



Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 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. New Volunteers: 3**
 - **Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler**
 - **Honor Flight 20th Anniversary Celebration – Postponed**
 - **Vietnam War**
 - May 7, 1975, declaration by President Ford that "Vietnam era" is over
 - **WI Honor Flight Summit**
 - Representatives from Freedom HF (LaCrosse), Never Forgotten HF (Wausau), Old Glory HF (Appleton), and Stars and Stripes HF (Milwaukee) were in attendance. We discussed Veteran recruitment, publicity, fundraising, other best practices. Veteran recruitment will be our BIG project. The state of Wisconsin is flying 10% of our nation's Veterans. BHF is looked upon on how we do things from our charter planes, generous donors and great volunteers. We are getting down on our waitlist with Vietnam era Veterans. The Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial is to open in 2026. HFN National Board needs to start working on these veterans, we will get to honor a whole new group of Veterans. Our Wisconsin Summit will be an annual meeting.
 - **North Star Honor Flight - Inaugural Flight – April 23 – 88 Veterans**
 - Ziegler – Hub Mentor
 - BHF Assistance
 - ❖ Flight Operations – Jody McClain
 - ❖ Administration – Eileen Stevens
 - ❖ Medical – Laura Ziegler
 - They learned a lot from Badger Honor Flight. Will fly another flight this fall and have half their funds raised for this.
 - **Speaking Engagements**
 - May 13 - United Way READi – Madison, Brian Ziegler
 - Fritz has one coming up
 - May 21 – Waunakee Senior Center – Tim Bintz
 - Contact chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org for speaking engagements.



- **Mission 58: April 19 Veteran Comments**

- Board members shared letters from Veterans who flew with us on Mission 58.

- 4. Check Presentations**

- Gary & Sandy Shackelford \$750
- Wanna Strummers \$103
- Rude's Lane tip jar \$115
- April 19th flight face painting tips \$85

Treasurer Report – Ed Brown

- 1. Memorials**

- Stanley Phillips \$2,270

- 2. Large Donations**

- Kalscheur Family Foundation \$10,000
- Gordon and Jean Acker \$5,000
- Arlington Lions Club \$2,500
- Topitzes Family Fund \$1,983
- Intentional Leaders \$1,500
- Dennis Stone \$1,000

Secretary Report – Becki Clark

1. Thank you to everyone who continues to notify me with the obituaries of our fallen Veterans.
2. When responding to emails, please respond to all so that everyone knows that a funeral has been claimed. Thank you!
3. **We Remember the Fallen - April 2025:**
 - Lawrence Longseth - Army Korea - Mission 11
 - Russell Walker - Army Air Corps World War II - Mission 13
 - Robert Slack - Air Force Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, Gulf War/War on Terrorism - Mission 44
 - Gerald Ihm - Army Vietnam – Waitlist
 - Howard Peterson - Army Korea - Mission 32
 - Robert Sutherland - Army Vietnam – Waitlist
 - Stanley Phillips - Army Korea - Mission 11
 - Leonard Sprecher - Navy Korea - Mission 19
 - Gary Regan - Army Vietnam – Waitlist
 - Dennis Young - Army Vietnam - Mission 27



Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report – Tiffany Tobias

1. April Highlights

- THANK YOU to ALL of you who volunteered for the April 19th flight

2. Look Ahead

- May 10th: Mission 59
- May 19th: BHF Golf Outing – Bergamont
- May 25th: Kopke's Greenhouse Annual Plant Sale
- May 31st: - Mission 60
- June 1st: Monroe Moose Lodge Breakfast
- June 11-14th: State VFW Convention – Booth
- Mallards Game
- July 12th: VFW 8483 – Meat Raffle/Basket Raffle
- July 25th: Military and Veteran Appreciation Night Madison Mallards, Madison
- July 26th: "Honoring our Veterans" Car Show/Gun Raffle - Baraboo
- If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org

4. Volunteer Opportunities

- Medical Team Members
- Admin Support
- IT Management
- Newsletter Article Writer
- SignUp Genius Helper

Inventory Report – Splittgerber

1. Announcement of the Application Contest winners

- Thank you to all for the entries.
 - Dave Peterson - sweatshirt
 - Tom Cantwell, Pam Schultz, Eileen Stevens, Pat Slaney – Milio's gift cards

2. Spring Flight Season

- Veteran and Guardian Hats came in Tuesday. Thank you to Marnette and Hazel for adjusting your schedules to get these done for The May 10th flight. Your dedication to this task is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Shoe Box for purchasing an extra 100 hats while we are awaiting the others to come in!
- Merchandise sales at the April 19th flight was just over \$1600
- We had multiple requests for American Flag pins. We listened to the people and now we will have American Flag pins to sell for the May 10th flight.



- Reminder that summer is coming so check out the tank tops on the online store.
- Always open for suggestions for new merch ideas.

Administration Report – Stevens

1. Flown as of 11/3/2024

- World War II 1,255
- Korea 1,265
- Vietnam (11/1/1955 to 5/7/1975) 2,621
- Persian Gulf War on Terrorism 5
- Total 5,146

2. Next milestone

- Maybe Mission 63 – 5,500 Veteran

3. Waitlist as of 4/2/2025

- World War II 0
- Korea 6
- Vietnam 754
- Total 760

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

- CALLER TRAINING!
- 08/9/2025 - Guardian Training
- Mid July - All 3 flights need to be filled!
 - Three weeks prior to training. This means, at the latest, we must start making calls the first week of June . . . fingers crossed – we need signed contracts!!!!
- NEED: CALLERS, ROSTER MANAGERS, DATA ENTRY and FORMS MANAGERS
- Need volunteers with a medical background for admin work!

Medical – Greenwood

1. None

Flight Operations Report – McClain

1. Spring Flights

- Mission 58 – April 19, 2025 – COMPLETE!
 - Sponsor: The BHF Regent Street Dream Team
- Mission 59 – May 10, 2025
 - Sponsor: Larry Satterlee Memorial Sporting Clays Shoot
 - 7am departure/9:15pm arrival
- Mission 60 – May 31, 2025 – LATE DEPARTURE! 8:00AM
 - Sponsor: Available Opportunity!



2. Always looking for swag bag content donations. Small chotchkes, business swag, etc. Need 95 per flight. Great opportunity for free advertisement!
3. We received 800 boxes of Girl Scout cookies!
4. **Flight Day Sponsorship Opportunities, per flight**
 - Flight / \$100,000 – May 31
 - Buses / \$5000 – May 10, May 31
 - US Park Police / \$1200 – May 10, May 31
 - Lunch / \$2500 – May 10, May 31
 - Dinner / \$2500 – May 10
 - Contact Jody or Ed if interested in sponsoring

Misc. –

- **Spring Flights Publicity**
 - May 10th Flight – Larry Satterlee Memorial Clays Shoot Sponsorship
 - Committee Member Ron McFarland and Jim Christensen from 1901 Inc. will be VIP / Guardians
 - Mike and Kari Heller – Mike Heller Show / Red and White Winebar owners – VIP / guardians
 - May 31st Flight – VIP / Media
 - The Dodgeville Chronicle, John Dalton – Editor
- **Monona Memoria Day parade**
 - Ann is looking for convertibles and Veterans! Please see her if interested.
- **Flowerpot Auction**
 - Flowerpots sold for \$60 and \$75
- **Wheelchairs**
 - American Airlines ruined a wheelchair and offered to replace it. Due to a deliver issues, we ended up with two new wheelchairs!
- **BINGO card filled!**
 - Our April 19th flight was filled with lots of mishaps! More than we have ever experienced!

Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
 - **June 4, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
 - **July 2, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
 - **August 6, 2025** – VFW 7591– 301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison 7:00pm



Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,
Becki Clark
Board Secretary
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