Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, April 2, 2025 7:00PM
VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.
Madison, WI 53716

Chairperson Report – Ziegler

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:15PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **New Volunteers: none**
    - **Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler**
        - We are a little more than two weeks away from getting to do what we love and that is flying our Veterans! It is a lot of work, but we are successful and have fun. We are excited to introduce Brad Babler as the new Director of Inventory. In this turbulent time in our country, all politics need to be left at the door. We need to come together and remember our mission. Kudos to our board for their hard work that was put into developing a policy that National told a Florida hub about. They contacted me and I was able to help them with their situation.
        - **Honor Flight 20th Anniversary Celebration**
            - May 21st in Washington, D.C. 200 guests. Table Sponsorship starts at $8,500.
        - **Wisconsin Honor Flight Summit**
            - April 5th at the Dane County Airport. Representatives from Freedom Honor Flight (LaCrosse), Never Forgotten Honor Flight (Wausau), Old Glory Honor Flight (Appleton), and Stars and Stripes Honor Flight (Milwaukee) will be in attendance. Topics to be discussed include Veteran recruitment, publicity, fundraising, other best practices.
        - **Speaking Engagements**
            - April 3rd Lake Wisconsin Lion's Club Poynette – Brian Ziegler
            - Contact chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org for speaking engagements.
4. **Check Presentations**
    - Villa Tap $1,890
    - Hawke's Radiothon for the Veterans $5,000
    - Rude's Lanes $14,500

Treasurer Report – Ed Brown

1. **Memorials**
    - Melvin Alme $1,000
    - Jordan Vogel $1,000
2. **Updates**
    - All flights and buses for Spring have been paid. We are receiving payments for the Bergamont Golf Outing and the Clay Shoot.

Secretary Report – Becki Clark

1. Thank you to everyone who continues to notify me with obituaries of fallen Veterans.
2. **We Remember the Fallen March 2025:**
    - Vernon Wheeler - Army Korea - Mission 43
    - Arthur Buye - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 53
    - Robert Johnson - Air Force Korea - Mission 50
    - Eugene Mowitz - Army Korea - Mission 26
    - Gary Beyer - Navy Vietnam - Mission 47
    - Vernon Olrick - Army Korea - Mission 19
    - Gerald Liegel - Army Korea - Mission 28
    - James Sanner - Marines Vietnam - Mission 50
    - Vaughn Ableman - Marines Vietnam - Mission 49
    - Richard Dahmen - Navy World War II - Mission 18
    - Duane Ballentine - Army Korea - Mission 17
    - Lowell Bakken - Navy Vietnam - Mission 29
    - Mark Duffey - Army Gulf War / War on Terrorism - TLC
    - Robert Stowell - Army Vietnam - Mission 40
    - Daniel Cross - Army Vietnam - Mission 28
    - Lawrence Purvis- Marines Vietnam - Mission 40
    - Tim Agee - Marines Vietnam - Mission 55
    - John Storer - Marines World War II - Mission 12
    - Robert Malnory - Army World War II - Mission 15
    - Peter Niesen – Navy Vietnam – Mission 30

Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report – Tiffany Tobias

1. **March Highlights**
    - THANK YOU to ALL of you who volunteered on March 14th & 15th for Guardian Training! What an incredible group of volunteers getting the truck loaded and everything set up. Also, for getting all the furniture moved at American Family to make room for us. Training went very smooth. Having Custom Canines there was a huge hit! The newsletter will be coming again.
2. **Look Ahead**
    - Now-April 20: Mission BBQ Cup Drive $2
    - April 12th: Bar Stool Open – Cheryl Kelter
    - April 19th: Send Off and Welcome Home
    - April 22nd: BS & Bourbon presents Joe Thomas – Red & White Wine Bar – Brian Z
    - May 19th: BHF Golf Outing - Bergamont
    - June 1st: Monroe Moose Lodge Breakfast
    - June 11th-14th: State VFW Convention - Booth
    - July 12th: VFW 8483 – Meat Raffle/Basket Raffle
    - July 26th: "Honoring our Veterans" Car Show/Gun Raffle – Baraboo
    - 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. **Reminder**
    - We will announce the first winner next month. Please continue to turn in your applications. Make sure your name is listed on the paper app or noted on the online application to be eligible.

2. **Spring Flight Season**
    - Successful Guardian Training as there were only 17 packets not picked up. Merchandise sales at training was over $3,000. Check out the new hat styles at the merchandise table on April 19th. Reminder that summer is coming so check out the tank tops on the online store. Always open for suggestions for new merch ideas.

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 4/2/2025**
        - World War II 0
        - Korea 12
        - Vietnam 796
        - Total 808
4. **Our Service Area (counties)**
    - Columbia 60
    - Dane 297
    - Dodge 29
    - Grant 37
    - Green 42
    - Iowa 21
    - Jefferson 35
    - Lafayette 2
    - Richland 15
    - Rock 59
    - Sauk 59
        - Total 656
5. **Other Wisconsin Counties (41 counties)**
    - Total 122

6. **Out of State**
    - AZ 1
    - CA 4
    - FL 2
    - IA 1
    - IL 22
    - KY 1
    - MA 1
    - MI 1
    - MN 5
    - NM 1
    - OH 1
        - Total 40

Medical – Greenwood

1. None

Flight Operations Report – McClain

1. **Spring Flights**
    - Mission 58 – April 19, 2025
        - Sponsor: The BHF Regent Street Dream Team
        - **7:00AM departure/8:15PM arrival**
    - Mission 59 – May 10, 2025
        - Sponsor: Larry Satterlee Memorial Sporting Clays Shoot
    - Mission 60 – May 31, 2025
        - Sponsor: Available Opportunity!
2. Always looking for swag bag content donations. Small chotchkes, business swag, etc. Need 95 per flight. Great opportunity for free advertisement!
3. **Flight Day Sponsorship Opportunities, per flight**
    - Flight / $100,000 – May 31
    - Buses / $5000 – April 19, May 10, May 31
    - US Park Police / $1200 – April 19, May 10, May 31
    - Breakfast / $750 – May 31
    - Lunch / $2500 – April 19, May 10, May 31
    - Dinner / $2500 – May 10
    - Contact Jody or Ed if interested in sponsoring

Misc. –

- **Spring Flights Publicity**
    - April 19th Flight – Regent Street Dream Team Sponsorship
        - Hayley Reese and Angela Genin from Lucky's 1313 Pub that host our volunteers on game day will be VIP / Guardians.
        - Kevin Corriveau – WMTV NBC 15 Weatherman – US Air Force Veteran and Brooke Sienko - Minuteman Press will be with us.
        - WMTV NBC 15 will be doing a story about Mail Call. John Deere Financial and National Charity League will be asked to participate.
    - May 10th Flight – Larry Satterlee Memorial Clays Shoot Sponsorship
        - Committee Member Ron McFarland and Jim Christensen from 1901 Inc. will be VIP / Guardians
        - Mike and Kari Heller – Mike Heller Show / Red and White Winebar owners – VIP / guardians
- **Heroes for Honor**
    - Annual hanging basket sales will begin May 3rd. Fritz will bring a couple baskets to auction off at the May Volunteer meeting next month.
- **Lynette Theis Memorial**
    - Stan Theis - Thank you to everyone for your support since Lynette's passing. She volunteered with Badger Honor Flight for twelve years. She was involved in lots of volunteer work, but Badger Honor Flight was her favorite. $4555 has been given to her memorial to be given to Badger Honor Flight.
- **Custom Canines**
    - We will have one seat for the handler and one dog on our Spring flights. These seats will not take away from the seats for our Veterans. They are coming from other areas.

Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
    - **May 7, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
    - **June 4, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
    - **July 2, 2025** – VFW 7591– 301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison 7:00pm

Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,
Becki Clark
Board Secretary
Badger Honor Flight