



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary "Buddy"® Poppy/National Home Bulletin August/September 2024

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We have a big event coming up at the beginning of this month and I am so excited for you to join me at the VFW National Home Michigan Day on August 11. I encourage all of you who come to bring a friend to introduce to them this wonderful place and their mission. If you can't join us, I encourage you to share a post on your Facebook page or community page informing people about the National Home as well as the Helpline Number. Spreading the word is imperative to those who might potentially need the resources the National Home offers or brings new people that are willing to support the National Home through financial means.

Don't forget to bring your Spring-Cleaning Supplies to the National Home on Michigan Day. This will be a competition between our Department and the Department of Ohio. Who is going to bring the most supplies?? Be prepared to give them a monetary value at drop off. Your Auxiliary can write a check with "where needed most" indicated on the memo line, or you can drop off goods from the designated donation list posted on our website as well as on our Department Facebook page. You may also send in a check for Michigan Day to the National Home within 30 days of Michigan Day to count towards our total. However, you must indicate that it is for Michigan Day.



Please look over your Guide Sheet and read over the reporting requirements. I am getting reports on distributing poppies, but there is no number indicating how many. There is a box that specifically states "poppies" to indicate that number in. Please also indicate whether you have your poppy drive with or without the post. These details are important as I must report them to National at the end of the year. Please have your Guide Sheet out when reporting to help you remember what you specifically need to report on under that achievement.

BE A HOMEFRONT HERO!!

A great goal for Auxiliaries this year is to become a Home Front Hero for the VFW National Home. As we all know too well, the cost of pretty much everything has risen. With costs going up, it creates more of a strain on the resources that the National Home provides. So, this is just one of many ways Auxiliaries can support the National Home to offset those costs. Your Auxiliaries monthly donation can be as little as \$10 a month and the commitment would only be for this program year. If you choose to continue, that would be up your Auxiliary. To become a Home Front Hero:

1. Go online to vfnationalhome.org, go to "You Can Help", select "Home Front Hero".
2. Complete form online.
3. Note the several other ways to give and share that with your communities!
4. Report to me under "other" and let me know your Auxiliary became a Home Front Hero.

I can't wait to see how many Auxiliaries in our state step up to the challenge!

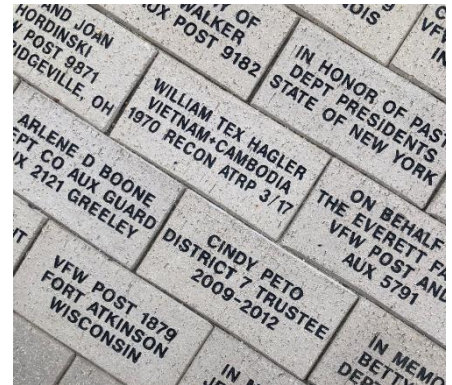


TRIBUTE BRICK

Be a part of the National Home's history! A personalized brick is a wonderful way to honor a friend or loved one and leave a lasting mark on the campus of the National Home. Bricks are placed in walkways in front of the community center, health & education building, museum, and World War II monument.

You can customize your 4" x 8" brick with your three-line message. Consider donating a brick to:

- Remember a loved one;
- Honor a friend, comrade or sister;
- Show your gratitude to a family member;
- A dedicated volunteer, Auxiliary member;
- Celebrate a milestone in your life; or
- Set your own name in stone.



Each brick is \$100. Your purchase includes a commemorative certificate with a representation of your brick. Visit vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/tribute-bricks/ to get your brick today. Don't forget to REPORT when a brick has been purchased within your Auxiliary! This is a goal from our National Ambassador!

FALL CONFERENCE

Fall Conference will be held at the Gateway Centre Flint, Michigan from 26 September – 28 September. **Please join me on Saturday, 28 September from 10:30 – 12:00 for this program training!**

Now is the time to start brainstorming some ideas to support the National Home and the Buddy Poppy program going into the fall season. Remember, when you promote one, you promote the other!

"Buddy"® Poppy + National Home = Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes®

Creativity is Contagious

A fun 'Back to School' basket would be a fun idea. Put together a basket of school supplies and raffle it off. Attach a poppy to the basket along with a story card that shares the story of the "Buddy"® Poppy. Put the proceeds of your raffle into your relief fund!

Don't forget to join our Facebook page at "Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home-Michigan to stay up-to-date on current happenings!

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