

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary BUDDY® POPPY & VFW NATIONAL HOME BULLETIN

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us



The Buddy® Poppy is a powerful flower that disabled Veterans put together. We as VFW and Auxiliary members distribute them to the public.

Any funds that come from the distribution of our Buddy® Poppy is placed into your Relief Fund. That helps our local Veterans in our own communities.

Hello Michigan, how many Buddy® Poppies can we use this year?

I would like to see us use and display many, many, more!
We need to report how many we display and distribute.

The month of May has been traditionally the time of year that Posts and Auxiliaries across the country go out to distribute our Poppy's. Has your Auxiliary participated in a Buddy® Poppy Drive yet? How many did you hand out? Buddy® Poppies can and should be promoted year around. On street corners, in parking lots, at businesses and within our Post Homes.

When we distribute Buddy® Poppy's It shows that we as Auxiliary members are out promoting and delivering a message into our communities by showing that we are continuously volunteering to help Veterans, their families, and donating to programs in our communities.

Use your Poppies to hold a contest using Buddy Poppies! Put out large jar, count how many in there sell tickets for a guess.

We all should be using them in centerpieces and floral displays every time there is a funeral dinner or banquet. Or, if you have some very artistic people in all your Auxiliary, turn them loose and wait to see what they can create. The more we display them, the more opportunities we have to engage in conversations and talk about the Buddy® Poppy and what they mean to us as members of our organization.

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The National Web Site has great resources and tools for Buddy® Poppy let's use them.

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VFW National Home new LOGO. They also dropped the (For Children) in their name.

A new program at the National Home is If you know a Veteran with a family that lives in another state, and they don't want to move to Michigan they will still try to reach out and help. The VFW National Home now has a program that will pay the rent and utilities outside the home for an amount of time determined by the VFW National Home.

The VFW National Home Has a Help line please put this in number into your phone 1-800-383-4200. This could be very important to our Veterans when they need our help. Michigan should be very proud. We are fortunate to be in the state where the VFW National Home is actually located.

Personally, as an Alumni from the VFW National Home, I am so proud to be serving as the Department of Michigan Buddy®Poppy/National Home Chairman.



Yes, I am in this Picture can you find me.

Offering the Healing power of Music

Guitars for vet's chapter opened at the VFW National Home.

The VFW National also has a VA rep 2 days a week that come out. to help our Veterans.

Ideas on how your Auxiliary can help the VFW National Home:

1. The VFW National Home is looking to get High Speed internet, the cost will be high, but they need it.
2. Your Auxiliary can purchase a Memorial Brick with your Post and your Auxiliary number on it. The Cost is \$100.00.

Also, VFW National Home Life Membership each year your Buddy Poppy/National Home should purchase one. The cost is \$50.00.

Just a Heads-up August 6,2023 is Michigan Day. I would like to see more VFW Post and Auxiliary members attend this year as in the past several years our support and participation has dwindled. Bring your friends and neighbors. Show them the gem we have in the countryside that has continued for almost 100 years to meet the needs of Americas valiant heroes, our Veterans, and their families.

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