Badger Honor Flight Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 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. 3 new volunteers
4. Board and Flight Team Introductions

Chairperson Report – Brian Ziegler

1. **Thank you, Volunteers!**
    - Thank you to everyone who attended our Volunteer Appreciation Picnic in August. It was a great time and nice to just relax, eat and visit with each other. This picnic will replace our Appreciation Dinner that we normally do in December.

2. **Speaking Engagements**
    - Upcoming
        - September 8th, American Legion Post 59, Stoughton, Becky Clark
        - September 17th, American Legion Post 146 Beaver Dam, Brian Ziegler
        - September 28th, Sauk Prairie Tavern League, Reedsburg, Tyler Greenwood
        - Nov 5th, Waunakee's Memory Café, TBD
    - Past Month
        - Aug 18th, Fitchburg Rotary Club, Fitchburg, Brian Ziegler
    - Contact chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org for speaking engagements

3. **Check Presentations**
    - Patriot Flight Foundation $31,100
    - Invenergy $13,000
    - Dodgeville VFW Post 7345 $500

Treasurer Report – Ed Brown

1. **Large Donations August**
    - Jeff and Barb Maly $5,000
    - Argyle American Legion Post 251 $5,000
    - Stoughton American Legion Post 59 $2,000
    - Thal Acres Golf Course $2,000
    - Poynette American Legion Post 271 $1,025
    - VFW Post 1621 – Janesville $1,000

Secretary Report – Becky 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 – August 2026**
    - Ernest Mabis - Army Korea - Mission 14
    - Phillip Wedekind- Army Vietnam - Mission 49
    - Martin Lenz- Army Vietnam – Mission 45
    - Roy Bettner - Army Vietnam - Mission 44
    - Albert Grell - Army Vietnam - withdrew due to health
    - Daniel Reger - Air Force Vietnam - Mission 50
    - Len Monday - Army Korea - Mission 11
    - James Wagner- Navy Vietnam - Mission 68
    - Boyd Forest - Army Vietnam - Mission 55
    - Al Wilkins - Army Vietnam - Mission 53
    - Beecher Daniels - Air Force Korea - Mission 19
    - Elizabeth Welsh - Navy Vietnam - Mission 41
    - Ray Lavallee - Marine Corp - Mission 45
    - Kenneth Nelson - Navy Vietnam - Mission 23

Volunteer Events and Fundraising Report – Tobias

1. **Thank you for the SUCCESSFUL Fall Guardian Training!**
    - Thank you to everyone who helped on Friday and Saturday! We had a very successful Guardian Training. We tried new layouts with clothing and medical and they worked out incredibly! We ran ahead of time all day!

2. **2026 Volunteer Picnic**
    - Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a great turnout, and everyone had a great time! Thank you to Randy for providing music and to Jason, Steve and Fred for grilling! We appreciate you all so much. It was so nice to just relax and visit with each other.
3. **Clay Shoot Sponsors**
    - Thank you to all our sponsors! Please visit their businesses and be sure to thank them for their support of BHF.
4. **Look Ahead**
    - September 6th: Brooklyn Truck & Tractor Pull Pancake Breakfast 8am-10:30am
    - September 9th: Nakoma Jeff Knatz
    - September 12th: Send off and Welcome Home
    - Badger Football Games – Dream Team
    - October 3rd: Send off and Welcome Home
    - October 3rd: American Legion 501 Brat Fry 10-4
    - October 12th: Larry Satterlee Memorial Clay Shoot
    - October 17th: Stand Down Madison Salvation Army 8-12
    - November 7th: Send off and Welcome Home
    - November 10th: Dane County Sheriff's Clay Shoot
    - 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**
    - August Guardian Training, we successfully distributed clothing for the 3 fall flights as well as selling $2,153.00 in Merchandise.
    - New Merchandise - In addition to the new coffee mugs we will have wood Christmas ornaments, tall can koozies and light up wands for children.

Administration Report – Ziegler

1. **Waitlist September 1, 2026**
    - World War II – 0
    - Korea – 7
    - Vietnam – 170
    - Vietnam Plus – 19
    - Other – 150
    - Total – 346
2. **Fall 2026 Flights**
    - September 12
        - World War II – 0
        - Korea – 5
        - Vietnam – 72
        - Vietnam plus – 9
        - Other – 1
        - Total – 87
    - October 3
        - World War II – 0
        - Korea – 3
        - Vietnam – 70
        - Vietnam plus – 11
        - Other – 0
        - Total – 84
    - November 7
        - World War II – 1
        - Korea – 2
        - Vietnam – 80
        - Vietnam plus – 4
        - Other – 0
        - Total – 85
3. **VOLUNTEER NEED & TRAINING FALL 2026**
    - Timeline
        - 09/01/2026 - 11/07/26
            - Maintain Flights Rosters / Standby Lists
            - Clean Up Honor Apps Veteran Conflicts
    - NEED:
        - CALLERS
        - FORMS FOLLOW-UP
        - DATA ENTRY

Medical – Greenwood

1. **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: ALL FORMS COMPLETED!
    - TLC Status
        - Sept - 3 seats filled
        - Oct - 1 seat filled, 2 open w/ candidates
        - Nov - 3 seats open
        - 5 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
        - 6,000th Veteran!
        - Adding stop at the new Desert Shield & Desert Storm Memorial

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)

    Contact sponsorship@badgerhonorflight.org if interested

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 tchotchkes 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
            - First Mail Call Assembly Aug 31 Completed
            - Next Mail Call Assembly Sep 10
        - 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
        - Colin Timmerman – Boy Scout who built the stairs
    - Oct 3rd
        - Matt Bell - Golf Outing Auction Winner
        - DJ Klauser – VFW Post 7591
        - The Edgerton Newspaper Reporter
    - 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
                - Speakers
            - 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 - updated billboard
        - Dane County Regional Airport
            - New Static Sign across from Gate 8
            - New Electronic Signs - updated electronic boards
        - Working on other opportunities
4. **Remember Fallen Heroes**
    - Sept 12th - Veterans = 0
    - Oct 3rd - Veterans = 1
    - Nov 7th - Veterans = 2
    - Program Information
        - BHF Website / Applications Page

Upcoming BHF Volunteer Meetings

1. BHF Meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.
    - **October 7, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
    - **November 4, 2026** – VFW 7591 - 301 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison at 7:00PM
    - **December 2, 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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- **Volunteer Events: Tiffany Tobias volunteerevents@badgerhonorflight.org**

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Clark
Board Secretary
Badger Honor Flight