruitment, etc.
      - Stars and Stripes – New President - Steve Vasatko
    - Honor Flight Network
      - HFN Summit: Feb 27 – Feb 28 in Washington, D.C. Three BHF Board members and myself are going. 78 hubs totaling 325 people are attending. We will learn the best practices to help our missions. BHF will host a Wisconsin Tailgate before the Gala Saturday night. We will be joined by hubs from Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota.
      - New Board Chairperson – Theresa Werner. I have worked with her for many years on National Board. We are excited to have her and a new, fresh perspective and new initiatives. She will have a focus on the hubs and how to serve them.



- New Member to the Badger Honor Flight Board
  - Director of Administration – Miel Barman
    - Term Jan 1, 2026 – Dec 31, 2027
    - Eileen will be assisting Miel
- THANK YOU, EILEEN!
  - Thank you, Eileen, for all your years of service as Director of Inventory Management and Director of Administration to the Badger Honor Flight Board. We are grateful for all that you have done to make our missions successful!

## 2. Speaking Engagements

- Upcoming
  - none
- Past Month
  - Tiffany Tobias – Sun Prairie Rotary
- Contact [chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org) for speaking engagements

## 3. Check Presentations

- Waunahops \$13,000
- Piggly Wiggly (Southwestern WI stores) \$5,568.96
- Parshall Cumming VFW Post 2336 \$600
- Heroes for Honor \$13,000
- Invenergy \$3,000
- Rio American Legion Post 208 \$500
- Oscar Mayer Reunion \$170
- Piggly Wiggly Information Table \$1,974.69
- Announcement of Villa Tap total for 2025 \$8,265

## Treasurer Report – Ed Brown

### 1. Large Donations

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| • Anonymous - (stock)         | \$26,900 |
| • Electronic Theatre Controls | \$7,500  |
| • Sunrise Orchards            | \$7,100  |
| • Bright Side Giving          | \$5,000  |
| • Kayser Chrysler – Sauk City | \$1,370  |

### Memorials

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| • Diane Ryan | \$2,575 |
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## 2. Charity Navigator

- One of the most used evaluators of charities. Mission is to:
  - Help donors make informed giving decisions and enabling well-run charities
  - To demonstrate their commitment to proper stewardship of donor dollars.
  - Ratings from 1 to 4 Stars
- Evaluation based on:
  - Impact and measurement (outcomes)
  - Accountability and Finance
  - Leadership and Adaptability
  - Culture and Community
- BHF = 4 Stars!!
  - Due to efforts of all, and the Board prior to me and all their hard work with the policies and procedures, this 4 star rating happened. 96% of every dollar goes to our flights.

## Secretary Report – Becki Clark

### 1. Thank you

- Thank you very much for attending the services of our fallen heroes. Your presence means so much to our Veteran's families.

### 2. We Remember the Fallen – November & December 2025:

- John Rassmussen - Army Vietnam - Mission 55
- Orville Sette - Army World War II - Mission 4
- Steven Marquardt - Army Vietnam - Mission 44
- John Scharer - Army Korea - Mission 13
- Roman Ripp - Army Korea - Mission 16
- Robert Vetter - Marines Vietnam – Waitlist
- William Taylor - Navy Korea - Mission 13
- Tyrone Paulson - Army Vietnam - Mission 31
- David Watermann - Army Vietnam - Mission 60
- Donald Manion - Army Korea – Waitlist
- Martin Keller - Army Vietnam - Mission 29
- Jeffrey Krakow - Army Vietnam - Mission 28
- Kenneth Waddell - Army Korea - Mission 16
- Richard Stauber - Navy Korea - Mission 14
- Jake Jacobson - Air Force Korea – Withdrew



- William Madden - Marines Vietnam - Mission 38
- Charles Halverson - Navy World War II-Mission 20
- Edgar Temby - Army Korea - Mission 20
- David Mahoney - Navy Vietnam - Mission 33
- Tom DiSalvo - Army Vietnam - Mission 36
- Lloyd Dresen - Army Vietnam - Mission 46
- James Curran - Navy Korea - Mission 18
- Lyle Elske - Marines Vietnam – Waitlist
- Edward Denman - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 48
- Thomas Tucker - Army Korea - Mission 18
- James Kirch - Army Korea - Mission 40
- Merlin Frohmader - Army World War II - Mission 25
- Richard Staley - Army Korea - Mission 35

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

#### **1. December Volunteer Celebration**

- THANK YOU to everyone who attended the celebration in December! It was our biggest Volunteer Celebration to date. A great time was had by all!

#### **2. Wreaths Across America**

- In December a group of volunteers from Madison flew to Washington, D.C. to lay wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery with our DC based volunteers. Our Madison volunteers paid for this trip out of their pockets, no BHF funds were used. It was an incredible event, and we were humbled to have had this opportunity.

#### **3. Look Ahead**

- January 30th 6pm: Meat Raffle 50/50 for BHF @ Starkweather Brewing, 2439 Atwood Ave
- March 7th: Guardian Training @ American Family Insurance
- June 2026: Women's Veteran Recognition Booth
  - Ceremony, Cook-Out Resource Fair thru VA Update

#### **4. Volunteer Opportunities**

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



### **Inventory Report – Babler**

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

- Thank you to everyone that volunteered to work the Merchandise Table and Cart this last year.

#### **2. Looking ahead to 2026**

- Looking for any feedback from volunteers that worked the Guardian Training both when we prepack the clothing and when we took all the clothing over and handed it out then. I have Dawn's feedback on the process and looking for others as well.

### **Administration Report – Stevens**

#### **1. Waitlist January 2026**

- World War II - 1
- Korea – 7
- Vietnam (11/1/1955 to 5/7/1975) – 635

#### **2. Applications 2025**

- January 25
- February 18
- March 18
- April 28
- May 42
- June 35
- July 55
- August 61
- September 37
- October 39
- November 61
- December 25
- Total 444 - Monthly Average 37

### **Medical – Greenwood**

#### **1. None**



## **Flight Operations Report – McClain**

### **1. Spring Flight Dates**

- Mission 64
  - April 18, 2026
  - Sun Country
  - 6:30am/9:15pm
  - Flight Sponsor:
- Mission 65
  - May 9, 2026
  - American Airlines
  - 7am / 9:15pm
  - Flight Sponsor:
- Mission 66
  - May 30, 2026
  - JetBlue
  - 6:30am/8:15pm
  - Flight Sponsor:

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

- Alpha/Flight - \$100,000
- Bravo/Day in DC - \$15,000
- Charlie/Welcome Home - \$10,000 (season)
- Buses - \$6000
- USPP - \$1500
- Breakfast - \$750
- Lunch - \$2500
- Dinner - \$2500
- Snacks - \$200
- Contact Brian, Jody or Ed if interested in sponsoring a piece of flight day.

### **3. Other Ways to Help**

- Amazon Wishlist on Facebook
- Swag bag donations – 95
  - Bags
  - Business tchotchkes

### **4. REAL ID / TSA**

- Informed by MSN TSA that the \$45 fee that goes into place on 2/1/26 for passengers without a REAL-ID will be waived for Veterans on the Honor Flight charter.
- Fee will apply for Guardians and BHF Volunteers that go through TSA. For more information visit: [www.tsa.gov/tsaconfirm-id](http://www.tsa.gov/tsaconfirm-id)



## 5. Memorial Updates

- On January 9<sup>th</sup>, the World War II Memorial will be closed thru May to update and lighting for the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States. This is very discouraging as we do have a World War II Veteran to fly this spring. Updates will also be made at the Korean War Memorial. There will be areas there though that will still be open.
- Arlington National Cemetery is stepping up security. Anyone entering must have a REAL ID.

### Misc.

#### 1. Spring Flights – Publicity

- Just starting to get things started. Recruiting MSN and DC Photographers. Looking for someone to collect Veteran stories at Guardian Training.
- Color Guards
  - Soliciting for Send-Off and Welcome Home

#### 2. Rude's Lanes Fundraiser

- Rude's Lanes will hold their annual fundraiser for Badger Honor Flight on February 21, 2026

### Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
  - **February 4, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
  - **March 4, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
  - **April 1, 2026** – VFW 7591– 301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison 7:00pm

### Contact the Board -

- **Chairperson of the Board:** Brian Ziegler [chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org)
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Respectfully submitted,  
Becki Clark



Board Secretary  
Badger Honor Flight