



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary "Buddy"® Poppy/National Home– Dec 2025-Jan 2026

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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

I want to thank everyone who Attended Fall Conference. So many of you shared Great ideas for using Buddy Poppies. I want to share some of these ideas for others to use during the holidays. At your Thanksgiving dinner use as table decorations and as you wrap your silverware put a poppy on them. If you do dinner baskets add a poppy and the story of the poppy. Christmas time add poppies to your Christmas tree. At your Christmas Bazaars set up a table with poppies on it along with the story of the poppy. Add a poppy to your Christmas bags for our Veterans hospitals. I cannot wait to hear all the ways you used your Poppies over the Holidays. Please report how many poppies you used. Be sure to wear a poppy or poppy pin often so people will ask about it, which provides you the opportunity to educate, promote and publicize.

Start thinking about your Buddy poppy display for Midwinter. The rules have not changed and can be found on the web-site along with entry forms. This year's theme is the Department theme - "We don't know them all, But we owe them all". Size requirements are 16x16x20. Remember you must have at least one Buddy Poppy in its original form. I cannot wait to see your entries.

VFW National Home

Looking for a long-lasting gift this holiday season, think about a brick or Life Membership to the National Home. This year we are trying to fill all the homes with Veterans and their families who are looking for a fresh start. We need your help in finding these Veterans families in need. Promote the Helpline you never know when you will be the one to change a life. We need to educate our local communities on this wonderful place in Eaton Rapids Michigan who for 100 years has been changing the lives of Veterans and their Families.

Have you sent in your Health and Happiness quotas of .10 or .25 cents a member. If not now is a good time to do that. Make sure you report it.

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 your support for this special place.

I Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see everyone at Mid-Winter.

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