



**Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 3, 2024 7:00PM**  
**VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.**  
**Madison, WI 53716**

**Chairperson Report – Ziegler**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:09PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. New Volunteers: four new Volunteers introduced themselves.
4. Introduction of Board Members
5. It's been a busy month of phone calls, paperwork, mail call preparation and Guardian Training.
6. Our first fall flight is almost full due to deferrals of Veterans who were called for a Spring flight. A Veteran may choose to defer for many reasons such as health or family reasons.
7. Thank you to all our volunteers for all their hard work. It takes MANY man hours to complete everything that needs to be done. Thank you to all the new volunteers who came tonight.
8. If anyone needs a speaker for a speaking engagement, please talk with me.

**Treasurer Report – Brown**

1. Checkbook Balance: \$50,421
2. February Gifts: Total \$14,550
  - Memorials \$4,590
  - YTD Memorials \$21,872
3. Expenses
  - April 6, Flight \$14,022
4. YTD \$58,500 more received than spent.

**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 need more medallions to present, please let me know and I will bring them to a meeting or get them to you.



4. The email sent to the Funeral Team has been updated with our guidelines when attending a funeral. The updates are in **red**. All those on the Funeral Team will be emailed a copy of the guidelines and asked to read the document, reply that you have read and will adhere to the guidelines and email your response back to me. Thank you for your understanding.
5. We Remember the Fallen:
  - Jerome E. Schenck - Air Force Vietnam - Waitlist
  - Verne E. Penfield - Army World War II - Mission 37
  - Byron A. Tetzlaff - Marines World War II - Mission 4
  - Patrick J. O'Dell - Navy Vietnam - Mission 44
  - Richard T. Saeman - Army Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada - Waitlist
  - Dean D. Collins - Air Force Vietnam - Waitlist
  - Paul J. Bernards - Army Korea - Mission 13
  - Stephen J. Rundio III - Army Vietnam - Mission 50
  - Keith Miller - Navy Vietnam - Mission 45
  - David O. Blum - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 44
  - Lowell Jevens - Navy Korea - Mission 30
  - Duane Mortimer - World War II - Mission 5
  - Ronald Kuhnke - Army Vietnam - Mission 36
  - Dennis Johnson - Army Vietnam - Mission 50

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

1. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> Rude's Lanes in Deforest held a fundraiser for Badger Honor Flight. There were 12 volunteers there to help work at the event. It was a lot of fun!
2. On March 26<sup>th</sup> Culver's in Sauk Prairie held Make Your Meal Matter and this one was to benefit Sauk Prairie Heros for Honor. 10% of the sales will come to Badger Honor Flight. Stan was there.
3. Upcoming Events:
  - Barstool Open, Saturday, April 13 any questions see Cheryl Kelter.
  - Main Street Music Fundraiser, Saturday, May 18
  - Bergamont Golf Outing, Monday, May 20
  - Brat Fest, May 24 – May 26
  - Monroe Moose Lodge Breakfast, Sunday, June 2
  - Rock the Ramp, Friday, July 19. There will be a mandatory volunteer meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00PM if you plan to volunteer for this event.



If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email [volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org)

#### 4. Volunteer Opportunities

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

#### **Inventory Report – Splittgerber**

1. Looking forward to another successful flight season with merchandise sales.
2. Vests will be added to the online store.
3. Cut off dates to order form online store for spring flight dates:
  - May 11th – April 22
  - June 1 – May 13th
4. New hats are in! Special thanks go out to Steve Schmitt, owner of The Shoe Box and the Madison Mallards baseball team. \$12,000+ donation!!!

#### **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
  - Waitlist as of 3-31-2024 8:45PM Total 877
    - World War II – 0
    - Korea – 3
    - Vietnam – 874
2. Caller training for fall flights will be in early June. Stay tuned!



3. We received many THANK YOU's from Veterans and Guardians regarding Guardian Training and the Veteran Meet and Greet.
  - Just a quick note of thanks for a wonderful experience at the Badger Honor Flight orientation. Everything was so planned out, easy to follow, understandable, and best of all, fun. I so enjoyed the entire day from the moment I drove into American Family to my final card check return. The volunteers were awesome! So friendly, helpful, and an excellent representation of Badger Honor Flight. As soon as I got to my car, I immediately called my dad in Florida (he was unable to attend due to location). To my surprise, he actually answered the phone on the golf course! We had a 20 minute conversation, and I told him all about the event. I was super excited about the upcoming flight, but now, April 6<sup>th</sup> can't come fast enough! Please pass on my gratitude to the entire staff and anyone who made Saturday possible. Sincerely, Nicki

#### **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 Update
  - Getting more help from medical volunteers.

#### **Flight Operations Report – McClain**

1. Mission 52 – April 6
  - Sponsored by BHF's own Regent St. Dream Team!
  - We learned of some road closures last week due to the Cherry Blossom Festival. This will require some changes to our itinerary.
  - New airline, Breeze Airways at DCRA. Their ticket counter is located between Sun Country and the entrance to the BHF room. Please be respectful of their space.
  - BHF will welcome our first service dog on Saturday. Winnie will have her own cheering section upon her return! Several of her friends (2 and 4 legged!) from Custom Canines Service Dog Academy are planning to be at the Welcome Home to greet her and her Veteran.
1. Kudos
  - DC Volunteer Coordinator, Alexis MacDonald, was recently awarded Special Recognition from Disabled American Veterans. The award was presented to her by the DAV Legislative Team on the steps of the US Capitol. Attendees included



Ranking Member (US Representative D-CA) Takano, who also happens to be Alexis's boss. Congratulations Alexis!

- From Alexis – To me, this isn't just a career, but a calling. I've devoted most of my career to helping this most deserving population access the health care and benefits they have earned. I am so fortunate to be surrounded by people who share a common passion for the mission. We have accomplished a lot, but there is still so much to do.

2. Future Flights

- Mission 53 – May 11
- Mission 54 – June 1
- Mission 55, 56, 57 – Fall 2024

**Misc. –**

1. Brian –

- Media
  - WMTV – Gabriella Rusk and Kylie Jacobs are going on flight. They will be filming and reporting on Mae, our 100-year-old World War II Veteran on the flight. Story teaser – Thursday AM and PM shows
- Radio
  - AM 1670 Thursday 7:20 AM
- Photographers
  - 1 on the flight, 2 meeting us in DC, 2 at Welcome Home
- Mission 52 VIPs
  - Jim Mason – Regent Street Dream Team
  - Mark Pauls – Am Fam
  - Jeff Tyler – iHeart Radio
- We will fly our 5,000<sup>th</sup> Veteran this fall. If you know of anyone who is interested in sponsoring a flight, please see me.

2. Phil spoke about our new fleet of 80 wheelchairs. We have stickers to attach to them to indicate who donated each one and we will also be placing Badger Honor Flight wheel covers on each wheel.

3. If anyone would like to purchase a raffle ticket for the Monroe Moose Lodge Breakfast on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, please see Dawn.

4. Three designs were presented tonight for the 2024 Badger Honor Flight t-shirt. We will print 100 shirts to sell. After the meeting, please place your vote for your favorite design!

5. The Chairperson recognized Colonel AJ Feucht for his years of service for the Remember Fallen Heroes program.



6. Lia Julseth picked Badger Honor Flight as her graduation project. Lia is a senior at Deerfield High School. Lia has volunteered with Badger Honor Flight since she was 8 years old. Lia led the elementary school students in writing cards and coloring pictures for our Veterans for their Mail Call envelopes. Thank you, Lia, for choosing us as your graduation project and for all your years of volunteering. We wish you all the best in your future!
7. Ann Badeau has been contacted by the Monona Memorial Day Parade to participate in the event. They need convertibles to transport Veterans in the parade. Please see her if you are interested in helping.
8. Quilts of Valor presented about their organization.

#### **Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Becki Clark  
Board Secretary  
Badger Honor Flight