



**Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 2024 7:00PM
VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.
Madison, WI 53716**

Chairperson Report – Ziegler

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. New Volunteers: Two new volunteers introduced themselves.
4. Introduction of Board Members
5. 30 Day Recap
 - Guardian Training went great! Thank you to all who volunteered. We got 60-70 from each trip trained. There have been lots of car shows and meat raffles this summer.
6. In Business Magazine
 - The November issue of In Business Magazine will be their Dane County Charities issue. We will be featured on a one-page, highlighting what we do and our mission. We will then have a page to recognize all who have donated over the last year. The Sporting Clay Shoot and Golf Outing donators will not be on the list, there will be wording to see the website.
7. Fall Update
 - First fall flight is this Saturday and we are ready to go. We will fly our 5,000th Veteran on the November flight. Please let us know if you have ideas on how to celebrate this milestone
8. Speaking Engagements –
 - Portage Library - Dawn Splittgerber
 - If you know of any groups that need a speaker, please let us know.
9. Board Elections
 - New Terms 01/01-25 – 12/31/26
 - Treasurer – Ed Brown
 - Inventory – Dawn Splittgerber
 - New Board Members
 - Medical – Tyler Greenwood
Term – 08/17/24 - 12/31/26
 - Volunteer Events – Tiffany Tobias
Term – 01/01/25 - 12/31/26



10. Check Presentation

- Baraboo Car Show \$9,361
- Yellow River Rough Riders/Rib Ride 2024 \$500
- Doug's Handyman Service \$300
- Haug Families \$750
- Lemonade Stand - Liam, Finn, and Ollie Smith \$700

Treasurer Report – Brown

1. September 2024

- Major Expenses – Air and Bus Charters, Fall Clothing
- Total August Donations \$15,760

Year to Year	2023	2024
Income	\$666,872	\$704,136
Expense	\$728,787	\$745,939

2. Looking for volunteers for the Finance Committee

Secretary Report – Clark

1. Thank you to everyone who continues to notify me with obituaries of fallen Veterans.

2. We Remember the Fallen:

- Charles Pluth - Navy Vietnam - Wait List
- Clarence Driscoll - Army Korea - Mission 11
- William Wilde - Army Korea - Mission 40
- James Jensen - Marine Vietnam - Defer/Waitlist
- Arthur Budzak - Air Force Korea - Mission 19
- Roland Mack - Army Korea - Mission 24
- Dennis Powell - Army Vietnam - Mission 29
- Lee Murray - Army Korea - Mission 17
- Merlin Buckley - Army Vietnam - Mission 29
- Ron Moe – Army Vietnam – Mission 27
- Walter Laufenberg – Army Vietnam – Mission 48
- Richard Meinholz – Army Vietnam – Mission 37

3. U.S. Army Cpl. Robert P. Raess

- Press Release from the Iowa County Sheriff's Office:

The Iowa County Sheriff's Office and The Dodgeville Police Department are planning details for escorting U.S. Army Cpl. Robert P. Raess, 21, of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, who was reported missing in action during the Korean War and was accounted for on March 26th, 2024.



The escort will take place from Milwaukee to Dodgeville, on Thursday September 5th, 2024 with the escort proceeding through downtown Dodgeville at approximately 7:30 pm. Due to unknown traffic and/or delays, we encourage those who want to view the procession to be downtown Dodgeville at approximately 7:00 pm. We will continuously update the Iowa County Sheriff's Office Facebook with the location of the escort so you can plan accordingly.

The route into Iowa County and to Gorgen Mc Ginley & Ayers Funeral Home will be as follows:

USH 151 to Exit 44

Exit 44 turning right and proceeding Northbound through Dodgeville on Iowa Street/North Bequette Street

North Bequette St. turning right onto USH 18 proceeding Eastbound.

USH 18 turning right onto North Johns Street

North Johns Street turning Left onto Grace Street with the escort ending at Gorgen Mc Ginley & Ayers Funeral Home, 400 East Grace Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533

The family and Dodgeville VFW Post 7345 request people place American flags along the route, especially in Dodgeville, as a tribute to U.S. Army CPL. Raess as he is returned home.

Due to safety, we encourage people to watch the procession from downtown or from residences along the route, and not to be standing, parking, or sitting on USH 18 or USH 18/151.

Fred and I will be attending if anyone would like to join us.

Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report –Brisky

1. August Review

- Fall Guardian Training / Veteran Meet and Greet
- VFW 8483 Car Show
- First UW Football game vs Western Michigan (28-14)
 - 22 Volunteers
 - Raised \$9,217



2. 3-Month Look Ahead

- UW Football Season – Dream Team
- Veteran's Golf Classic
Tuesday, September 10
- Purse Bingo at the Round Table
Wednesday, September 11
- Lone Girl Meat Raffle
Wednesday, September 11
- VFW 8483 Meat Raffle
Saturday, September 21
- Culver's Share Night – Sauk City
Monday, September 25
- Larry Satterlee Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot
Monday, October 14
- 2nd Annual Veteran Shoot
Friday, November 8
- Hy-Vee Veteran's Day Breakfast
Monday, November 11
- To find Sign Up Genius sign-ups go to our website badgerhonorflight.org and click on the volunteer tab. Then click on "Click Here to Subscribe"

3. November 9, 2024, McFarlane's in Sauk will have a rose sale.

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

5. 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!
 - 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

2. New flags
 - Thank you to everyone who donated funds for our new flags. We achieved our goal in three days!!! Check them out this weekend at Send Off and Welcome Home!!!

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 9/2/2024 Total 972(still includes Fall Flights)
 - World War II – 1
 - Korea – 11
 - Vietnam – 960
 - Mission #55 09/07/2024
 - Korea - 8
 - Vietnam - 82
 - Mission #56 10/12/2024
 - World War II – 1
 - Korea – 2
 - Vietnam – 85
 - Mission #57 11/02/2024
 - Vietnam – 89
2. We have 5 Veterans flying on the September flight that served Vietnam through Gulf War.
3. Clarification Volunteer Opportunity
 - We do **NOT** accept applications for GUARDIAN ONLY. We use DC based Guardians when a Veteran doesn't have one to take with them.
4. On our November flight we will fly our 5,000th Veteran!



Medical – Greenwood

1. none

Flight Operations Report – McClain

1. Fall 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. Fall Sponsorship Opportunities
 - US Park Police Escort - \$1,200 (Oct/Nov)
 - Lunch - \$2,500 (Sept/Oct/Nov)
 - Dinner - \$2,500 (Sept/Oct/Nov)
 - Buses - \$5,000 (Oct/Nov)

Thank you to the sponsors that stepped up already! There are still opportunities available for fall.

Misc. –

1. Fall Flight Publicity
 - September 7 - Adam Krebs, The Monroe Times (10 Veterans from Green, Rock, Lafayette Counties are going)
 - Oct 12 - working on a print media invitation
 - Nov 2 - working on TV Media invitation
 - Media Advisory has been sent out
2. Long time volunteer Byron Degenhardt is stepping away from volunteering with BHF. Byron thanked everyone he has volunteered with over the years and shared special memories. Byron is looking forward to attending Welcome Home celebrations now wearing his red shirt in the Alumni section. We thank Byron for his many, many years of dedicated volunteering with BHF.
3. John Hillard thanked Byron for his service to BHF. John reshared the story he shared last month regarding Veteran Keith Skoug. John was able to find out that the volunteer who shared information about TLC to Mr. Skoug's family was Larry Dobie.



Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
 - **October 2, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**
 - **November 6, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**
 - **December 4, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**

Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,
Becki Clark
Board Secretary
Badger Honor Flight