



Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 7:00PM
VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.
Madison, WI 53716

Chairperson Report – Brown for Ziegler

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. New Volunteers: two new volunteers introduced themselves.
4. Introduction of Board Members and Flight Teams
5. **Chairperson Report – Ziegler**
 - In Business Magazine
 - Badger Honor Flight has a two-page ad in the November edition of InBusiness Magazine's Corporate Giving Guide. One page lists our mission and who we are and the second page we thanked all those who have made donations in the last twelve months.
 - 5,000th Veteran - Mission 57 – November 2, 2024
 - We flew our 5,000th Veteran on Saturday! This is a huge achievement and few in the Honor Flight Network have achieved this milestone. Thank you to the Board, Flight Teams and all our volunteers who made this happen. Hannah from the Janesville Gazette flew with us and did a feature story.
 - Grant
 - Badger Honor Flight has been awarded a \$25,000 grant. At this time, we can't say who it is from. More information to come.
6. **Speaking Engagements**
 - Oct 26 - Portage Library – Dawn Splittgerber
 - November 11 - 95.3 WBEV and Daily Dodge TV – Jim Bublitz
 - November 11 – Masters Building Solutions – Cheryl Kelter
 - November 12 or 14 - WRCO Morning Show – Brian Ziegler / Tiffany Tobias
 - Contact chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org for speaking engagements
7. **Check Presentations**
 - VFW Post 8483 \$10,392
 - Egger Family \$1,000
 - Kopke's Greenhouse \$20,522
 - Chico's Villa Tap Meat Raffle \$3,000



Treasurer Report – Brown

1. October 2024
 - Checkbook Balance: \$109,265
 - Major Expenses – Mission 57
 - Total October Donations \$41,860
 - Knights of Columbus Council 531 \$5,000
 - Spinner's Pizza - Stoughton \$2,500
 - Retirement Distribution \$17,315
 - Income + 25,000 Expense + 10,000

Secretary Report – Clark

1. Thank you to everyone who continues to notify me with obituaries of fallen Veterans.
2. We Remember the Fallen October 2024:
 - Thomas Hawkos - Army Korea - Mission 18
 - Leon Procknow - Army Vietnam - Mission 48
 - George Munkwitz - Navy World War II - Mission 8
 - George Choles - Army World War II - Mission 4
 - Jack Sigurslid - Army Vietnam - Mission 42
 - Kenneth Robenolt - Air Force Korea - Mission 35
 - Dr. Maxwell Rosenbaum - Army World War II - Mission 15
 - Francis Drake - Marines Korea - Mission 20
 - Rocco Ceniti - Army Vietnam – Waitlist
 - Vernon Kingery - Army Vietnam - Mission 52
 - Sol Blumenfeld - Navy World War II - Mission 11
 - Ron Johnson - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 57
 - Arthur Sharpee - Army Korea - Mission 43

Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report –Brisky

1. October Review
 - Dream Team (2 games)
 - Larry Satterlee Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot
2. Look Ahead
 - 2nd Annual Veteran Shoot - Friday, November 8
 - H.F.H. Rose Sale @ McFarlane's in Sauk City - Saturday, November 9
 - Hy-Vee Veteran's Day Breakfast - Monday, November 11
 - Military Appreciation Game (Capitols) - Saturday, November 16
 - UW Football – Dream Team - November 16 and 29



- BS & Bourbon @ Red & White Winebar, Waunakee - Tuesday, November 19
 - December 4th Meeting – Volunteer Appreciation
 - If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email 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. Please send me your ideas for new merchandise by Nov 15th for consideration for 2025 sales!
 - Ameriprint Online Store
https://ameriprintapparel.com/Badger_Honor_Flight/shop/home
2. From now to March 31, 2025, we are having a Veteran Application Contest. When handing out applications to Veterans, put your name on the top of the application. If talking to a Veteran and they are going to sign up online, ask them to put your name. You will receive credit for each application received with your name. We will draw winners for prizes for the first quarter.

Administration Report – Stevens

1. Flown as of 11/3/2024
 - World War II 1,255
 - Korea 1,260
 - Vietnam (11/1/1955 to 5/7/1975) 2,539
 - Persian Gulf War on Terrorism 5
 - Total 5,059
2. Next milestone
 - Maybe Mission 63 – 5,500 Veteran
3. Waitlist as of 11/5/2024
 - World War II 0
 - Korea 4
 - Vietnam 749
 - Total 753



4. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – Callers Needed!

- Once flights are known and Guardian Training Date determined, call will begin!
- Required training date TBD

Medical – McClain for Greenwood

1. Saturday's flight was uneventful! Thank you to Patty Scanlin for all her help this fall.

Flight Operations Report – McClain

1. Fall Flights
 - Mission 55 – September 7, 2024 ****Success****
 - Mission 56 – October 12, 2024 ****Success****
 - Mission 57 – November 2, 2024 **** Success****
2. Jody shared the following message from the American Airline Charter Coordinator on Mission 57:

It was an honor and a privilege for me to travel with you on Mission 57 on Saturday. I have traveled a good number of groups over the past eight years but yours truly moved the needle in my heart. It was a joy to sit with Jim Huntoon and Ruth Roper and spend time with them. They generously shared their honor flight experience and their letters with me on the ride home. I can truly say, "I get it!" after listening to them, reading their letters and seeing the trip through their eyes. What a special day for veterans and their loved ones. High praise to you and the Badger volunteers for your military precision and execution of the operation. The Veterans homecoming in Madison was absolutely amazing. An awesome sight and a testimony to human goodness and kindness. Thank you and Brian for encouraging us to take it in. The care and commitment of all the volunteers involved and the time and effort involved in pulling off 6 missions a year does not happen on its own or fall on one person's shoulders. Please extend my thanks to all the unseen volunteers and sponsors at your meeting this week. Again, congratulations on achieving such a major milestone of serving over 5,000 veterans!



Misc. –

1. Fall Flight Publicity / VIPs
 - October 12
 - WMTV / Channel 15 Interview week of flight
 - November 2
 - WKOW / Channel 27 Interview week of flight
 - Janesville Gazette – Hannah Powell went on the flight
 - Interviews on:
 - WJJO / 94.1 FM – Dee went along as a guardian
 - WOZN / 1670 AM / 96.7 FM
 - Q106 FM – Fish went along as a guardian
2. Thank you to Greg and Roxi Foreman for volunteering to be our coordinators for the Volunteer Celebration.
3. Steve Bartlett spoke at the Madison Rotary Club
4. The January Volunteer meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month, January 8, 2025, due to New Year's Day holiday.

Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
 - **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**
NOTE: This is the second Wednesday of the month.
 - **February 5, 2025 – VFW 7591– 301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison 7:00pm**

Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,
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