



Badger Honor Flight

Message from the Chairwoman

January 2020

Happy New Year! We are excited to jump into 2020 and look towards celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Badger Honor Flight and take our 40th flight on April 18th.

Going forward, I will share a monthly recap of our Volunteer Meetings and other highlights. We know we have many supporters who are not able to attend our monthly meetings and still want to keep connected to our outstanding activities. Don't forget to *Like* our [Facebook page](#) to stay up-to-date on events and announcements.

Fundraising

At our January 8th meeting we were excited to welcome the Sauk Prairie Heroes for Honor where they presented a check for \$103,865, bringing their total fundraising to **over \$400,000!** This incredible group of dedicated volunteers engages the local community to raise funds through a variety of activities (Harvest Moon Dinner, National Honor Society, sale of scarves by D'Marie Knits, a tractor pull, meat raffles, etc.), with all proceeds going to Badger Honor Flight to fill our flights and take Veterans to Washington, D.C. Thank you to the entire group, spearheaded by Frtiz and Ginny Wyttenbach and Stan and Lynette Theis.

We also welcomed the

- IT "Betterment Brigade" from CUNA. They held a Penny War in December and donated 475 pennies to Badger Honor Flight.
- Waunahops, a group of like-minded individuals who enjoy craft beer, donated \$3,000.
- Sauk Prairie High School Class of 1964 reunion donated \$700.

We also shared that employees of TDS Telecom voted to donate \$5,000 to Badger Honor Flight through a program with the company's Employee Resource Group.

Partnership with Wollersheim Winery & Spirits

Wollersheim Winery & Spirits has been a long-time partner and supporter of Badger Honor Flight. We are excited to share that they are working on the release of a barrel (roughly 250 bottles) of whiskey, named Red, White & Blue Whiskey (made with red, white, and blue corn, all the same percentages as the American flag) that is planned to release on Sunday, May 17, 2020. All proceeds will be donated to Badger Honor Flight. Stay tuned for more details and mark your calendar! Thank you, Wollershem Winery & Spirits for your support of our Veterans.



Guardian Fee

The board voted to reduce the guardian fee for veterans serving as guardians to \$250.00. This is a small way for us to recognize their service to our country, and we are able to offer this due to the many volunteers who fundraise for Badger Honor Flight. Thank you!

Guardian Training

Guardian training will be held on Saturday, April 11th, location To Be Confirmed. The Board is working to revise guardian training to ensure better attendance by guardians and access to information for those who may not be able to travel to Madison. We also want to ensure training is closer to flight season/flight day so that information stays fresh. We will share more information on training in February.

Spring 2020 Flight Dates

We've announced our Spring 2020 flight dates:

April 18th - Take Off 7 am, Return 8 pm

May 9th - Take Off 6 am, Return 7 pm

May 30th - Take Off 6 am, Return 7 pm

We will be **early risers** in May when our send-off program starts at **4:45am!** We will make sure to have plenty of coffee available.

T-Shirt Contest

We are seeking creative designs that represent the Badger Honor Flight experience/culture/history with a special emphasis on this year marking the 10th anniversary of flying. The winner will receive Board recognition, a T-shirt with the new logo, and a Badger Honor Flight hoodie. This contest is open to all ages and skill levels and entries are due February 2nd. More information is available [here](#).

Board Updates

We are currently recruiting for a Director of Fundraising. Information is available [here](#) and the deadline to apply is February 14. The Board decided to move the Communications team under the Chairperson of the Board and once a new Director of Fundraising is on board, Tiffany Tobias will serve as the lead team member on Communications. If you are interested in the Director position and have questions, please reach out to Tiffany at fundraising@badgerhonorflight.org or Nicole at chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in volunteering with Badger Honor Flight and don't know where to start? Please email Doug Petrick at VolunteerEvents@badgerhonorflight.org to learn more.



In Summary

Thank you to all of our outstanding volunteers and partners. I am so grateful for all that you do and look forward to continuing to work with you as we send more Veterans to Washington, D.C., for their *trip of a lifetime*.

If you have questions or comments for me, please do reach out (chairperson@badgerhonorflight.org) and I hope to see you at our next Volunteer meeting – **Wednesday, February 5th**, 7pm, at the VFW – Cranefield's Post 1318, 133 E. Lakeside St, Madison, WI. ***All are welcome.***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole M. Jennings".

Nicole Jennings
Chairwoman of the Board