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Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary VFW National Home – June 2026

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National Theme: *Serving America's Heroes* Department Theme: *Leading with a Patriot's Heart*

The VFW National Home was founded in 1925. It is a place where our veterans and military can receive help during difficult times.

The home, located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, is on 630 acres of farm land and has 70 buildings that include brick homes, a library, community center, chapel, guest lodge, nursery, teen center, fire department, administration buildings, and its own water treatment and sewage plant.

The mission of the VFW National Home is to assist military members, veterans, and their families with children by crafting a foundation of service and resources to achieve their personal and family goals to move forward in a positive, safe, and healthy environment.

The VFW National Home community is open to families of actively serving military personnel, veterans, and relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. The family can have one or more children. It is a place where a military family with children can find help during tough times to reestablish themselves in today's world.

SWAP (Sharing Wonderful Auxiliary Projects) ideas or activities on the VFW National Home Facebook page. Showcase your creative ideas that demonstrate where the National Home is and who is eligible to stay there.

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Promote the VFW National Home's Helpline. This number is staffed by caring professionals who can help the military, veterans, or their families find the resources they need.



Military & Veteran Family Helpline

Be Heard. Be Helped.

800-313-4200

Call for any reason.

- This free service offers information
- Creates connections
- Gives hope to struggling families across the country

The Helpline is answered M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern, except holidays.

We have 2 "FUN" activities this year. First, we are collecting "Nickels for the Nursery." Districts will compete to see who can raise the most for the VFW National Home Nursery. The District Presidents will have baby bottles that they will bring with them on their official visits. They will pass the bottle around to collect nickels, loose change, anything you want to donate goes in the bottle. By the Fall Conference, the District raising the most at that point will receive a beautiful crown. The collection will continue, and we will do it again at Mid-Winter. If you don't want a particular District to have the crown, raise some more nickels and take it away from them. This will be concluded at the Convention 2027. We get to have fun, and the nursery gets the help it needs. Our Treasurer, Cathy, will keep totals for each District.

The other activity is just collecting change for the VFW National Home. We are going to be the change by providing the change. Special Collection-Put out a VFW National Home bank (or other bank), cup, or a mason jar at your meetings. If you collect donations at your meeting, when you put in your quarter, add an extra one to the house or jar. Put the containers in your Clubroom. Clean out your coin banks. Our Treasurer, Cathy, will keep track of all the money sent in. The Auxiliary who raises the most will receive a trophy. Have FUN with it, help the home, check off a goal, and report it.

Michigan Day will be August 9, 2026. Information, when available, will be on the Department's web page at: www.vfwauxmi.org

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