

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT VFW AUXILIARY
"BUDDY":® POPPY/NATIONAL HOME BULLETIN
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Facebook Page: "Buddy" ® Poppy /National Home Michigan

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

National Theme: Banding Together for Our Veterans

Department Theme: Our Veterans the Angels Among Us

Look at our guide sheets to see what else we need to accomplish. Have you utilized MALTA to get "Buddy" Poppy materials and resources?

"Buddy" ® Poppy mid-winter conference display remembers the theme (Our Veterans the Angels Among us) here is a copy of the rules.

Veterans Day is coming use as many "Buddy" ® Poppy on your table, wrap the flat ware with "Buddy" ® Poppy count everyone you use. Work as a team with your members to make the project for Mid-winter Conference. Have Fun! Whenever you or Auxiliary does anything for "Buddy" ® Poppy or the National Home report it so we know what you are up to. Also, the none profit status can be dropped if cannot prove you have helped veterans. The IRS can pull you nonprofit. So, Report what you do.

When reporting on the "Buddy" Poppy program, it is important to know that we only count the money going out. We do not need to know how much you brought in from your drives. We need to know how much your Auxiliary donates to Veterans and the number of Poppies procured from the V.F.W.



Let's not forget our Veterans during Veterans Day use "Buddy" Poppy in your Table display and count everyone used if you do a bundle of 10 and put a bundle of 10 on 8 tables you just used 80 "Buddy" Poppy please report that.

Christmas will be here soon using "Buddy" Poppy in your decorations in your post please let me know how many "Buddy" Poppy you use. Thanks

How are you coming on your "Buddy" Poppy display for Mid-Winter.

Using "Buddy" Poppy is remembering all the Service men and Women that never came home and honoring the one that came home but have injuries and scarred for life.

If your auxiliary purchases a box of "Buddy" Poppy report it. We need to plant the seed of "Buddy" Poppy what I mean by that is let your community know what a "Buddy" Poppy and the true meaning of this beautiful flower is. By getting the information to them we can help other Veterans.

Use "Buddy" Poppy on your tables at your Veterans dinner count them and let me know how many used.

Please report the total number of "Buddy" Poppy used, Miles, Number of members, and the Dollars amount.

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V.F.W. National Home Helpline 1-800-313-4200 put this number in your cell phone so when you encounter a Veteran that you think might need help give it to them. V.F.W. National Home has QR codes to help you to purchase Memorial Bricks.



Don't forget Life membership from the VFW National Home.

Cash for Kiddos how are we doing.

The V.F.W. National Home now have a gift shop you can utilize thru a QR code from your phone and sent straight to you. Get your merchandise hats, Shirts, Etc.



A great way for you to get National Home Merchandise if you don't live near the VFW National Home. Try it this QR code from you cell phone, you can see everything they have. Fast Fun, Easy.

Check out the "Buddy" Poppy National Home Facebook page, I put out a lot of information weekly. Reminders upcoming events and lots of great input you might need.

There are a lot of things going on at the National Home thru the Holidays and there are needs.

On January 7th, 2025, the V.F.W. National Home will be 100 years old. What can we do to make that year big and Bright. Plans are being made now.

If you don't know how to report, please call me. I will be glad to walk it thru with you.

Promote the V.F.W. National Home. I live 3 miles from the National and in Eaton Rapids people have never heard of it. What is it.

Michigan has the greatest jewel, right here and we need to be proud of it and tell people about it, they may know someone that might need it.

Our Veterans need us, lets use the tools we already have.

Santa Shop 2023 Gift Suggestion list on the Department web site. Please visit and print it out. Thanks.

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