



Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, August 5, 2026 7:00PM
VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.
Madison, WI 53716

Chairperson Report – Ziegler

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. 2 new volunteers
4. Board and Flight Team Introductions

Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler

1. Board Member Vacancy

- Miel Barman has resigned as the Director of Administration. The position is open. Eileen who has been assisting Miel has been very active, and Mike Lien has stepped up to assist also. Thank you to all Admin volunteers! There will be more info to come on how we will fill the position.

2. Honor Flight Network

- HFN had a booth at EAA to bring awareness about the organization. Veterans from all across the nation were in attendance and many who have flown on an Honor Flight checked in at the booth. Old Glory Honor Flight had their yellow ribbon flight.
- **Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial**
 - HFN will be part of the dedication of the memorial on October 24, 2026.

3. WI Hubs

- Some of our fellow hubs had a booth at an event at the Milwaukee Zoo on July 3rd. There were booths there to bring awareness of different Veteran organizations. Our press release from July 1st was also shared.

4. Fellow Hub Incident

- A fellow hub in North Dakota (Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN) had their trailer stolen that contained all their merchandise and clothing. HFN is working with them to see how we can help them. We are very lucky to have our room at the airport to store all our belongings.

5. Thank you Volunteers!

- We hope to see you all at the picnic on Sunday! Thank you to all of you and everything you do for BHF!



6. Speaking Engagements

- Upcoming
 - August 18th, Fitchburg Rotary Club, Brian Ziegler
 - September 17th, American Legion Post 146 Beaver Dam, Brian Ziegler
 - September 20th, American Legion Post 360 Waunakee Open House, Tim Bintz
 - Nov 5th, Waunakee's Memory Café, TBD
- Past Month
 - none
- Contact chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org for speaking engagements

7. Check Presentations

- 2026 Stoughton Viking Lead Slingers \$700
- James and Ben Ursin \$76
- Chico's Villa Tap \$1970
- Delmer Loveland \$200

Treasurer Report – Ed Brown

1. Large Donations July

- Orville Sette \$60,000

2. July Memorials

- Ann and Douglas Squire \$5,000
- Lancaster Thrift Shop \$3,000

Secretary Report – Becky Clark

1. 6th Annual Honoring Our Veterans Car Show

- Fred and Becky presented the Badger Honor Flight's Choice trophy to Dennis for his 1969 Chevy Truck. Dennis also signed up for his trip of a lifetime at the car show. Ron Skalla set a personal record with signing up 22 Veterans to fly with us!

2. Mallards Game Check Presentation

- Some of our Board Members attend the Mallards game last Thursday to receive a check from Invenergy for \$13,000. For every run scored during the power inning of the Night Mares and Mallards games this season, Invenergy donated \$500.

3. Washington, D.C. Volunteers Update

- Congratulations to Matt and Stephanie who both volunteer for BHF in DC on their recent marriage! DC Volunteer Cat and her daughter Josie moved to Wisconsin this spring. Cat is excited to start volunteering now on the Wisconsin side!



4. Thank You

- Thank you very much for attending the services of our fallen heroes. Your presence means so much to our Veteran's families.

1. We Remember the Fallen – July 2026

- Gary Hamilton - Navy Vietnam - Mission 31
- Arnold Lien - Army Korea - Mission 35
- Clarence Taplin - Navy World War II - Mission 22
- Charles Halverson - Navy World War II - Mission 20
- Bob Slocum - Army Korea Vietnam - Mission 59
- Dean Spaith - Army Korea - Mission 13
- Robert Logan - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 50
- Ronald Buss - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 54
- David Dybdahl - Army Korea - Mission 35
- Larry Haugen- Army Vietnam - Mission 66
- Clifford Plemon - Army Korea - Mission 25
- Jerry Schlimgen - Army Vietnam - Mission 64
- Dudley Wehner - Air Force Korea - Mission 36
- Roger Maynard - Army Vietnam - Mission 36
- James Burkholder - Army Korea - Mission 28
- Donald Van Amen - Army Korea - Mission 46
- Larry Greenwold - Army Vietnam - Mission 49

Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report – Tobias

1. Thank you for ALWAYS showing up!

- Thank you for your help with the VFW 7591 Brat Fry! We had over \$600 just in donations! Over \$2600 was counted in the register at the very end – we will have a final number next month.
- Thank you for signing up for the July 31st, 50/50 & being patient throughout the day. As of 3pm we had 5 volunteers cancel and in talking to the Mallards, they had no idea when if any a decision would be made to cancel the game for weather. We made the decision together to cancel the 50/50. Our organization pays \$750 to participate with this event, we felt it would be a greater pay off to choose a future game or move it to Military Appreciation night 2027.

2. Updates on BIG FALL FUNDRAISERS

- TERRY PHILLIPS – CLAYSHOOT UPDATE
 - If you want to be on the volunteer list, see Terry or Jean. A separate Sign-Up Genius will be going out to last year's volunteers in the next week.



- JIM MASON – DREAM TEAM UPDATE
 - Sign Up Genius was sent out for all home games. Three of the home games fall on flight days.

3. SUMMER VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION!

- VFW 8483
5737 County Hwy CV, Madison, WI 53704
August 9th
1:00pm-4:00pm
 - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Chips & Cake
 - Outdoor Games
 - Water will be provided, the bar will be open for soda and alcohol drinks to purchase

4. Look Ahead

- **August 8th:** Fall Guardian Training – AmFam - See you at 7:15am
- **August 9th:** Volunteer Celebration - VFW 1318 1-4pm
- **September 6th:** Brooklyn Truck & Tractor Pull Pancake Breakfast 8am-10:30am
- **September 12th:** Send off and Welcome Home
- **Badger Football Games** – Dream Team
- **October 3rd:** Send off and Welcome Home
- **October 12th:** Larry Satterlee Memorial Clay Shoot
- **November 7th:** Send off and Welcome Home
- If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org

Inventory Report – Williams

1. Clothing & Merchandise

- This past weekend, with the help of many volunteers, we were able to sort and pack the clothing for our 3 upcoming fall flights. Thank you to all that volunteered for that and to help with distribution this Saturday.
- We have new coffee cups for sale if anyone wants to check those out



Administration Report – Ziegler

1. Waitlist June 2026

- World War II – 1
- Korea – 1
- Vietnam – 305
- Vietnam Plus – 193
- Other – 74
- Total – 574

2. Fall 2026 Flights

- September 12
 - World War II – 0
 - Korea – 5
 - Vietnam – 71
 - Vietnam plus – 4
 - Other – 0
 - Total – 81
- October 3
 - World War II – 0
 - Korea – 2
 - Vietnam – 69
 - Vietnam plus – 13
 - Other – 0
 - Total – 84
- November 7
 - World War II – 0
 - Korea – 1
 - Vietnam – 79
 - Vietnam plus – 5
 - Other – 0
 - Total – 85

3. VOLUNTEER NEED & TRAINING FALL 2026

- Timeline
 - 08/08/2026 - Guardian Training
 - Update Information /Gather Missing Forms
 - 08/09/2026 - 11/07/26
 - Maintain Flights Rosters / Standby Lists
 - Clean Up Honor Apps Veteran Conflicts



- NEED:
 - CALLERS
 - FORMS FOLLOW-UP
 - DATA ENTRY

Medical – Greenwood

1. Guardian Training

- 18 providers, 10 who have assisted before
- Same format as last year
 - 3 stations to complete forms
 - 12 stations for medical form review
 - 2 Physicians for medical evaluation
 - RT and PT available for specific questions/concerns

2. Fall Flight Medical Update

- Flight date: Sept 12th
 - Medical Team: Dr. Jeremy Smith, Theresa Landes; RN, Greenwood; Medic, Mary Rose Strickland; PT, Natalie Rifelj; RT, Patty Scanlin; RN
 - Missing Medicals: V-27 G-38
- Flight date: Oct 3rd
 - Medical Team: Dr. Meyers, Tracy Pelland, RN, Ben Waldera; Medic, Jessica Anderson; PT, Lynn Waldera; RT, Greenwood
 - Missing Medicals: V-33 G-37
- Flight date: Nov 7th
 - Medical Team: Dr. McGraw, Kaitlyn McClain; RN, Mike Nevers; Medic, Danielle Clary; RN, Adrea Maly; NP, Greenwood
 - Missing Medicals: V-41 G-49
- TLC Status
 - Sept-1 seat filled, 2 open
 - Oct-1 seat filled, 2 open
 - Nov-3 seats open
 - 4 Veterans under review for flight placement
 - Goal is to fill seat 30 days prior to flight



Flight Operations Report – McClain

1. Fall Flight Dates

- Mission 67
 - September 12, 2026
 - American Airlines
 - 7am/9:15pm
 - Flight Sponsor: Opportunity Available!!
- Mission 68
 - October 3, 2026
 - American Airlines
 - 7am/9:15pm
 - Flight Sponsor: Opportunity Available!!
- Mission 69
 - November 7, 2026
 - American Airlines
 - 7am/8:15pm
 - Flight Sponsor: Hy-Vee

2. Sponsorship Opportunities

- Alpha/Flight - \$100,000 (Sept 12, Oct 3)
- Bravo/Day in DC - \$15,000 (all 3)
- Charlie/Welcome Home - \$10,000 (season) (all 3)
- Buses - \$6000 (all 3)
- USPP - \$1500 (all 3)
- Breakfast - \$750 (Oct,Nov)
- Lunch - \$2500 (all 3)
- Dinner - \$2500 (all 3)
- Snacks - \$250 (all 3)

3. Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

- Do you or someone you know own a small business, sell insurance, work for a generous company that likes free advertising? We are always looking for tchotckes for the Swag Bags handed to the Veterans at the Welcome Home. Suggested items: umbrella, travel mug, pens, notepads, tape measure, luggage tag, phone charger, 2027 calendar



Mail Call, Publicity, Remember Fallen Heroes – Ziegler

1. Fall Flights – Mail Call

- Mail Call Team is ready for the Fall
 - Mail Call is to be postmarked by 3 weeks prior to the flight
 - Mail Call Assembly Dates have been set
 - If you know of a group interested in writing letters to our Veterans, email us at mailcall@badgerhonorflight.org
 - If you are interested in assisting with assembly of Mail Call packets, contact mailcall@badgerhonorflight.org or see me.

2. Fall Flights – VIPs / Guardians

- Sep 12th
 - Working on two spots
- Oct 3rd
 - Working on two spots
- Nov 7th
 - Hy-Vee Local Stores' Representatives – four spots

3. Publicity Update

- Nov 7th
 - Working with Hy-Vee Corporate on:
 - Working with Hy-Vee Corporate on:
 - In-Store Events
 - Dunk Tanks
 - Cookie Sales
 - In-Store Promotion
 - Joint Flight Promotion Activities
- Publicity Advisory Team
 - Team is working on updating all BHF materials with:
 - New Veteran eligibility requirements
 - Fall 2026 Flight Dates
 - Veteran recruitment
 - Volunteer recruitment
 - Sponsorships
 - Donations
 - Social Media



- Local Publicity Efforts
 - Cardinal Heating & Air Conditioning
 - Electronic Billboard campaign is still ongoing - working on updated billboard
 - Dane County Regional Airport
 - New Static Sign across from Gate 8
 - New Electronic Signs - updated electronic boards soon
 - Working on other opportunities

4. Remember Fallen Heroes

- Sept 12th - Veterans = 0
- Oct 3rd - Veterans = 1
- Nov 7th - Veterans = 1
- Program Information
 - BHF Website / Applications Page

Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
 - **September 2, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
 - **October 7, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
 - **November 4, 2026** – VFW 7591– 301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison 7:00pm

Contact the Board -

- **Chairperson of the Board:** Brian Ziegler chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org
- **Secretary/Historian:** Becki Clark secretary@badgerhonorflight.org
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Respectfully submitted,
Becky Clark
Board Secretary
Badger Honor Flight