



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary "Buddy"® Poppy/National Home Bulletin – October/November 2024

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As Fall Conference has come to end, I would like to thank everyone for coming and I hope you were able to take some new information with you to assist you with the start of this holiday season.

Has your Auxiliary purchased the Department President's program pin yet? If not, please reach out to Ruth Barnhill to make that purchase. This year the proceeds from the sale of the pins will benefit the VFW National Home. Please don't forget to report to me that your Auxiliary has purchased the pins.



As fall begins to set in, so will our desire to drive around to destination nowhere and enjoy the beautiful colors that the trees have given us. This fall season, I encourage you to grab a friend and take drive to a destination called the VFW National Home! The home offers tours of the campus by calling the administrative offices and setting up an appointment. Perhaps you have a friend that has never been, and you can enjoy a lovely afternoon together and with the wonderful people at the National Home. While you are there you can swing by the Museum store to explore the history of the Home or you can see if you can find your brick that you might have just purchased earlier in the year!

Creativity is Contagious! Is your Auxiliary doing a trunk or treat this Halloween? Instead of candy, perhaps grab some cool, inexpensive toys from Amazon and wrap a "Buddy"® Poppy around them. For the parents? Print off Poppy Story cards, National Home Helpline info, your Auxiliary info, put information in a small baggie along with a poppy and perhaps a mint. Never miss an opportunity to promote!

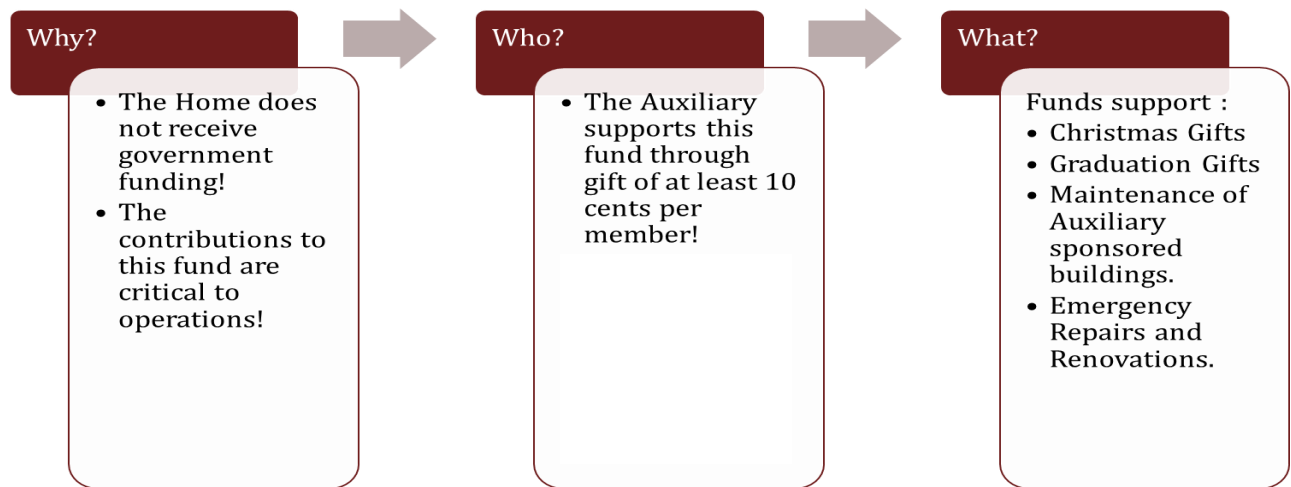
Reporting: Reminder that October 31 is the end of the second quarter reporting! If you haven't reported yet, please do so. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to call, email, or text me as I will be happy to help.



November

November is the month of not only giving thanks for our family, health, friends, and a multitude of other blessings in our lives, but to also give thanks to our VETERANS! After all, we are the Home of the free because of the brave! This month allows for many opportunities to share what the VFW National Home is and what the "Buddy"® Poppy provides for our veterans and their families! Now is the time to order poppies, select collection sites, and get your volunteers ready for November 11!

Health & Happiness Fund



If there is a good time of year to make your contribution to the VFW Auxiliary Health & Happiness Fund, it would be now. Why you ask? As the Home approaches closer to the holiday season, they have needs to assist with the Christmas season but it is also approaching winter in Michigan. That means cold, wet and sometimes unexpected repairs winter can bring. As you can see from the info graphic above, this fund supports five Auxiliary sponsored buildings. What are they? The Chapel, Community Center, Guest Lodge, Health and Education Building and the Nursery. These buildings are critical to the day-to-day operations, so please, if your Auxiliary has not yet contributed to this fund, please submit your payment directly though Malta or by mail soon!

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Attached to this month's bulletin is a template to help you for your FUN-raising efforts and promotion of our two essential programs. There you find a "Thank You Veterans" card you can print out on cardstock. You can ask for a dollar or two in donations, have the purchaser write their name, "In honor", or "In memory of" on the card. Then, hang up in your post home for November. Proceeds of this will go in your relief fund.



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