



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

**Chairperson Report – Ziegler**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. New Volunteers: four new volunteers introduced themselves.
4. Introduction of Board Members
5. Fall Update – Ziegler
  - We did our Spring AAR. On our November 2<sup>nd</sup> flight, we will fly our 5,000 Veteran. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we should celebrate this, please see me. The word is out in the media regarding this as I have been contacted by a new reporter. This Saturday is Guardian Training. Thank you to all who work so hard to make this happen and run smoothly.
6. Speaking Engagements –
  - August 7 - Talamore Senior Living - Steve Bartlett- went very well
  - October 26 - Portage Library - Dawn Splittgerber
  - If you know of any groups that need a speaker, please let us know.
7. Check Presentation
  - Marnette presented \$1,265 from Chico from the Villa Tap. The money was raised at their most recent meat raffle. To date, the Villa Tap has donated \$7,000 this year to Badger Honor Flight.
  - Marnette also presented money from an AT&T Pioneer who recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and chose to give her birthday money to BHF.

**Treasurer Report – Brown**

1. YTD Memorials \$ 52,185
2. Major Expenses – Air and Bus Charters
3. Madison Elks Charities \$10,000
4. Mallards 50/50 Raffle \$ 3,500
5. Year to Year

	2023	2024
Income	\$574,700	\$629,600
Expense	\$616,800	\$609,600
6. We are forming a Finance Committee. If you are interested in this, please see Ed or email him at [treasurer@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:treasurer@badgerhonorflight.org). It is a two-year commitment, but one year will work.



### **Secretary Report – Clark**

1. Thank you to everyone who continues to notify me with obituaries of fallen Veterans.
2. We Remember the Fallen:
  - Donald Williams - Air Force Korea - Mission 16
  - John Canty - Army Korea - Mission 35
  - Richard "Dick" Hillestad - Navy Vietnam - Mission 42
  - Norman Gerber - Army Korea - Mission 20
  - Allen Roehl - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 32
  - Clifford Frey - Army Korea - Mission 29
  - Jack Morris - Army Vietnam - Mission 36
  - James Klahr - Army Vietnam - Mission 24
  - Jerry Kinnamon - Army Vietnam - Mission 43
  - Jack Woodward - Navy World War II - Mission 15
  - Harold Bethke - Navy World War II - Mission 29
  - Allen Paschen - Navy World War II - Mission 13
  - Raymond Bates - Navy World War II - Mission 13
  - Harold Siekert - Army Korea - Mission 14
  - Robert Wagner - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 33
  - Allan Zins - Marines Vietnam - Waitlist
  - Kenneth Brunner - Army Korea - Mission 23
  - Keith Skoug - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 53

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

1. Terry Phillips spoke about the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Larry Satterlee Memorial Sporting Clays Shoot. It will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Milford Hills. We have 54 teams with over 200 shooters registered so far. \$90,000 has been brought in so far and \$25,000 has been spent for the event. We have over \$25,000 in raffle prizes so far. 47 volunteers have signed up.
2. Stan Theis shared there will be a Culver's Share event in Sauk City on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will get us more information.
3. Jim Mason spoke about the Regent Street Dream Team, who they are and what they do. The first UW home game is in three weeks. SignUp Genius has gone out.



4. July Review
  - Hometown Hero Day
  - Rock the Ramp
  - The Jerry Open
  - Dane County Fair Information Booth
  - Mallard's Non-Profit Spotlight Night - \*\*Raised \$3,483\*\*
  - 4th Annual "Honor our Veterans" Car Show
  - American Tribute Ride
5. 3-Month Look Ahead
  - Fall Guardian Training / Veteran Meet and Greet - Saturday, August 10
  - VFW 8483 Car Show - Saturday, August 17
  - UW Football Season starts! (vs Western Michigan) - Friday, August 30
  - Veteran's Golf Classic - Tuesday, September 10
  - Purse Bingo at the Round Table - Wednesday, September 11
  - VFW 8483 Meat Raffle - Saturday, September 21
  - Larry Satterlee Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot - Monday, October 14
  - To find Sign Up Genius sign-ups go to our website [badgerhonorflight.org](http://badgerhonorflight.org) and click on the volunteer tab. Then click on "Click Here to Subscribe"
6. If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email [volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org)
7. 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. Ameriprint Online store!! Below are the deadlines to order to receive your merchandise by the fall flight dates:
  - Order clothing for the 9/7 flight by 8/17
  - Order clothing for the 10/12 flight by 9/21
  - Order clothing for the 11/2 flight by 10/12
  - [https://ameriprintapparel.com/Badger\\_Honor\\_Flight/shop/home](https://ameriprintapparel.com/Badger_Honor_Flight/shop/home)
  - Order yours today!!!!



## 2. Clothing for fall flights

- All clothing for the fall flights was packaged on Saturday, August 3rd. We packed over 500 bags in under three hours! Thank you to those who assisted. Your help is always deeply appreciated.
- We are going to replace all our flags that are used outside to greet our Veterans and on the stairs during the Send Off and Welcome Home. The new flags will be purchased through the American Legion and are made in the United States. The cost is \$160/each. We are soliciting for donations to purchase these flags. Please see me after the meeting if you are interested. We have a wonderful plan in place for the old flags.

## Administration Report – Ziegler for 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 7/3/2024 Total 944
  - World War II – 0
  - Korea – 10
  - Vietnam – 934
- Mission #55 09/07/2024
  - Korea - 9 (+ 1 out)
  - Vietnam - 77 confirmed, 7 out
- Mission #56 10/12/2024
  - Korea – 0
  - Vietnam – 59 confirmed, 26 out
- Mission #57 11/02/2024
  - Korea – 0
  - Vietnam – 20 confirmed, 14 out, 51 to be assigned
- Numbers do not include seats for TLC Vet/Guardian & Media/VIP



## Flight Operations Report – McClain

1. Future Flights
  - **Mission 55 – September 7, 2024**
    - 7am departure from MSN/9:20pm arrival back in MSN
  - **Mission 56 – October 12, 2024**
    - 7am departure from MSN/9:20pm arrival back in MSN
  - **Mission 57 – November 2, 2024 - BHF will fly our 5,000th Veteran!!**
    - 7am departure from MSN/8:20pm arrival back in MSN
2. Excited to meet the Veterans and train the Guardians for the 3 fall flights on Saturday!
3. With the planes now full, busy finalizing all the details for flight day – dietary requests, DC volunteers, lunch & dinner orders, plane seat and bus assignments, etc.
4. Sponsorship Opportunities
  - Snacks - \$175/per flight
  - Beverages - \$250/per flight
  - Breakfast - \$750/per flight
  - US Park Police Escort - \$1,200/per flight
  - Lunch - \$2,500/per flight
  - Dinner - \$2,500/per flight
  - Buses - \$5,000/per flight

VFW Post 7345, Dodgeville, WI and American Legion Post 0097, Dodgeville, WI donated \$305 for beverages for the September 7<sup>th</sup> flight in honor of their member Jake Jacobson. Jake is a Korean War Veteran who was to fly on the flight but has chosen not to fly.

If you, someone you know or a business is interested in sponsoring a piece of flight day, please see Jody.

## Misc. –

1. Please no individual letters for mail call. Please package them all together by the flight date.
2. Deb Kliese from Stars & Stripes Honor Flight out of Milwaukee passed away. Badger Honor Flight sent flowers for her memorial service.
3. John Hilliard shared a very moving story regarding a memorial service he attended this week for a fallen Veteran. He shared the connection made between this Veteran's family on Regent Street before a Badger football game and the Veteran getting to take his trip of a lifetime.



### Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
  - September 4, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
  - October 12, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
  - November 6, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM

### Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,  
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Badger Honor Flight