

Badger Honor Flight

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Greetings Badger Honor Flight Family of volunteers, many thanks for your time and talents. The Board of Directors wants you to know how much you are appreciated. We are a tight knit group with a common mission – Serving Those Who Served For US.

Badger Honor Flight volunteers come together to give our Veterans the trip of a lifetime to visit the memorials built in their honor in Washington D.C.

Please share our newsletter with your friends that are interested in volunteering and have them email us their email address so that we can add them to our Badger Honor Flight newsletter.

You are helping wonderful things happen for our Veterans – THANK YOU.

Email Jackie Woodruff at secretary@badgerhonorflight.org

Badger Honor Flight Announces a new Chairperson

Fritz Wytttenbach stepped down as Chairperson June 4, 2022. The Badger Honor Flight Board of Directors wants to introduce you to our new/old Chairperson Brian Ziegler.

Brian took a break from being Badger Honor Flight Chairperson to become a Board Member for Honor Flight National. As his duties with Honor Flight National have changed Brian will be returning to us as Chairperson.

Brian brings with him experience and knowledge of our organization along with a vision for moving BHF forward in the next 5 years. Welcome back Brian!

Upcoming Meetings

Volunteer Meeting Dates

BHF Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.

August 3 – VFW 7591–
301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison
at 7:00pm

September 7 – VFW 1318 2740
Ski Ln, Madison, WI 53713 at
7:00pm

October 5 – VFW 7591–
301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison
at 7:00pm

November 2 – VFW 7591–
301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison
at 7:00pm

December 7 – VFW 7591–
301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison
at 7:00pm



Our Deepest Gratitude

We have so many people to thank for an incredible spring Flight season.

To our friends at The Golf Outing, Alice Ludwig and the Wollersheim Winery, thank you for the flight sponsorship donation - what fantastic partners you are in helping us to give our Veterans the trip of a lifetime to see the memorials built in their honor!

Thanks to our friends at Dane County Regional Airport for their wonderful hospitality and "can do" attitude. Not many airports are as supportive as they are from giving us permanent storage to allowing us to take over their lobby area with chairs and allowing us to gather to give our Veterans a rousing WELCOME HOME! The Dane County Sheriff's Department, TSA and the Dane County Regional Airport operations team do so much for us.

Thanks to the Middleton firefighters that help us welcome the Veterans to the Airport every Send Off. You're the best!

Thanks to the Honor Guards in the morning and evening, for the beautiful show of respect for our veterans.

Thanks to the Shoe Box in Black Earth and the Madison Mallards who have provided the baseball caps for our Veterans and Guardians for every flight.

Thanks to the ground support, and the staff and crew at American Airlines for moving our Veterans, Guardians, crew, and gear safely.

We are so grateful to our DC-based guardians for spending their Thursday or Saturday with a Wisconsin hero.

Thanks to the American Red Cross for providing breakfast at our Send Off and snacks at our Welcome Home to start and end our day with a smile.

Thanks to our DC based caterers, Ace at Arby's for keeping us well fed and hydrated throughout the day.

Thanks to the military personnel from the 115th Air National Guard based at Truax Field who welcome and escort our Veterans down the escalator.

Thanks to all who wrote letters for the veterans' mail call packages... those who knew a Veteran on the flight, and those who didn't. We saw lots of quiet tears being shed as the letters were read.

Thanks to every single person who came to the Dane County Regional Airport on flight nights to cheer our Veteran's home. Your enthusiasm and love were responsible for finally giving our veterans the "welcome home" they have deserved for so long.

For any Badger Honor Flight, there are businesses and individuals assisting us quietly behind the scenes, to help us keep our overhead down and our processes smooth. We are grateful to Door Creek Church for allowing us to use their gorgeous building for our guardian training session. It takes the work of so many folks throughout southeastern Wisconsin to make a successful flight day, and we appreciate each and every person and organization that contributes.

To our guardians, who kept their Veterans safe on a long, long day...we couldn't do it without you! We send an extra shout-out to those guardians who jumped in to help with wheelchairs, trash pickup, passing out water, or whatever we needed.

Lastly, we need to thank our spectacular volunteers. Whether they're up far before dawn moving wheelchairs, setting up check-in and greeting vets at the curb or staying late after the end of the parade picking up trash and moving furniture, they are the heart and soul of Badger Honor Flight. The gratitude and love that they show our veterans on flight day is what makes our days so special, and every job they do is an important part of the whole. We hope they know how much they are cherished.

Thank you, all! Welcome home, Veterans!



Upcoming Events

Heroes for Honor Sunflower Sale
July 16, 2022 Meyer Oak
Market Sauk City

Average Joe Golf Outing
July 21, 2022 4740
Pierceville Rd, Cottage
Grove, WI. POC Brian
Ziegler
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Rock the Ramp
July 22, 2022 Capital Flight
8264 Airport Rd Middleton
POC Dewy Gillette
fundraising@badgerhonorflight.org

Baraboo Car Cruise
Saturday July 30, 2022
Registration 8am

VFW 8483 Car Show
August 20, 2022, Select
funds to benefit BHF

**2022 Larry Satterlee
Sporting Clay Shoot at
Milford Hills**
October 10, 2022, POC
Terry Phillips
tfishin1@charter.net

Badger Honor Flight Information and Photo Gallery

<https://www.badgerhonorflight.org/flight-info-pics-new/>

Volunteer Meeting July 6, 2022

1. Introductions: Brian Ziegler is our new Chairperson and Randy Gundlach will be acting as Treasurer alongside Vern Wendt until his term expires December 31, 2022.
2. Check Presentation: Kopke's Greenhouse \$14,769, Monroe Moose Lodge Breakfast \$9049, Thank You Song or Heart Watertown 2000 cards for mail call (Stampin' Up donated all the supplies) and a \$1200 donation. Rustic Salon ATV \$3466.
3. \$ Checking Account Summary June 2022
Checkbook Balance \$ 140,574.19
Expenses for the month \$ 51,207.33
Income for the month \$ 70,827.21

Income for the first half of the year	
Credit Card Donations	\$ 9,529.27
Clay Shoot	\$ 34,190.61
Donations – mail in	\$ 44,937.41
Foundations	\$ 16,000.00
Fundraisers	\$ 13,075.50
Golf – Bergamont	\$ 60,000.00
Heroes for Honor	\$ 26,270.00
Memorials	\$ 21,585.00
Service Clubs	\$ 19,748.00

4. Veterans FLOWN 3,719
1222 = WWII
19 = WWII/Korea
9 = WWII/Korea/Vietnam
1154 = Korea
33 = Korea/Vietnam
1271 = Vietnam
2 = Vietnam/Lebanon/Grenada
2 = Vietnam/Gulf War
1 = Vietnam/Panama/Gulf
5 = Vietnam/Lebanon/Grenada/Panama/Gulf
1 = Persian Gulf War

Waitlist by County

- 115 = Columbia
- 550 = Dane
- 70 = Dodge (western half)
- 87 = Grant
- 57 = Green
- 34 = Iowa
- 66 = Jefferson (western half)
- 17 = Lafayette
- 12 = Richland
- 78 = Rock
- 91 = Sauk
- 313 = Outside our BHF designate recruitment area



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Volunteer Events & Communications:

WAIT LIST (AS OF 07/04/2022) CONFLICT TOTAL 1490

WWII 1

Korea 16

Cold War 02/01/1955 to 02/27/1961 Soviet tension to Cuban Missile Crisis 24

Vietnam 1349

Vietnam, Lebanon Grenada 6 Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama 3

Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Gulf 10 Vietnam, Gulf War 10 Vietnam, Panama, Gulf 3

05/08/1975 to 08/01/90 Grenada, Lebanon, and Panama 45

08/02/1990 to 04/04/1991 Persian Gulf 10 10/07/2001 to 12/28/2014 Operation Enduring Freedom 4

Pending-Need Conflict Identified 9

5. July 12 VFW 1318 2740Ski Lane Caller training – sign up genius going out
6. Still looking for some volunteers to make calls and scan paperwork
7. I Fall Flights Seasoned Callers making calls
8. Training More & Securing Space for In-Person Caller training
9. Guardian Training 8/13 @ Door Creek
10. Inventory: We have fall shirts and jackets, Shoebox donated hats.....
11. New items are coming in and will be sold at meetings first prior to selling them at the airport.
12. Gift baskets are being given to Average Joe and Rock the Ramp (raffle) please let me know if you are interested in having a basket for your fundraiser.
13. Guardian training August 13: We will be giving out clothing and quilts out to Veterans.
14. Fundraiser schedule: Average Joe \$125/golfer or team of 4 \$500. Dane Co Fair 2022 Hometown Hero Day Thurs July 21 11am to 3pm to run at Oct 11able for BHF. Looking for someone to man the booth. Article about his sister in Blanchardville who flew with us. Rock the Ramp parking, bartender, water, Rock the Ramp t shirt with BHF and sponsor. Sat July 30 Baraboo Car Cruise – 8-10am cruise 33 miles and stop for \$15 all u can eat lunch, volunteers walk the car line and ask for donations, Oct 10th Clay Shoot 180-190 shooters, if you wish to help Terry is looking for items for shooters and teams, and his raffle.
15. Flight dates: Sat Sept 17, Tuesday Oct 11 and Sat Oct 29. We are working on flight itineraries and the new bathrooms are open at Iwo Jima.
16. Gabi Saunders Swag Bag Coordinator.
17. Jane Bynum for taking care of the snack bags for the spring flights.
18. Thank you to the Neenah Valley VFW & Auxiliary Post 6003. They donated all the snacks for the spring flights.
19. Left over snacks and girl scout cookies for our volunteers tonight.
20. Send off is looking for new coordinators. Talk to Rachel, Darcy or Jody.
darcy.julseth@badgerhonorflight.org flightoperations@badgerhonorflight.org
21. Medical Spring Wrap up. Successful Spring Flights engaged 16 individual medical volunteers in a variety of roles including the newly initiated Oxygen Attendants for each of the oxygen users, an identified stand-by Medic, medical guardian as well as a Welcome Home lobby medic.
22. Oxygen issues identified impelled a great need for pre-planning and encouraging those Veterans with FAA approved personal oxygen concentrators to bring them. The limit of no more than 2 oxygen users per flight will remain in effect.
23. ACLS and auto defibrillator on every flight with a designated medical person.
24. June 22 follow up meeting brought 21 in attendance with more unable to attend but remain interested. Updating and maintaining the medical volunteer has been the work of Ms. Carla DeLaMater, medical volunteer coordinator.

25. Planning for the Fall Flights will involve 12-15 stations at the Guardian Training to screen both Veterans and Guardians.
26. Bob is looking for some data manager to input data into honorapps and spreadsheets.
27. All Veterans and guardians flying in the fall need to be vaccinated.
28. Mail call – National Charity League is developing young women into leadership roles. They are sorting and getting the mail call letters into the folders. I need 3 new mail call coordinators one for each flight to ensure we are getting mail for the Veterans.
29. ATT is coming back for send off
30. Welcome Home is looking for more volunteers. There is a new Welcome Home member April Syminski
31. Byron Cottage Café- sent thank you – maybe he can do something/fundraiser

We Remember the Fallen



Red (Richard) A. Thompson Korea Navy 2018-09-22 (Mission 32)

John Tews WWII Army 2014-05-17 (Mission 15)

Tom Shackelford Vietnam Army 2017-10-07 (Mission 29)

GULF WAR MEMORIAL GROUNDBREAKING WASHINGTON DC

The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial is a new national monument to be built at the National Mall in Washington D.C. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for July 14, 2022. Our goal is to dedicate the completed Memorial in 2024. <https://www.facebook.com/NationalDesertStormWarMemorial>

National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act - Authorizes the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association to establish a commemorative work on federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate and honor those who, as members of the Armed Forces, served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield.

Construction of the Memorial is led by the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association, a 501(c)3 organization in Washington, D.C. The association is led by a Board of Directors comprised of veterans who served during Operation Desert Storm.

<http://www.ndswm.org/live> This page will provide a LIVE stream broadcast of the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony being held on Thursday, July 14th in Washington, DC. LIVE broadcast will become active at 7:45 am.



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