

Dear friend of the Never Forgotten Honor Flight,

On January 24, 2026, the Never Forgotten Honor Flight braved the cold to host a Wisconsin Honor Flight Summit. Hubs from around the state convened at Central Wisconsin Airport to share ideas and discuss the work we do. Those hubs attending included Never Forgotten Honor Flight, Badger Honor Flight (Madison), Old Glory Honor Flight/Missions of Honor (Appleton), Freedom Honor Flight (La Crosse), and North Star Honor Flight (Rochester, MN).

The event started with exciting updates from Brian Ziegler, current chairperson of Badger Honor Flight, and a member of the National Board. He is excited for the coming year, noting that the Honor Flight Network is more united than ever with new leadership and a renewed commitment to supporting hubs across the country.



The group spent the day discussing topics such as flight operations, leadership, volunteers, and future marketing. Each hub has its own way of carrying out its mission. Getting everyone together like this is a great opportunity to share ideas and best practices that can help strengthen the work we do.

A key theme throughout the day was the decline in veteran applications across the state. Although the Honor Flight Network has honored 317,128 veterans over the past twenty years, many more have yet to be reached. Jim Campbell, NFHF, shared a surprising statistic from our hub. The good news is that one in five veterans from our area has flown with us. The bad news is that only one in five veterans from our area has flown with us. A commitment was made to address this not only at the hub level, but the state level through future marketing and collaborative efforts.

Wisconsin remains committed to identifying and encouraging additional veterans to experience this trip of a lifetime.

Wisconsin Honor Flight hubs are seen as leaders when it comes to best practices and how we operate. This is a direct result of the dedication and commitment from hub leaders, volunteers, and the communities we serve.

Here's a look at our scoreboard:

Veterans flown				Waiting to fly			
WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total	WWII	Korea	Vietnam	Total
1,048	1,270	2,896	5,214	0	2	405	407

My thanks to Jeni Hinz and Rocky Erickson for putting the Summit together and for writing this month's letter!

For the heroes,

Ken Moberg
President, Never Forgotten Honor Flight