



**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary**  
**"Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home – August/September 2025**  
[www.vfwauxmi.org](http://www.vfwauxmi.org)  
**Facebook Page: Buddy Poppy/VFW National Home-Michigan**

**National Theme: *From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans Who Keep Us Free***  
**Department Theme: *We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All***

It was so great seeing so many of you at the VFW National Home 100-year Celebration and Michigan Day. Make sure you report it. I look forward to all your reports telling me how you are promoting The VFW National home in your community. Make sure you talk about the Helpline - you never know when you are going to touch a life that really needs these resources. Let's honor our veterans by making this well keep secret a household name. Make sure you talk about the 100 year history of the home. Do not forget to send in your Health and Happiness Donations and to get one Life membership. If you do a Centennial Life membership you can get 10% off all merchandise for life. You must purchase this by December 31, 2025. Another way to support the VFW National Home is to buy a brick. You will find the forms to do these projects and more on the VFW National Home Web-site.

Many of you have reported your Buddy Poppy drives. Please make sure you put down how many poppies your Auxiliary has donated. Here are some ways to use poppies: Your mid-winter entry for the "Buddy"® Poppy contest, on your tables for dinners and any event at your post. In the community, you can give out poppies for parades, local businesses, set up a table and talk about the history of the "Buddy"® Poppy, partner with other VFW Auxiliary program community events and many other ways. The most creative ways can make the biggest impact. Report to me what your Auxiliary is doing with your poppies.

Now, you should have your guide sheet. Use it as your compass to guide you through the year. I know you are all doing wonderful things. Please make sure you report them so we can share new ideas. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. I know this is going to be a great year.

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