



**Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 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. Three new volunteers
4. Board and Flight Team Introductions

**Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler**

1. **Overview**
  - **Desert Storm/Desert Shield Memorial**
    - The Desert Storm/Desert Shield Memorial will be opening October 24, 2026. Early indications are that the opening will be very well attended.
2. **Speaking Engagements**
  - Upcoming
    - September 17<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post 146 Beaver Dam, Brian Ziegler
  - Past Month
    - none
  - Contact [chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org) for speaking engagements
3. **Check Presentations**
  - Split Rail RV Park \$2,204.88
  - Monona Grove High School Eagles Salute \$1,000
  - VFW Post #8483 \$6,383
  - Chico's Villa Tap \$1005

**Treasurer Report – Ed Brown**

1. **Large Donations April**
  - Community Found S Central WI \$1,000
  - Douglas Van Horn \$1,000
  - Jessica & Robert Stauffacher \$2,000
  - Teel Plastics \$2,500
2. **April Memorials**
  - Vern Schultz \$1,000
  - Terry Hillestad \$1,050



### 3. Updates

- Tax return has been filed.
- Fall Flight Season
  - Contracts are not finalized. Fuel prices – jet and diesel – substantial increase/surcharge. Meals – sooner or later will increase. 10 to 15% increase from this Spring's flights

### Secretary Report – Becky 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 – April 2026

- Karl Kleeman – Army World War II – Mission 1
- Richard Amelse – Air Force Vietnam – Mission 55
- David Volkey – Army Vietnam - Waitlist
- Alan West – Army Vietnam - Waitlist
- Ronald Slane – Air Force Vietnam – Mission 47
- Roger Neuhoff – Air Force Vietnam, Panama – Was to be on Mission 64 on April 18
- Lew Harned - Army World War II, Korea, Desert Storm – Mission 4
- Steven Weisinger – Navy Vietnam – Was to be Mission 64 on April 18
- Steven Tetzlaff – Marines Vietnam – Mission 46
- Robert Lange – Army Vietnam – Was to be Mission 65 on May 9
- James Muttini – Navy Vietnam – Mission 61
- Lee Ihlenfeldt – Navy Vietnam – Mission 45
- Marvin Fosaaen – Army Korea – Mission 55
- Merlin Maiers – Army Korea - Mission 18

#### 3. Reflection

- At first, the family was surprised we were there because Mr. West had not flown. Then, they were grateful for the thoughts and the coin.
  - Deb and Fred Kirchner on attending service for Alan West – Army Vietnam – Waitlist



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

### **1. Look Ahead**

- May 8th & 9th – Wytenbach Farm Flower Sale
- May 9th: Flight Day Send Off & Welcome Home
- May 18th: BHF 16th Annual Golf Outing @ Bergamont
- May 24th: Kopke's Annual Planter Auction
- May 30th: Flight Day Send Off & Welcome Home
- May 31st: The Pub @ Pleasant Springs Poker Run
- June 7th: Monroe Moose Lodge Breakfast 8-12pm
- July 18th: Brat Fry VFW 7591
- July 25th: Baraboo Car Show/Gun Raffle
- July 31st: Mallards 50/50 - non-profit spotlight
- August 8th: Fall Guardian Training - AmFam
- October 12th: Larry Satterlee Memorial Clay Shoot

### **2. Mission 64**

- Thank You for ALL your help on April 18th – Mission 64!

### **3. Monona Memorial Day Parade**

- An update from Ann: Looking for Veterans and cars for the parade. Please see me after the meeting if you are interested. Gary wants to thank EVERYONE for the cards. He is recovering at home and misses everyone.

### **4. WE WANT YOU!**

- Looking for individuals who are interested in being Uncle Sam! We will provide a costume. See me if you are interested.

### **5. Brewer Ticket Drawing**

- Enter your name to win Brewer tickets for the game on May 10<sup>th</sup> vs. the Yankees with a preferred parking spot! Section 109, Row 1, Seats 16,17,18,19. Donated by Pepsi.

### **6. Volunteer Opportunities**

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



## **Inventory Report – Babler**

### **1. Merchandise Sales**

- Guardian Training = \$1309 and April Flight = \$1537. The flags are now out on the Badger Honor Flight Store. Please help us spread the word, let your friends and family know.

## **Administration Report –Barman**

### **1. Waitlist May 2026**

- World War II – 1
- Korea – 5
- Vietnam – 456
- Post Vietnam - 142

### **2. Breakdown of Waitlist**

- May 9<sup>th</sup> Flight
  - Korea – 2
  - Vietnam – 85
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Flight
  - Korea – 1
  - Vietnam – 71
- Standby
  - 4

### **3. Volunteer Need & Training - FALL 2026**

- Timeline:
  - 08/08/2026 - Guardian Training
  - July 11 - Four weeks prior to training, all 3 flights need to be filled!
  - June 4 – Calls will need to start
  - May 21 – May 28 Caller Training
- Need:
  - Callers
  - Roster Managers
  - Data Entry



## Medical – Greenwood

### 1. April 18th Mission 64 Recap

- Med team and volunteers did an excellent job with hydration as well as monitoring Veterans and Guardians for heat related illnesses.
- No reportable events during D.C. visit.
- Return flight: Veteran suffered a brief episode of syncope.
  - Pt moved to aisle for treatment. Medical team performed brief jaw thrust to maintain a patent airway. Vitals, to include BP, HR, BG, PERRLA. CVA /TIA assessment negative for deficits. Truax and MFD contacted for care upon arrival in Madison. Follow up: Veteran praised care he received by flight team! No further S/S, follow up had no significant findings.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Medical Flight Team
  - MD/DO- Dr. Jodi McGraw
  - NP- Lisa Kromanaker
  - Paramedic- Greenwood (Lead)
  - RN- Kennedy Nelson
  - PT- Dr. Mary Rose Strickland
  - 6th seat- Dr. Janis Tupesis

### 2. May 9<sup>th</sup> Mission 65 Medical Flight Team

- MD/DO- Dr. Carimi
- RT- Natalie Rifelj
- CC Paramedic- Courtney Schwartzer
- RN- Patty Scanlin
- RN- Kaityln McClain (Medical Team Lead)
- RN- Julie Kryger

## Flight Operations Report – McClain

### 1. Spring Flight Dates

- Mission 64 – SUCCESS!
  - April 18, 2026
  - Sun Country
  - 6:30am/9:15pm
  - Flight Sponsor: American Family Dream Foundation



- Mission 65
  - May 9, 2026
  - American Airlines
  - 7am/9:15pm
  - Flight Sponsor: Badger Honor Flight Golf Outing
- Mission 66
  - May 30
  - JetBlue
  - 6:30am/8:15pm
  - Flight Sponsor:

#### **Misc.**

##### **1. Spring Flights – Mail Call / Publicity Recap**

- Mail Call Team is ready for the spring!
  - Mail Call is to be postmarked by 3 weeks prior to the flight
  - If you know of a group interested in writing letters to our Veterans, email us at [mailcall@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:mailcall@badgerhonorflight.org)
  - If you are interested in assisting with assembly of Mail Call packets, contact [mailcall@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:mailcall@badgerhonorflight.org) or see me.

##### **2. Spring Flights – VIPs / Guardians**

- May 9th
  - BHF Golf Outing representatives
  - Ben Wanta, Army
  - Maurie Mueller
- May 30th
  - Jeff Supple, Lake Ridge Bank
  - Josh Liegl, American Airlines

##### **3. Publicity Update**

- Publicity Advisory Team
  - Team is working on:
    - Updating all BHF materials with our new Veteran eligibility requirements
    - Veteran recruitment
    - Volunteer recruit
    - Sponsorships
    - Donations
    - Social Media



#### 4. Hanging Basket Auction!

- Heroes for Honor will hold their annual hanging basket sale this weekend to benefit Badger Honor Flight. Stan brought two baskets tonight to be auctioned off. Auctioneer Fred Clark auctioned the baskets off. Thank you to Cheryl Adams who paid \$125 for one of the planters and Kimberly Streeter who paid \$100 for the other!

#### Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
  - **June 3, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
  - **July 1, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
  - **August 5, 2026** – VFW 7591– 301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison 7:00pm

#### Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,  
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