



**Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting  
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 7:00PM  
VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.  
Madison, WI 53716**

**Chairperson Report – Brown for Ziegler**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. New Volunteers: four new volunteers introduced themselves.
4. Introduction of Board Members
5. Honor Flight Stance on Politicians
  - If we receive a request from a candidate to speak at a meeting, we decline it. We are a tax-exempt organization, and we could lose this standing by allowing. If a candidate shows up at a Welcome Home celebration, we have no control over that. They will not be given a platform to speak from. Please try not to display your BHF yard signs with a sign of the political party you are supporting. Also please try not to wear BHF clothing to any political rallies.
6. 5,000<sup>th</sup> Veteran - Mission 57 – November 2, 2024
  - All Veterans flying on Mission 57 will be recognized as the 5,000<sup>th</sup> Veteran to have flown with BHF. The red hats given to the Veterans will be embroidered “5,000<sup>th</sup> Veteran” and they will also receive a special coin commemorating this amazing achievement for BHF.
7. Speaking Engagements –
  - Oct 16 – Leadership Sun Prairie - Isabel Brisky
  - Oct 26 - Portage Library – Dawn Splittgerber
  - If you know of any groups that need a speaker, please let us know.
8. Check Presentation
  - VFW Post 8483 Meat Raffle – final amount to come
  - American Legion Post 141 Oktober Fest Donations - \$632
  - American Legion Post 348 - \$1,000
  - Dezinging Elements, LLC - \$500



### **Treasurer Report – Brown**

1. September 2024
  - Checkbook Balance: \$50,042
  - Major Expenses – November Airline Payment
  - Total September Donations \$35,300
    - Hollow Point Defensive Shooters \$2,790
    - Baraboo Country Club \$2,300
  - Regent Street Dream Team 3 game total \$23,380
  - Purse Bingo – amount to come

### **Secretary Report – Clark**

1. Thank you to everyone who continues to notify me with obituaries of fallen Veterans.
2. We Remember the Fallen September 2024:
  - Edgar Mueller - Army Vietnam - Mission 28
  - Robert Ihm - Army Korea - Mission 30
  - Michael McGill - Army Vietnam - Mission 32
  - Anthony Kujawa - Navy Vietnam – Removed
  - Robert Freedman - Navy World War II - Mission 16
  - Charles Heath- Marines Korea - Mission 27
  - DeWayne Lloyd - Army Korea - Mission 13
  - James Share - Army Korea - Mission 23
  - John Kotek - Marines Korea - Mission 23

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

1. September Review
  - Dream Team (2 games)
  - Veteran's Golf Classic @ Baraboo CC 9/10
  - Purse Bingo @ the Round Table 9/11
  - Meat Raffle @ Lone Girl 9/11
  - Meat Raffle @ VFW 8483 9/21
  - Culver's Share Night @ Sauk City 9/25
2. 3-Month Look Ahead
  - UW Football Season – Dream Team  
4 games left: 2 in October and 2 in November
  - Larry Satterlee Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot - Monday, October 14
  - Military Appreciation Game (Capitols) - Saturday, November 2
  - 2nd Annual Veteran Shoot - Friday, November 8



- Rose Sale @ McFarland's in Sauk City - Saturday, November 9
  - Hy-Vee Veteran's Day Breakfast - Monday, November 11
  - December 4th Meeting
  - If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email [volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org)
3. Dream Team Report by Jim Mason
- We raised \$55,000 in 2023. So far this year we are at \$23,380 after three games. The Alabama game was a huge success! \$10,631 raised! The Alabama fans were very generous and receptive to BHF.
  - We will be having special zones on for all of you special ladies on Sat, Oct 26, UW-Homecoming. Homecoming is typically our largest day - our goal is to raise \$12,000. We will provide a Regent Street Dream Team lanyard with your name on it. We will be modifying a BHF sign with one of our attached graphics for each special lady. We hope that you like the “Wife of a Veteran” and “Daughter of a Veteran” designs. We have divided the Regent Street/UW Stadium area into 14 zones. You will be assigned a zone based on your mobility. You will be paired with another special lady unless your dad or husband is also volunteering, and you wish to be paired with them. Homecoming game time not announced yet. We will take a group photo when we are done to remember this very special day! If you are interested, please sign up on SignUp Genius for Regent Street Dream Team, Oct 26. Questions? Please call or text Jim Mason at (608) 334-3370
4. 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 11/2 flight by 10/12  
[https://ameriprintapparel.com/Badger\\_Honor\\_Flight/shop/home](https://ameriprintapparel.com/Badger_Honor_Flight/shop/home)



## Administration Report – Stevens

### 1. Flights

- Missions 1-55 4,874 Veterans flown
  - World War II 1,253
  - Korea 1,255
  - Vietnam 2,363 (11/1/1955 to 5/7/1975)
  - Persian Gulf War on Terrorism 3
- Waitlist as of 10/1/2024 Total 902
  - World War II – 1
  - Korea – 3
  - Vietnam – 898
  - After fall flights, the wait list number as of 10/1/2024 is 727 Veterans (2 Korea, 725 Vietnam)
- Mission #56 10/12/2024
  - World War II – 1
  - Korea – 1
  - Vietnam – 86
- Mission #57 11/02/2024
  - Vietnam – 87

### 2. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY SEND OFF

- Veteran Connect
  - Connect the Veterans meeting their guardians in DC with a flight Guardian before sendoff ceremony begins.

### 3. Spread the word to sign up!

## Medical – McClain for Greenwood

### 1. Medical Coverage

- Jody is covering medical for the remainder fall flights. All medical teams are filled for the October and November flights. TLC spots are all filled for October and medical is reviewing for November.

## Flight Operations Report – McClain

### 1. Fall Flights

- Mission 55 – September 7, 2024 **\*\*Success\*\***
- 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. Request from National

- Asheville, NC hit with unprecedented damage from Hurricane Helene. Home of Honor Flight co-founder Jeff Miller & Blue Ridge Honor Flight. Their 9-28-24 flight was canceled. The area desperately needs supplies. Please take a handout with itemized list if able to help the Asheville community.
  - Hurricane Helene recently left a path of destruction across many areas of the south. Asheville, NC, was hit with unprecedented damage. This is a community near and dear to our hearts, as Honor Flight co-founder, Jeff Miller, lives in the area. Thankfully, Jeff and his family are safe. Asheville is also home to our Blue Ridge Honor Flight hub. We realize other areas of the country were hit hard, but the situation in Asheville is particularly dire to say the least.

Knowing that Honor Flight Network is filled with extraordinary, selfless, and creative people, Jeff wanted us to share the following information on ways you can help Asheville.

The following supplies are desperately needed:

Sports drinks (powdered packets)  
Hydration packs (powder form)  
Baby wipes  
Diapers (children & adults)  
Baby formula  
Plastic utensils/plates  
Manual can openers  
Trash bags (13 gallon or contractor bags)  
Towels/washcloths  
Non-perishable foods  
Plastic sheeting/tarps  
Toothbrushes/toothpaste  
Toiletries  
Pet food (dog & cat)  
Sanitizer wipes  
Feminine hygiene products  
Heavy duty work gloves  
Flashlights  
Blankets/sleeping bags  
Activities for children (cards, puzzles)  
Socks (unopened, all sizes)



Please send any of these items to the distribution warehouse address below. If you order any of these items online you can use this address for delivery.

Henderson County Disaster Distribution  
118 McAbee Ct.  
Flat Rock, NC 28731

You can also donate to the American Red Cross to help all of those affected by Hurricane Helene.  
Text - REDCROSS to 90999  
Phone 1-800-HELP NOW  
Mail - American Red Cross  
PO Box 37839  
Boone, IA 50037-0839

Our sincere thank you for anything you can do to help support this devastated community.

3. Volunteers should NOT park in the front row. Please save this for the Veterans and their Guardians. The airport asks that you park in the ramp or surface lots, not the hourly and not the economy lot. Also DO NOT park in the cellphone lot.

**Misc. –**

1. Fall Flight Publicity / VIPs
  - October 12
    - WMTV / NBC 15 Interview week of flight
    - Marc Helmer – Demco
    - AJ Feucht – Remember Fallen Heroes Officer
    - Jill Klapperich – North Star Honor Flight (new Honor Flight Hub – Spring 2025 flight in MN)
  - November 2
    - Working on TV Media invitation
    - WMTV / NBC 15 Interview week of flight
2. Karen Moser shared a thank you note from a Veteran who flew with us.
3. It was asked when post-Vietnam Veterans can sign up. National hasn't mentioned yet. Construction on their memorial has not started.
4. Please keep Terry Phillips in your thoughts and prayers as he will be having major surgery and will not be able to attend the Sporting Clays Shoot.



5. We will have a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration at our December Volunteer meeting.

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

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
  - **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**
  - **January 8, 2024 – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM**

#### **Contact the Board -**

- **Chairperson of the Board: Brian Ziegler [chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org](mailto:chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org)**
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Respectfully submitted,  
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