

# MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY "BUDDY"® POPPY/NATIONAL HOME BULLETIN

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It has been a wonderful year as your Department of Michigan "Buddy" Poppy Chair.

The "Buddy" Poppy is very important for our Veterans.

You can Purchase the new "Buddy" Poppy and Old from your local V.F.W. Post. Spring will be here soon planning a Poppy Drive with your Post. (Remember: NEVER REFUSE SOMEONE A POPPY

BECAUSE THEY ARE UNABLE TO CONTRIBUTE. A POPPY ON ANYONE'S LAPEL HONORS ALL VETERANS!)

I would like to personally thank all the participants in the Mid-winter. "Buddy" Poppy Display contest this year. WOW a lot of great entries this year and it was very hard to pick just One they all look great.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below, we are the Dead. Short days ago, we lived, felt down, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe: to you from failing hands we throw the torch; to be yours to hold it high. if we break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders field.

Please keep on reporting. Numbers of Poppies used. Miles, total Members.

These wonderful flowers will be in bloom soon to make our hearts full we will never run out of 'Buddy" Poppy so use them and report them.

Use MALTA there are so much information and helpful hints.

We had 37 "Buddy" Poppy Displays and one youth, WOW they where all wonderful the judges had a hard time choosing anyone to be first Place.

Keep up the good work to you all.

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## **The National Home's Mission**

The VFW National Home assist Military, Veterans, and their family with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their personal and family goals to move forward in a positive, safe and healthy environment.

I have had a spectacular year being your V.F.W. National Home chair. As a Alumni from the National I was proud to promote and support the National.

Have you purchased a Life Membership pin yet.

You can order Bricks, and gift shop items by using the QR codes I put on the Facebook "Buddy" Poppy/National Home-Michigan Page.

Don't forget the National Home will be 100 Years next year January 7,2025 help us Celebrate this big event with us. We have a full year planned.

The Pollet Cottage will be totally remodeled by next year.

Help Line 1-800-313-4200 if you know a Veteran and their family that might need housing and a hand up give out this Phone number, they will fill out all the paperwork on the phone.

The future looks bright for the National Home keep on supporting our Veterans out there. And I would like to say a Big Thanks you to all the Auxiliaries for your continuing support for the past 99 years.

Keep working on Helping our veterans, they know we are on their side.

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