



Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, July 2, 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. No new volunteers**

Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler

1. Veteran Recruitment

- This is a very serious problem. We need more veterans. How can we get more to apply? Stars and Stripes and Never Forgotten Honor Flights have advertised at Kwik Trip with videos at the gas pumps. We are looking to invest some money to increase our recruitment. Ed is working with his former employer putting signs at car dealerships. We are going to push our QR code that will take Veterans right to our website to apply. Our new website is coming soon. If you have any ideas on how we can recruit more Veterans, please see me. We are aware that we have Veterans that aren't being served by us and we are addressing that. I will be attending the Honor Flight Network National board meeting and will be pushing for extending the service dates we serve, through to the Persian Gulf War. This memorial is being built now.

2. Fall Flights

- We are actively planning for our fall flight. Lots to do to get ready. Tyler is working hard with his medical team. Brad is getting merchandise items ready.

3. Upcoming Events

- There are a lot of great events still to come this summer. Please get out and support these businesses and organizations that support BHF.

4. Speaking Engagements

- Upcoming
 - None
- Past Month
 - Waunakee Senior Center – Tim Bintz
 - Rio American Legion – Dawn Splittgerber
- Contact chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org for speaking engagements

5. Check Presentations

- None
- Marnette did give a cash envelope from Chico's Villa Tap for \$2820



Treasurer Report – Ed Brown

1. Memorials

- Jerome Buller \$1,675
- Charles Hammer \$1,535
- Vern Schulz \$1,000

2. Large Donations

- Mission 60
 - Anonymous \$30,000
 - James Statz \$1,000
- Katherine Christianson \$2,500

3. Six months into the year and we are tracking like last year. Expenses are up a bit and donations the same. We can pay the bills for fall flights. The golf outing brought in \$6800 more than last year's. I did talk with the anonymous donor of \$30,000 from Mission 60. He was very impressed and appreciative of his flight day. He wanted to give to BHF because he knows that we don't have a paid board like many other organizations.

Secretary Report – Becki Clark

1. We Remember the Fallen - June 2025:

- Dwight Frick - Navy Vietnam – Mission 30
- Roger Ballweg - Army Vietnam - Mission 35
- James Moan - Air Force Korea - Mission 20
- Chuck Paxton - Army Vietnam - Mission 29
- Rudolph Wegert - Marines Korea & Vietnam - Mission 35
- Allen Cummings - Navy Vietnam - Mission 51
- Wallace Boley - Navy Korea - Mission 14
- Robert Liddicoat - Navy Vietnam - Mission 55
- Anton Arneson - Army World War II - Mission 4
- Francis Hartman - Navy & Marines World War II - Mission 28

2. Thank you to the BHF Funeral Team. Your presence means so much to our Veteran's families.

- Good evening. We attended the visitation for Jim Moan today in Portage. His sons had Badger Honor Flight T-shirts on in the receiving line because that experience was something their dad never stopped talking about since 2015. They were very appreciative. You guys truly make a difference for so many deserving Veterans and we are honored to be a small part of it! - Connie and Ken Denure



- Fred and I had the honor of attending visitation and presenting the BHF medallion to Mrs. Boley and her daughters. They, and the rest of the family were grateful and surprised for Badger Honor Flight's presence today. The many friends coming into the church and the easels full of photos, jackets, medals, fireman's helmets, and caps provided a glimpse of his life, well-lived. The red BHF jacket and cap were on display; and his family told us that Mission 14 was a highlight of his life. – Debra and Fred Kirchner

3. Breakfast Bag Assembly & Distribution

- Looking for a group/organization/club to fill the breakfast bags for the September 6th and November 8th flights. Eight is a good number of volunteers. Need to be at the airport at 4:30AM and will receive instruction at that time on the assembly of the bags. These volunteers will then hand out the breakfast bags to the Veterans and Guardians before they head to the gate to board the plane.

Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report – Tiffany Tobias

1. June Highlights

- THANK YOU to ALL of you who volunteered in June!

2. Look Ahead

- July 9th: Tiffany & Gary J. will be passing out BHF applications at the VA Hospital
- July 12th: VFW 8483 – Meat Raffle/Basket Raffle
- July 19th: VFW 7591 – Brat Fry – This LOCATION! VFW Post 7591
- July 25th: Mallards – Non-Profit Spotlight
- July 26th: "Honoring our Veterans" Car Show/Gun Raffle – Baraboo
- August 9th: Guardian Training - Sign Up Coming Next Week (Friday Set-up which will require moving furniture and Saturday Training)
- Dream Team – Badger Game Day – Looking for 1 POC for each game day
- October 13th: Larry Satterlee Clay Shoot - Sponsorships still available – Contact Terry Phillips
- November 12: Veterans Shoot in Waunakee
- If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org

3. Volunteer Opportunities

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



Inventory Report – Babler

1. We are working on getting in a couple of new merchandise items and we hope to have them for the fall flights.
2. **Fall Flight Season**
 - We have a few new items coming for the Fall Flights. We hope to have some of them if not all of them by the Guardian Training in August. We will be discounting more items this Fall to make room for the new items. Always open for suggestions for new merch ideas. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped out at the Merch table and cart for the spring season. we look forward to getting more volunteers to be involved with the merchandise sales.

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**
 - Maybe Mission 63 – 5,500 Veteran
3. **Waitlist as of 4/2/2025**
 - World War II 0
 - Korea 5 - 3 will fly In Fall 2025, 2 requested Spring 2026
 - Vietnam 627 - Approx 265 will fly in Fall 2025
 - WE NEED APPLICATIONS!
4. **Our Service Area (counties)**
 - Columbia 60
 - Dane 297
 - Dodge 29
 - Grant 37
 - Green 42
 - Iowa 21
 - Jefferson 35
 - Lafayette 2
 - Richland 15
 - Rock 59
 - Sauk 59
 - Total 656



5. Other Wisconsin Counties (41 counties)

- Total 122

6. Out of State

- AZ 1
- CA 4
- FL 2
- IA 1
- IL 22
- KY 1
- MA 1
- MI 1
- MN 5
- NM 1
- OH 1

- Total 40

7. Volunteer Need & Training Fall 2025

- 08/09/2025 - Guardian Training.
 - Watch for ADMIN volunteer opportunity at training
- IN GENERAL – ADMIN always needs ROSTER MANAGER TRAINEES, DATA ENTRY and FORMS MANAGERS

Medical – Greenwood

1. Lots happening behind the scenes. I'm working with the current medical team to expand the team and to create an organizational chart, giving out responsibilities, putting people where their skills are best, and developing team leads. Looking into higher risk Veterans to accommodate and disperse amongst three fall flights. A lot of paperwork has been submitted.

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
- Mission 63 – November 8, 2025
7am departure/8:15pm arrival



2. Flight Day Sponsorship Opportunities, per flight

- Flight / \$100,000 – Sept, Oct, Nov
- 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. Misc.

- George Demetriades, our Chick-fil-A vendor in Washington, D.C. will be flying to Madison to experience the October 11th flight from start to finish as will Ace Butt, our Arby's vendor for the November 8th flight. We will have CCSDA dogs on our flights this fall, Courage, Dolly, and Colt. We had two Veterans that needed to fly NOW. We put them in touch with Stars and Stripes and they both flew with Stars and Stripes on their June 21st flight.

Fall Flights Publicity

- Working on recruiting media for each flight
 - Let me know if you know of someone who might be interested
- Nov 8 Flight = 5,500 Veteran flown
 - Working on plans for celebrating this moment
- Board is exploring opportunities for BHF to promote our mission and recruit Veterans
 - Submit ideas to me for Board consideration

Misc.

- The article published in the Dodgeville Chronicle was great! On our November 8th flight we will fly our 5500 Veterans. We are working on plans for celebrating. For our Remember Fallen Heroes program we can do 3-4 per flight. Two organizations have been offered sponsorships for fall flights. More to come on this.

Adjournment 7:47PM



Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
 - **August 6, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
 - **September 3, 2025** – VFW 7591– 301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison 7:00PM
 - **Oct 1, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM

Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,
Becki Clark
Board Secretary
Badger Honor Flight