



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary "Buddy"® Poppy/National Home – Feb/Mar 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 brought a Buddy Poppy display to Mid-Winter. They were all wonderful. I do have some great news for you. The VFW is having their own Buddy Poppy contest and have invited all the Auxiliaries that had displays at our Mid-Winter to bring them to June Convention. They are asking that anyone who didn't do a display at mid-winter to pair up with the VFW and turn in a display for June Convention. The rules for this contest are the VFW National Buddy Poppy 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. I am so excited and think this is such a great Idea. If you have any questions at all please feel free to contact me. I can't wait to see them all at June Convention.

We have shared a lot of great ideas on how to use your poppies. Keep reporting and using your poppies. Valentine Day is just around the corner. Share how you incorporated your poppies in to your dinners Center pieces and decorations. I can not wait to see how you use them. Also do not forget to keep getting out and educating our communities on what the Buddy Poppy is. Thank you for all you have done this year and I can not say it enough keep reporting.

VFW National Home

As The VFW National Home goes into its 101 year of serving our Veterans They are asking we get out in our Communities and promote the VFW National Home. There are so many Veteran Families out there that need a fresh start. Talk to your service officers in your area make sure they are aware of this great place. The Helpline is also a great way to promote the Home. 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 are now \$100. If you have not bought a life membership yet this year it is time to do that now.

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 of your support for this special place.

I can't say it enough Report! Report! Report!

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