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**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
“Buddy”® Poppy/National Home
April/May 2026**

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Facebook Page: (Program) - 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*

Buddy Poppy

This is it we are almost at the finish line. Thank you to all who sent me your Buddy® Poppy & VFW National Home Award #1 and Award #2 the winner was sent on to National. I hope you are working with your Post on your Buddy Poppy displays for June Convention. Remember if you did a display for Mid- Winter, you can bring that display to June's convention.

The rules for this contest are the VFW National Buddy Poppy National contest rules. You can find them on our website. There are three categories and the rules are the same as our contest. The idea behind this is to get the VFW and Auxiliaries working together on these displays. The Winner in each category will then be sent on to National.

We have shared a lot of great ideas on how to use your poppies. Share how you incorporated your poppies into your dinners Center pieces and decorations. I cannot wait to see how you use them. Also do not or get to keep getting out and educating our communities on what the “Buddy”® Poppy is. Make sure you have reported all you have done this year. You still have time. All reports must be in by the end of May to count for this year. Thank you for all you have done in this program this year Can not wait to see everyone at June Convention.

VFW National Home

Spring has sprung and so much is happening at The VFW National Home. There are still open houses available for Veterans and their families. Be sure to promote the Help Line in your communities. There are so many Veteran Families out there that need a fresh start. Talk to your service officers in your area and make sure they are aware of this great place. The VFW National Home has many resources to help Veterans and their families even if the program is not right for them, they may still have resources to help the family.

You can no longer get a Centennial Life membership. Life memberships are still offered and our now \$100. If you have not bought a life membership yet this year it is time to do that now.

Here are some things you still can do. Buy a Brink or Life membership or sent in your Health and Happiness quotas of .10 or .25 cents a member. If you would like to do a special project for the National Home, give them a call and they will find one that will fit you. Thank you for all of your support for this special place.

I will say it one more time if you have not reported this year, yet you still can make sure all reports are in by end of May. So, Report! Report! Report!

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