



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Buddy Poppy VFW National Home Bulletin – August/September

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**National Theme:** *Serving Our Veterans with Aloha*  
**Department Theme:** *Serving with a Patriot’s Heart*

Please be sure to review our Guide sheet, and then report the items on the guide sheet as you complete it, be sure to add the numbers of poppy’s used, in each report start with numbers, be descriptive in reporting the activity or event.

Hopefully you had a successful Annual Buddy Poppy drive, when reporting please report if, it was Auxiliary only or with your Post, also did you utilize or promote the National resources “Veterans Behind the Buddy Poppies”. Be descriptive and share your creative ideas how poppies are used throughout the year.

**August 4<sup>th</sup> is our VFW National Home MI. Day** Look forward to seeing each member and any new or perspective member. Districts Presidents have signed up for different stations needed at MI. Days. Contact your District President letting them know your availability to help. If you have never been to the National Home this is a great time to come visit. Bring your family, friends even your Boss and don/t forget the grandkids! It will be a great time to share our VFW National Home Family, along with the many fun activities planned just for YOU!

**Here are the following District Stations Selected for each District. Remember your Help is needed and we are counting on YOU!**

District 4 Coins in the Sand	District 9 Fishing
District 5 Cleaning Supplies Register/Kitchen Clean Up	District 10 Bingo
District 6 Popcorn/Ice Cream	District 11 Face Painting
District 7 Flag/Banner Registration	District 12 Outdoor Games/Blow up house
District 8 50/50 Raffle Tickets	District 13 Kitchen Set Up Assisting VFW Staff
District 14 & 15 Sending Bingo Prizes	

Please be at Stations and ready to Go by 9:00 AM -- Ending at 11am So everyone can take part in the .1k Activities Look forward to everyone enjoy time spent with our VFW Family.

The third Annual .1K Fun Run (348 feet) for more information go to [vfnationalhome.org/fun-run](http://vfnationalhome.org/fun-run) to register, sponsors are needed. Keep in mind you can Run it or walk it. Registration starts at 10 am Race is 11 am. Early Registration is \$20.00 till July 15<sup>th</sup> guaranteed a T-shirt, Late Registration \$25.00 morning of Kids 12 & under Race for FREE!

At MI DAYS, we will have the .1KRun as well as Department President Della’s Challenge with Ohio please bring cleaning supplies or monetary donations for cleaning supplies to support our Dept. President Della take the Win from Ohio!

## SEPTEMBER

Has your Auxiliary sent in your Health & Happiness donations to National ? Please report how much money was sent and dollar amount it represents per member with your report? Your support to the National Home for Children offers a once in a lifetime opportunity for military and veteran related families. If you know of a family in your community that could use their help, please encourage them to call! They are currently accepting new resident families into their new programs. Most qualify to apply. There is a caring staff to help families determine eligibility. A Great Place to Call Home 1-800-313-4233

How is your Auxiliary doing with the "Let's Make a Change" for our National Home.... Last year this was started and then put to the side when things got de-railed, but we can All pick up the pieces and Do It Right This Year and get off to a new clean slate of a better understanding of how it works! Everyone can take part no matter how large or how small your auxiliary is, a little can go a long ways with everyone taking part. Let's take a Green-Walk around our Beautiful Campus. The green grass area on campus is 1.33 miles, every foot we walk equals (.16 cents) 1.33 of a mile=7022 sq ft. X .16 per foot= \$1,123.58 dollars collected. At your monthly meetings pass around a canister and have members drop in their change and see how many miles your auxiliary can walk in the coming year. All funds collected would be sent to the National Home by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 with a notation in the MEMO area that it's monies collected for *Make A Change Fund*, and then report your yearly total by April 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.... a very easy and creative way to Make a Change!

Two other ways to promote the National Home are to sign up for Amazon Smile if you're an online shopper, or if you shop at a Kroger Grocery - store sign up for Community Rewards programs. It helps our National Home free of charge to you.

[http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/ group #79329](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/group #79329) is VFW National Home. This is something we can Do to Help Our Veterans with a Patriotic Heart!

Have you taken the cell phone Challenge, to add this very important number to your contact list along with memorizing it, you could save many lives by having it at your finger tips. Our VFW HELPLINE 1-800-313-4200, Remember it's a Helpline NOT a Hotline.

"Just One Act of Your Kindness May Save a Life"

Keep Reporting! Take the Daily Challenge to Promote Our National Home to someone to someone everyday as well as wear a Buddy Poppy and share it with some-one you meet during the Day, and then report it.

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