**Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting**
**Wednesday, October 1, 2025 7:00PM**
**VFW Post #7591 301 Cottage Grove Rd.**
**Madison, WI 53716**

**Chairperson Report – Ziegler**

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:10PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **One new volunteer**
4. **Board and Flight Team Introductions**

**Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler**

- Fall Flights
  - October 11th, Mission 62 is sponsored by Heroes for Honor. This is the 4th flight they have sponsored. This has never happened before. They have raised close to $500,000! Thank you, Fritz, and all for everything!
- Board Opening
  - Eileen's term as Director of Administration is up at the end of the year. The position is posted. The term is Jan 2026 – Dec 2027. Contact Becky if interested by Oct 20th. Eileen isn't going anywhere; she will still be very involved with BHF.
- Veteran Recruitment
  - The Board is exploring opportunities for BHF to promote our mission and recruit Veterans. Currently In Process: billboards, airport, Adams Collaborate 2026 Campaign Submittal, information tables and speaking engagements.
  - Submit ideas to me for Board consideration

2. **Speaking Engagements**
   - Upcoming
     - none
   - Past Month
     - Sep 17 – Kettle Park Senior Living – Stoughton – Brian Ziegler
   - Contact chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org for speaking engagements
3. **Check Presentations**
   - Zach Dornik – The Windsor – Car Show - $2115
   - First Business Bank's 2025 Charity Golf @ Nakoma (M3 Insurance) - Jeff Knatz and Nick Schreck - $500
   - Colin Timmerman - $300
   - Stand Rock Campground - $1,000
   - Villa Tap - $2,360

4. **Quartz Champion Award**
    - Kristin Polywacz of Quartz Health Solutions presented our very own Jody McClain with the 2025 Quartz Champion Award. Jody was recognized for her volunteer work with Badger Honor Flight, Madison Area College and the community. Thank you, Jody, for everything you do for Badger Honor Flight and our community!

**Treasurer Report – Ed Brown**

1. **Large Donations**
    - Baraboo Country Club $2,700
    - Grant County Thrift Shop $2,000
    - Joan Kreul $1,000
    - Allan and Karen Hellgestad $1,000
    - Randy and Nancy Trachte $1,000

    **Memorials**
    - Jack Murphy $2,216
2. **Symdon Chevrolet Raffle**
    - Thank you to everyone who sold and purchased tickets. 670 tickets were sold. $5400 to Badger Honor Flight.

**Secretary Report – Becki Clark**

1. **Thank you**
    - Thank you very much for attending the services of our fallen heroes. Your presence means so much to our Veteran's families.
2. **We Remember the Fallen - September 2025:**
    - Richard Pirkl - Army Korea- Mission 23
    - William Rossman - Army Vietnam – Mission 50
    - John Toussaint - Army World War II – Mission 12
    - Kent Katzenmeyer - Army Vietnam – Mission 36
    - Ernest "Tex" Jones - Army Vietnam – Mission 58
    - Thomas Tormey - Army Vietnam – Medical Remove
    - Richard Koltz - Army Vietnam - Mission 45
    - Donald Schneider - Navy Korea - Mission 13
    - Richard Hasenfuss- Army Vietnam
    - Francis Mirecki - Air Force Korea - Mission 23
    - William Dyhr - Marine Corp Vietnam- Mission 25
3. Thank you to Colin Timmerman for the plaque he had made and will put on the stairs built for Guardian Training.

**Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report – Tiffany Tobias**

1. **September Highlights**
    - THANK YOU to ALL who volunteered at all the September events!
2. **Look Ahead**
    - DREAM TEAM – BADGER GAMES
        - Update from Jim: Three games so far. $19,500 raised. 4 games left. Need more volunteers. Jill and I will be back to the games!
    - October 10th – Booth American Legion Post 67 - Lake Mills, WI – 9am-4pm
    - October 11th: Sign Up Genius
    - October 13th: Larry Satterlee Clay Shoot
        - Thank you to all the sponsors! Update from Jean: all volunteers have been emailed. Due to road construction, there will be a different route to Milford Hills.
    - November 8th: Sign Up Genius
    - November 12th: Veterans Shoot in Waunakee If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org
3. **Volunteer Opportunities**
    - Medical Team Members
    - Admin Support
    - IT Management
    - Newsletter Article Writer

**Inventory Report – Babler**

1. **September 6th Flight Merchandise Numbers**
    - $1059 – A slower night. Always open to new ideas for merchandise.
2. **Fall Flight Season**
    - We now have new Merchandise Carts for the merchandise table. We will use these at both the flights and Guardian Training. We will have a small number of each item on the table as to not clutter up the table, making it easier for the customers to see what we have. Once we have run out of what's on the table, the volunteer can get more from the cart to add to the table. Shirts will remain in the buckets on the cart, and we will hang one navy and one heather navy shirt from the carts for customers to see. We hope that this will make it easier to just restock the carts after each flight and then the next flight we can just wheel the carts out to the merchandise table and eliminate having to cart multiple totes out and set everything up. The merchandise cart that we walk up and down the airport will remain the same.

3. **Badge Honor Flight flags**
    - We have 3' x 5' Badger Honor Flight flags for your flagpoles! The cost is $50. Let me know if you are interested.

**Administration Report – Stevens**

1. **Flown as of 6/1/2025**
    - World War II 1,255
    - Korea 1,271
    - Vietnam (11/1/1955 to 5/7/1975) 2,876
    - Persian Gulf War on Terrorism 5
    - Total 5,407
2. **Next milestone**
    - Mission 63 – 5,500 Veteran
3. **Waitlist as of 8/6/2025**
    - 5 – Korean
    - 472 – Vietnam
        - Approx 477 on waitlist for 2026. The waitlist does NOT include any assigned to Fall 2025 Flights

**Medical – McClain for Greenwood**

1. **Update**
    - Medical team is full. Six flying. Have three TLC for October flight.

**Flight Operations Report – McClain**

1. **Fall Flights**
    - Mission 62 – October 11, 2025 **Upcoming Mission**
        - 7am departure/9:15pm arrival
        - Flight Sponsor – Heros for Honor / Sauk Community
        - Closely watching Congress and the impending government shutdown. National is in communication with Hubs flying in October. What we know for sure if a shutdown occurs:
            - Physical access to NPS Memorials (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, FDR, MLK, Iwo Jima) will not be restricted, however the restrooms will be closed
            - Access to Air Force, Navy, & 9/11 Memorials, including the restrooms will remain open to Honor Flight groups only. Visits must be pre-arranged.
            - US Park Police escorts will not be available

2. **Flight Day Sponsorship Opportunities, per flight**
    - Flight / $100,000 – November
    - Buses / $5000 – Oct, Nov
    - Lunch / $2500 – Nov
    - Dinner / $2500 – Nov
    - Contact Jody or Ed if interested in sponsoring a piece of flight day.
3. **Swag bags**
    - Always looking for swag bag content donations. Small chotchkes, business swag, etc. 95 per flight. Great opportunity for free advertisement!

**Misc.**

1. **Fall Flights Publicity Recap**
    - **Mission 61**
        - WISC – Channel 3 Videographer Chris Hawbaker flew with us. Check out his flight recap on Channel 3 and his You Tube extended videos on our Facebook
        - WIBA 1310 AM – Radio Katie Thompson flew with us as a Guardian. Ziegler did radio interview – Aug 29 / Sep 5
    - **Mission 62**
        - Oregon Observer – Photographer – Mike Derrick is flying with us. Several Oregon/Brooklyn Veterans are going on the trip.
        - Heroes for Honor VIPs Ginny Wyttenbach and Linda Wiedenfeld are flying with us
        - George Demetriades – Chick-fil-A Franchisee Owner- George provides one of our DC meals. He is flying into Madison the day before the flight to experience the whole Mission, including flying back to Madison flight night. Every fourth meal we purchase, George donates. Also, a Chick-fil-A Corporate Videographer will be joining us in DC to document our trip for BHF and them
        - WIBA 1310 AM - Radio Interview – Oct 6
    - **Mission 63**
        - Nov 8 Flight = 5,500 Veteran flown
        - Working on recruiting media for this flight. Working on plans for celebrating this moment.
        - Let me know if you know of someone who might be interested in going on the flight.

- **Cardinal Heating Billboard Update**
    - Billboards will be going up soon. Be on the lookout!

2. **December Volunteer Celebration**
    - We will celebrate our volunteers at our December meeting. More information to come!

**Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings**

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
    - **November 5, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
    - **December 3, 2025** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
    - **January 7, 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