



**Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 5, 2024 7:00PM**  
**VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.**  
**Madison, WI 53716**

**Chairperson Report – Ziegler**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:11PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. New Volunteers: two new volunteers introduced themselves.
4. Introduction of Board Members
5. Spring Recap – THANK YOU everyone for all your hard work on our Spring Flight season. Our missions were accomplished, we safely got our Veterans to Washington, D.C., and home. An incredible job was done with phone calls, Guardian training, Mail Call, merchandise, Send Off and Welcome Home. The National Honor Flight Network is committed to helping all hubs get their Veterans to Washington, D.C. There are approximately 40,000 Veterans on the wait list across the 128 hubs throughout the United States. Wisconsin Hubs are only second to Illinois hubs for the most flights and Veterans flown. The National Honor Flight network is working tirelessly to help ALL hubs recruit volunteers and raise money for trips. Honolulu is hoping to fly their first Honor Flight this year. On June 19<sup>th</sup> there will be an Honor Flight out of Atlanta to DC. Atlanta has no hub and an exceptionally large number of Veterans. Tomorrow we will remember the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. The flights you are seeing on the news of World War II Veterans heading to Normandy are not Honor Flights. We announced at our June 1<sup>st</sup> flight that we will have three flights this fall. We are very excited about this!
6. Check Presentation
  - WDS Construction \$2,900
  - Hawke's Radioathon for Vets \$3,500
  - Chico's Villa Tap \$3,833 – Meat Raffles from Feb through May
  - Waunahops \$10,000
  - Waunakee Remodeling \$7,500
  - Tim & Diane Westphal \$350
  - Wisconsin River Sportsman's Club \$2,400
7. If you know of any speaking engagements and need a speaker, please let us know.

**Treasurer Report – Brown**

1. April Gifts: Total \$12,424
2. Memorials \$2,955
3. Expenses:
  - No large expenses in May



#### 4. Events

- Main Street Music?
- Bergamont Golf Outing?
- Brat Fest?

#### **Secretary Report – Clark**

1. Thank you to everyone who has responded that you have read the visitation/funeral guidelines.
2. Thank you to everyone who continues to notify me with obituaries of fallen Veterans.
3. We Remember the Fallen:
  - William Podell - Navy Vietnam - Mission 46
  - William Swanson - Air Force Korea - Mission 44
  - Robert Marsch - Army Vietnam – Waitlist
  - James Earl - Marines Vietnam - Mission 34
  - Richard Weeden - Air Force Korea - Mission 21
  - Vincent Endres - Army Korea - Mission 17
  - David Ryan - Navy World War II - Mission 6
  - Richard Radzicki - Navy Korea - Mission 17
  - Archie Christensen - Air Force Korea - Mission 22
  - Warren Knaub - Army Vietnam - Mission 32
  - Jerald Slack - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 44
  - Eldor M. Fruehling - Marine Corps World War II - Mission 3

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

1. May Review
  - Mission 53, May 11, 2024
  - Main Street Music Fundraiser
  - Bergamont Golf Outing
  - Dannelle Gay Book Signing
  - Brat Fest
    - Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our table throughout the weekend! The weather was terrible, and we had to be moved into the Coliseum one day.
  - Monona Memorial Day Parade
    - Ann Badeau – “Thank you to everyone who helped with the parade! We had fourteen convertibles with 14 Veterans. The boys from Sauk (Fritz and Stan) built a magnificent float. Thank you to Uncle Sam. We had super volunteers who handed out water and escorted the Veterans!”



## 2. 3-Month Look Ahead

- Deerfield Coffee House Fundraising Campaign  
The month of June
- Monroe Moose Lodge Breakfast  
Sunday, June 2
- 1st Annual Summer Solstice Pickleball Tournament  
Friday - Sauk Prairie - June 21-23
- Rock the Ramp  
Friday, Middleton - July 19
- Mallard's Non-Profit Spotlight Night  
Friday, Madison - Jul 26
- 4th Annual "Honor our Veterans" Car Show  
Saturday, Baraboo - July 27
- Fall Guardian Training / Veteran Meet and Greet  
Saturday, August 10

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

## 3. Volunteer Opportunities

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

## **Inventory Report – Splittgerber**

1. New T-shirts have arrived!! Purchase yours after the meeting tonight. Only 100 were made!!
2. New coffee cups and zipper pulls are also available tonight. Other merchandise has been brought to be sold tonight.
3. Reminder that vests are now available at the Ameriprint Online store!! Unlined (same material as our Veteran jackets) and soft shell styles. Men and women's size and a variety of colors. Order yours today!!!!
4. We will have tank tops available for purchase later this summer.
5. The first weekend of August we will be packing clothes for the fall flights.



### **Administration Report – Stevens**

1. Flights
  - Missions 1-54 4,784 Veterans flown
    - World War II 1,253
    - Korea 1,247
    - Vietnam 2,281 (11/1/1955 to 5/7/1975)
    - Persian Gulf War on Terrorism 3
  - Waitlist as of 6/4/2024 Total 929
    - World War II – 0
    - Korea – 6
    - Vietnam – 923
2. On our November flight we will fly our 5,000 Veteran!
3. CALLER TRAINING FOR FALL FLIGHTS
  - Calls will start early June
  - See me tonight after the meeting if you are interested in calling
  - I can train this Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested
  - Training will be done via TEAMS calls

### **Medical Support Report – Corso**

1. Signups for Guardian Training & Fall Flights (for Medical) will go out before end of June!
2. Everyone came home safe!
3. See ya later & thanks for all the memories!
  - It is with an extremely heavy heart to announce that I am resigning. My job is currently consuming all my time and I do not have the time to commit to Badger Honor Flight that I need and want to. The nine flights that I have had the honor of being a part of mean so very much to me. Remember that our mission is the Veterans. I hope that Badger Honor Flight is still around when it is time for those of us who fought the War on Terrorism.

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

1. Oh, the places they will go.....
  - After our May flight, one of our wheelchairs was missing. A passenger took one of our wheelchairs after the flight departed that May morning and checked it in with themselves on Breeze Airways to Orlando. The wheelchair was returned one week later, perfectly fine!



2. Future Flights –
  - Mission 55 – September 7, 2024
  - Mission 56 – October 12, 2024
  - Mission 57 – November 2, 2024 - BHF will fly our 5,000th Veteran!!
3. Per Jody: Every flight is special and special things happen. As I was waiting to release a Veteran to head out to go down the escalator, he looked at me and said, “You’ve changed my life.”

**Misc. –**

1. Stan asked that the itinerary for flight days be posted on the website. He was concerned that the June flight itinerary was only posted on Facebook and not the website.
2. We will have our July meeting regardless that it is the night before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
3. June 18<sup>th</sup> is the 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Badger Honor Flight!
4. If anyone has any ideas or thoughts on how to commemorate the flying of our 5,000 Veteran this fall, please see Brian.
5. We are making an impact on the lives of our Veterans.

**Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings**

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
  - **July 3, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**
  - **August 7, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**
  - **September 4, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Becki Clark  
Board Secretary  
Badger Honor Flight