Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 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. **Thank you, Volunteers!**
    - Five letters of praise to our Volunteers from Veterans and Guardians who were on our September and October were shared.

2. **National Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial**
    - Dedication is October 24, 2026

3. **Updates**
    - A fellow hub in North Dakota (Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN) had their trailer stolen that contained all their merchandise and clothing. I'm happy to report that the stolen trailer has been found and a person has been arrested.
    - Southern Illinois Honor Flight had to stay the night in DC. Hotels, food, transportation, etc. had to be found. HFN and Sun Country Airlines helped the hub with this.

4. **Speaking Engagements**
    - Upcoming
        - October 24th, Columbia County American Legion Auxiliary, Portage, Dawn Splittgerber
        - November 5th, Waunakee's Memory Café, Waunakee, Tom Cantwell
        - November 11th, Masters Building Solutions, Madison, Cheryl Kelter
        - November 11th, Oakwood Village University Woods, Madison, TBD
        - November 11th, Stoughton Rotary Club, Stoughton, Tiffany Tobias

- Past Month
    - September 8th, American Legion Post 59, Stoughton, Becky Clark
    - September 17th, American Legion Post 146, Beaver Dam, Brian Ziegler
    - September 28th, Sauk County Tavern League, Reedsburg, Tyler Greenwood
    - Contact chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org for speaking engagements

5. **Check Presentations**
    - Haugen Family $3,150
    - BHF Pancake Breakfast $3,000
    - Al Wilkins Memorial $555
    - Severson-Cairns American Legion Post 501 $5,320.55
    - Chico's Villa Tap $1,583

Treasurer Report – Ed Brown

1. **Large Donations August**
    - Baraboo Country Club Golf Outing $4,000
    - Community Foundation of South Central WI $3,200
    - Vilter Foundation $2,500
    - Fred and Debra Kirchner $1,200
    - Greater Madison Senior Softball $1,000
2. **Memorials**
    - Larry Greenwold $1,650
    - Ronald Purintun $1,562
    - Julius Bellin $1,000
3. **Packer Ticket Raffle**
    - Sponsored by Symdon Chevrolet – Monticello
        - 2 tickets to December 13 game against Buffalo Bills
        - Calloway Golf Bag
        - Gift Card to Top Golf – Monona
        - Gift Card for Rally House
        - $10 per ticket or 3 for $25

Secretary Report – Becky Clark

1. **Thank You!**
    - Thank you to everyone who stepped in to be a flag holder at the Send Off for Mission 68!

2. **Thank You**
    - Thank you very much for attending the services of our fallen heroes. Your presence means so much to our Veteran's families.
3. **We Remember the Fallen – September 2026**
    - Ronald Purintun - Army Vietnam - Mission 55
    - Bill Sorenson - Army Vietnam - Mission 59
    - George Prince - Army Vietnam - withdrew due to health
    - Donald Barr - Army Korea - Mission 40
    - Richard Curtin - Army, Marine Corps Korea - withdrew due to health
    - Dennis Wagner - Army Vietnam - Mission 44
    - Mike Castle- Army Vietnam - Misson 52
    - Ben Hodgson - Air Force Korea - Misson 21
    - Thomas Rear - Marine Corp Vietnam - Mission 51
    - Art Jennrich - Navy Vietnam - Mission 29
    - Thomas Schaaf - Marine Corp Vietnam - Mission 25
    - Marion Beatty - Army Korea - Mission 14
    - David Billig - Navy Vietnam - Mission 47
    - Marvin Kontney - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 49
    - Carroll Gray - Army Korea - Mission 46
    - Ralph Schaaf - Army Korea - Mission 21
4. **Reflection**
    - The family was grateful we attended on behalf of BHF. They shared that being part of Mission 52 was the highlight of Mr. Castle's life. He proudly wore his cap and jacket every day. He was resplendent in his jacket in the flag draped casket; his well-worn BHF and Chicago Bears caps near his head. - Debra and Fred Kirchner

Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report – Ziegler for Tobias

1. **Dream Team Update – Jim Mason**
    - Three games down and three to go! Game one, nice weather - $8,506. Game two, bad weather - $5,520. Game three, Homecoming and great weather - $11,115. After three home games we have brought in $25,141!
2. **Clay Shoot Sponsors**
    - Thank you to all our sponsors! Please visit their businesses and be sure to thank them for their support of BHF. We have 255 shooters registered. There are over 100 raffles. There will also be a gun raffle. Vortex will be there.

3. **Look Ahead**
    - October 12th: Larry Satterlee Memorial Clay Shoot
    - October 17th: Stand Down Madison Salvation Army 8-12
    - November 7th: Send-Off and Welcome Home
    - November 8th: Monroe Moose Lodge, 50/50 raffle to benefit BHF. Doors open at 11
    - November 10th: Dane County Sheriff's Clay Shoot
    - November 11th: Masters Building Solutions Veterans Day luncheon
    - November 13th: Madison Capitols, Military Appreciation Night – Free Tickets for Veterans BHF 50/50
    - July 2027: Mallards Military Appreciation Night
    - If you have any opportunities not on our radar, please email volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org

Inventory Report – Williams

1. **Clothing & Merchandise**
    - Merchandise sales for the past two flights were good. September's sales were $1379 and October sales were $1469. New Merchandise - In addition to the new coffee mugs we will have wood Christmas ornaments, tall can koozies and light up wands for children.
    - New Merchandise - Wood ornaments are a huge hit! At September's flight we sold 71 and 49 at October's flight as well as some we are mailing and delivering.

Administration Report – Ziegler

1. **Fall 2026 Flights**
    - September 12
        - 86 Veterans
    - October 3
        - 85 Veterans
    - Veterans Flown Life To Date on 68 Missions
        - 5,974
2. **November 7 Flight**
    - 86 Veterans
        - World War II – 1
        - Korea – 2
        - Vietnam – 82
        - Vietnam through Desert Storm – 3

3. **Waitlist October 7, 2026**
    - World War II – 0
    - Korea – 5
    - Vietnam – 338
    - Vietnam Plus – 58
    - Other – 327
    - Total – 728

4. **VOLUNTEER NEED & TRAINING FALL 2026**
    - Timeline
        - 10/07/2026 - 11/07/26
            - Maintain Flights Rosters / Standby Lists
            - Clean Up Honor Apps Veteran Conflicts
    - NEED:
        - CALLERS
        - FORMS FOLLOW-UP
        - DATA ENTRY
        - ROSTER MANAGERS

Medical – McClain for Greenwood

1. **Flight Incident Report**
    - September 12
        - A fall at ANC that required wound care. Veteran continued on with the day, no further complaints or complications
    - October 3
        - No significant events to report
2. **Lifepak 15**
    - We have started carrying a Lifepak 15 on our flights. This unit will prove invaluable should we encounter a cardiac event, specifically during flight. I would like to thank Chief Haase and the Portage Fire Dept. for allowing us to use this piece of equipment.
3. **Fall Flight Medical Update – November 7**
    - Medical Team: Dr. McGraw, Danielle Clary, RN, Mike Nevers, CC EMT-P, Kaitlyn McClain, RN, Adrea Maly, NP, Tyler Greenwood, CC EMT-P
      Blue indicates experienced BHF provider
4. **TLC Status**
    - Nov 7th-3 seats filled
    - 3 Veterans under review for flight placement

Flight Operations Report – McClain

1. **Final Flight of 2026**
    - Mission 69
        - November 7, 2026
        - American Airlines
        - 7am/**8:15pm**
        - Flight Sponsor: Hy-Vee
        - Adding stop at the new National Desert Storm War Memorial
        - 6,000th Veteran!
2. **Help Wanted!!**
    - I will be looking for a new Snack Bag Coordinator in 2027. Jane Bynum is "retiring" - Thanks Jane for the well packed snack bags over the last couple of years!! This role is responsible for shopping for the snacks and packing the bags for each flight. If you interested in learning more about the role, please email Jody McClain at flightoperations@badgerhonorflight.org
3. **A Special Moment at the Vietnam Wall**
    - Jody shared how our collaboration with Custom Canines Service Dog Academy came to be and the importance of it. Becky then shared about an incredibly powerful moment that she witnessed at the Vietnam Wall with Veteran Aubry Henson and Stormy, our Mission 68 Chief Happiness Officer.

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
            - First Mail Call Assembly October 26
            - Next Mail Call Assembly November 5
        - If you are interested in assisting with assembly of Mail Call packets, contact mailcall@badgerhonorflight.org or see me.

2. **Fall Flights – VIPs / Guardians / Media**
    - Nov 7th
        - 4 Spots
            - 3 Hy-Vee Local Stores' Representatives
                - Store Managers from Madison East, Madison West, and Fitchburg will fly in the VIP / Guardian Role
                - Hy-Vee is also working on publicity for the flight

3. **Local Publicity Efforts**
    - Working on other opportunities
        - BHF PR volunteer reaching out to local TV stations for story to help recruit Veterans
        - Operation Stand Down
            - Oct 17 8 AM – 12 PM
            - Information Table
            - Assist Veterans through the stations
            - Event Purpose - "A hand-up, not a hand-out" — linking veterans to essential services, reducing stigma, and promoting community inclusion.
4. **Remember Fallen Heroes**
    - Sept 12th - Veterans = 0
    - Oct 3rd - Veterans = 1
    - Nov 7th - Veterans = 4
    - Program Information
        - BHF Website / Applications Page

Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
    - **November 4, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
    - **December 2, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
    - **January 6, 2026** – VFW 7591– 301 Cottage Grove Rd Madison 7:00pm

Contact the Board -

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Respectfully submitted,
Becky Clark
Board Secretary
Badger Honor Flight