



Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 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. New Volunteers: Annette and Kelly
4. Check Presentations:
 - Norma Jansen Memorial, \$900.00
 - AE Care, \$1,500.00
 - Eileen Hahn Memorial, \$1,160.00
5. National Honor Flight Summit Recap: February 22 – 25, 2024 Baltimore, MD
 - Jody McClain, Dawn Splittgerber, Eileen Stevens, Isabel Brisky, Alexis MacDonald and Brian Ziegler attended. It was a great conference. It was the largest attended National Honor Flight Summit. Lots was learned and lots was shared. There are three new groups that want to make hubs, including one in Hawaii. A bus hub is looking to form out of Pennsylvania. Brian gave a presentation on budgeting and Jody gave a presentation on Mail Call. Excellent keynote speaker who is an Iraq Veteran and double amputee. Earl Morse and Jeff Miller, the founders of Honor Flight Network were both in attendance. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of National Honor Flight. Congratulations to the 2024 Whack A Mole Champion at National Honor Flight Summit, our very own Isabel Brisky!
6. Thank you to all of you, our volunteers! Our reputation proceeds us. All the hubs know we do it very well.
7. If anyone is in need of a speaker for a speaking engagement, please talk with me.

Treasurer Report – Brown

1. February Gifts: Total \$29,917
 - Large Gifts (1) \$10,000
 - Memorials \$9,306
2. Expenses
 - April 6, Flight \$104,000
 - Clay Shoot Ammo \$8,250
3. We have received over \$17,000 in memorials so far this year.



Secretary Report – Clark

1. Thank you to all who continue to share obituaries with me. It is greatly appreciated.
2. If a volunteer is unable to attend the service for a fallen Veteran, a card and medal are sent to the family of the Veteran.
3. If you are in the need of more medallions to presents, please let me know and I will bring to a meeting or get them to you.
4. We Remember the Fallen:
 - Dale F. Sennhenn, Army Vietnam - Mission 26
 - Michael R. Swansby, Army Vietnam - Mission 42
 - Phillip Wilms, Navy Korea - Mission 18
 - Donald L. Pasch, Navy Vietnam - Waitlist
 - Glenn M. Stensby, Marines Vietnam - Mission 33
 - Daniel Wiedenfeld, Marines Korea - Mission 18
 - Donald W. Olman, Air Force Korea - Mission 35
 - Charles W. Simmons, Army Korea - Mission 17
 - John J. Zuber, Army Korea - Mission 18
 - Larry Kampe, Army Korea - Mission 22
 - Wayne Allen "Jorgy" Jorgensen, Navy Korea - Mission 35
 - Paul Walby, Army Vietnam - Mission 31
 - Gerald J. Maly, Army Korea - Mission 17
 - Donald Tjugum, Army World War II - Mission 12
 - Ralph E. Gander, Army Vietnam - Mission 43
 - Donald Jones, Air Force Vietnam - Waitlist

Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report –Brisky

1. Guardian Training/Veteran Meet and Greet
 - Held on Saturday, March 2, 7:00AM – 3:30PM. We had around 70 volunteers. 210 Veterans and 191 Guardians in attendance. Veterans met others going on the flight, learned best practices for flight day, and Guardian's went thru training with medical on stairs, escalators, and wheelchairs.
2. Upcoming Events:
 - Rude's Lanes Bowling Fundraising Event, Deforest Saturday, March 23
 - Culver's – Make Your Meal Matter, Tuesday, March 26
 - Barstool Open, Saturday, April 13 any questions see Cheryl Kelter
 - Bergamont Golf Outing, Monday, May 20
 - Brat Fest, May 24 – May 26
 - Monroe Moose Lodge Breakfast, Sunday, June 2



- MAIL CALL Packaging, March 25 and April 4 at airport

If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org

3. Volunteer Opportunities

- Medical Team Members
- Admin Support / Roster Management
- IT Management
- Newsletter Team
- Photo Storage and Photo Sharing Site Maintenance Team

Inventory Report – Splittgerber

1. Less than 30 packets not picked up at training!!!
2. Another successful day with our merchandise table at training. Many Veterans and Guardians were happy to be able to purchase items before flight day.
3. Cut off dates to order from online store for spring flight dates:
 - April 6th – March 18th
 - May 11th – April 22nd
 - June 1st – May 13th
4. Last year we had the I Support BHF t-shirts and ordered a limited supply. I would like to have a volunteer designed t-shirt this year. We would have the artist add the date to the design in the event we make this a yearly event. A SUG will go out with all the details. We would accept drawings until a set date. Board would approve a design before presenting them at a volunteer meeting for volunteers to vote. We would order 100 for the top design at Welcome Home events only.

Administration Report – Stevens

1. Flights
 - Missions 1-51 4,524 Veterans flown
 - World War II 1,252
 - Korea 1,234
 - Vietnam 2,036 (11/1/1955 to 5/7/1975)
 - Persian Gulf War on Terrorism 2



2. Waitlist as of 3-5-2024 3:55PM (Note: These numbers are before Veterans are assigned to Spring Flights)
 - Total 1,132
 - World War II – 1
 - Korea – 16
 - Vietnam – 1,115
3. This fall we will fly our 5,000 Veteran!

Medical Support Report – Corso

1. Guardian Training went extremely well.
2. "Their Last Chance" TLC is for April 6 (Mission 52) is full.
3. Mission 53 & 54 are still open (3TLCs ea.)
4. TLC General Updated. Anthony gave the history of our TLC (Their Last Chance) program. Getting more help from medical volunteers.

Flight Operations Report – McClain presented by Ziegler

1. Spring Flights
 - Mission 52 – April 6
 - Sponsored by BHF's own Regent St. Dream Team!
 - Mission 53 – May 11
 - Mission 54 – June 1
2. Amazon Wishlist
 - THANK YOU for all that shared the list and/or purchased items off the list.
 - We still have items on the list needed for flight day
3. For April, sponsorship opportunities still exist
 - Lunch - \$2,500 per flight (April, May, June)
 - Dinner - \$2,500 per flight (April, May, June)
4. 2024 Fall Flights
 - Bidding has started for Fall
 - BHF is planning on 3 flights this Fall

Misc. –

1. Jeff Tyler from iHeart radio will be on our April 6th flight as a guardian
2. The Sign-Up Genius for our April 6th flight will be going out in the next week or so.
3. Changes will be made in the layout of the Welcome Home celebration. The BHF alumni section will be bigger and the cheer squad will be moved.
4. We don't know the gates yet that we will be using on flight day for April 6th.



5. Breeze Airlines is a new airline at Dane County Regional Airport. Their ticket counter is at the walkway back to our storage room. We **MUST** be respectful of their ticket counters and area. We **MUST** stay out of their way. We are extremely lucky to have storage space at the airport and to be respectful to them in all aspects.
6. We are in need of volunteer photographers. If you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Brian.
7. We have Veterans that will be honored this spring for our Remember The Fallen program.
8. For our new wheelchair fleet, we have ideas for how we will be promoting the donors who made the new wheelchairs possible.
9. We have new dates that we will be using for Veteran eligibility.
 - “We are only accepting applications from Veterans who served from December 7, 1941 to May 7, 1975. If you served ANYWHERE at ANY TIME, in ANY BRANCH, and in ANY COMPONENT (Active, Reserves, or National Guard) during the above dates you are considered a Veteran and eligible to fly with us.”

Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month
 - **April 3, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**
 - **May 1, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**
 - **June 5, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**

Respectfully submitted,
Becki Clark
Board Secretary
Badger Honor Flight