



**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. Three new volunteers**
- 4. Board and Flight Team Introductions**

Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler

1. Veteran Recruitment

- Cardinal Heating will be sponsoring billboards through Adams Advertising. The billboards will be used for Veteran Recruitment. We have also made an investment to have Veteran Recruitment advertising at the Dane County Regional Airport. The advertising will be located in multiple locations at the airport. We do have sponsorship opportunities associated with this. Please see me if you are interested.
- Thank you to all who helped with Guardian Training. Your hard work didn't go unnoticed. The event was very successful!
- Eileen's term as Director of Administration is up at the end of the year. The position will be posted in the next couple days. She isn't going anywhere, she will still be very involved with BHF. If you have any questions, please see Becky.
- Many of you have asked about Rock the Ramp 2024 and why we haven't announced an amount donated by them. We did receive checks from vendors there that totaled around \$2000. We asked Capital Flight to explain to you all what happened in 2024. I will read their response. Names are being left out of it. We have discussed this for many hours and with our legal team. Once this letter is read, the matter is final and closed. We will not answer any questions or discuss further. Thank you to all the Rock The Ramp volunteers.

2. Speaking Engagements

- Upcoming
 - Sep 17 – Bristol Hospice – Stoughton – Brian Ziegler
 - TBD – American Legion Post 67 – Lake Mills – TBD Contact
- Past Month
 - August 26 – Baraboo Kiwanis Club – Tom Cantwell
- Contact chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org for speaking engagements

3. Check Presentations

- No check presentations



Treasurer Report – Ed Brown

1. Large Donations

- VFW Post 10263 Pardeeville \$4,000
- Argyle Legion Post 251 \$3,000
- Mike and Kari Heller \$2,700

2. Memorials

- Ellsworth Bloss from VFW Post 10263 \$2,000

Secretary Report – Becki Clark

1. We Remember the Fallen - August 2025:

- Robert Hale - Army Vietnam - Mission 50
- James Reidelbach - Navy World War II - Mission 4
- Cecil Neal - Navy Korea & Vietnam - Mission 19
- Richard Harwick - Navy Vietnam - Mission 34
- Robert Lee - Air Force Korea - Mission 22
- Henry Long - Marines World War II - Mission 32
- Ed Weber - Army Korea - Mission 20
- Philip Mathison - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 30
- Richard Spencer - Navy Korea - Mission 21
- Eben Robertson - Navy Korea - Mission 11
- Raymond Leigh - Army, Air Force Vietnam - Mission 57
- Thomas Radke - Army Korea - Mission 18
- William Heibl - Army Vietnam - Mission 62
- John Reed - Navy, Air Force - World War II and Korea - Mission 10
- James Stanton - Naval Reserves World War II - Mission 10

2. Thank you

- Thank you very much for attending the services of our fallen heroes. Your presence means so much to our Veteran's families.
 - "It was an honor to attend the celebration of life for Mr. Robert (Bob) Kaalberg. He was the 4000th Veteran flown by BHF as noted by the certificate on a table that also displayed his Honor Flight jacket and cap, mail call envelope, and photos of the trip." - Debra and Fred Kirchner



Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report – Tiffany Tobias

1. July Highlights

- THANK YOU to ALL who volunteered at all the August events! Thank you to all who loaded and unloaded in the rain for Guardian Training. The first Regent Street Dream Team event August 28th. The game as Thursday night and low game attendance. \$4800 was collected. The number of volunteers needed for game day has been increased to 34. We are in need of more volunteers for the September 20th game. Thank you to all who volunteered on the 28th!

2. Look Ahead

- DREAM TEAM – BADGER GAMES (Sept 20th – SOS)
- September 10th: Baraboo Veterans Fair 10-3pm
- September 13th: Mad City Vettes - Evansville
- September 21st: Car Show – The Windsor 12-4pm
- Now – Oct 12 Symdon Chevrolet Raffle
- Information about raffle from Ed: Through my contacts in the auto sales area, Symdon Chevrolet – Monticello approached me about doing a raffle for BHF. They have donated 2 sets of Packer tickets, 2 sets of Badger Tickets and other prizes. 1,000 tickets have been printed. \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Please see me if you would like to purchase some tonight or take some to sell. Money and stubs due back to me by September 30th. Also, for every test drive done in Monticello, Symdon will donate \$20 and if a purchase is made they will also make a donation. We have the potential of raising \$7-10,000. This is a trial run at Monticello. If it goes well, the other Symdon dealerships will talk about doing something similar next year.
- October 4th Flight: Sign Up Genius
- October 13th: Larry Satterlee Clay Shoot. Thank you to all the Sponsors!
 - Updated from Terry: We have 65 sponsors this year. We hope to give back about \$60,000 to BHF. We have 232 shooters signed up. 65 raffle donations and more are still coming in. We had to turn away some teams. 50 volunteers signed up so far. It's going to be a great event!
- November 8th Flight: Sign Up Genius
- November 12th: 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. Guardian Training Merchandise Sales

- We had \$2755 in sales and collected \$2500 in Guardian fees

2. BHF Flags

- They're here! 3' by 5' BHF Flags = \$50. Always open to new ideas for merchandise.

3. BHF Podcast – Intentionaleaders.com

- Go to Intentionaleaders.com and then Podcasts to listen to or watch a video featuring an interview with Jody.

4. Fall Flight Season

- Changes coming for future flights on how we handle the merchandise selling. Hopefully it will ease how we transport items to and from the storeroom. More to come in October

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

- 7 – Korean
- 6798 – Vietnam
 - Approximately 265 Veterans will fly in Fall 2025. This leaves approximately 425 Veterans on the waitlist for 2026. WE NEED APPLICATIONS . . .



Medical – Greenwood

1. Mission 61 - September 6th

- Lots going on behind the scenes. September is 100% for medical forms being turned in. Have 7 medical going on the flight. We have people training for the future.

2. Veteran Safety

- We have always used a gait belt to help moving Veterans. There is now new technology called the Doty Belt. We purchased two and will use these now.

Flight Operations Report – McClain

1. Fall Flights

- Mission 61 – September 6, 2025
 - 7am departure/9:15pm arrival
 - Flight Sponsor – Kopke's Greenhouse
- Mission 62 – October 11, 2025
 - 7am departure/9:15pm arrival
 - Flight Sponsor – Heros for Honor / Sauk Community
- Mission 63 – November 8, 2025
 - 7am departure/8:15pm arrival
 - Flight Sponsor – AVAILABLE!!!

2. Flight Day Sponsorship Opportunities, per flight

- Flight / \$100,000 – November
- Buses / \$5000 – Sept, Oct, Nov
- Lunch / \$2500 – Nov
- Dinner / \$2500 – 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. Mission 61 – September 6th

- There are 10 hubs in DC on Saturday. There is also a large bike race, but we will be fine.

Misc.

1. Fall Flights Publicity Recap

- Mission 61
 - WISC – Channel 3 Videographer Chris Hawbaker will be working on stories for the flight



- WIBA 1310 AM – Radio, Katie Thompson will be going as a Guardian. Brian did a radio interview on August 29th, and it was also replayed on September 5th.
- Kopke's Greenhouse - Two VIPs going - Josh Smith and Doug Clark
- Mission 62
 - Oregon Observer photographer Mike Derrick. There are several Oregon/Brooklyn Veterans going on the trip.
 - Heroes for Honor - Two VIPs going - Ginny Wytttenbach and Linda Wiedenfeld
- Mission 63 - Nov 8 Flight = 5,500 Veteran flown
 - Working on recruiting media for this flight. Working on plans for celebrating this moment.
 - Let me know if you know of someone who might be interested in going on the flight.
- We are getting out to places we haven't been, thank you all for helping with this.
- If you are signed up to volunteer on Saturday for SO or WH, please attend the mandatory meeting, even if you have volunteered before and know your role. There can be changes that you need to be made aware of.
- Please take some time to listen to Jody's podcast. It's a great insight to Jody and all she does.
- Good luck to Tyler as he competes in the Ironman this weekend!

Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

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

Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,
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