



**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
Buddy Poppy VFW National Home Bulletin
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Facebook Page: VFW Auxiliary Dept of Michigan "Buddy Poppy"

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

Buddy Poppy

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All,

As I am approving reports, I see many Auxiliaries are using poppies in more functions please remember to also report the number of poppies you are r using in your centerpieces. Commemorate your Post's Anniversary in Buddy Poppy style! As your Post celebrates 25, 50, or 75 years, order special silver—gold---or diamond colored Poppies for distribution or use in your centerpieces for this monument year. Remember: With a Buddy Poppy every day is Veterans Day. There is no extra cost for them, designate part of your poppy order as anniversary poppies, be sure to get your order in ASAP!

I am looking forward to the many creative Poppy Displays at Mid-Winter, We have made a open invitation for the Post to take part this year also, be sure to invite your Post to take part. They will follow the National Buddy Poppy Contest found in the VFW Chairman's Manuel also they decide which category 1,2 or 3 their display is being entered into. Auxiliaries, our Theme is "Serving with a Patriot's Heart" Judging will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, originality, beauty and number of poppies used, along with the size requirements no larger than 12"wide x 12"deep x 18"high, all display's MUST have one original poppy with label attached.

***** Nowhere on the display can your Post Name, Number or City be visible. *****

National Home

Has your Auxiliary been able to make arrangements with a Store or Business to set up a table to Promote the VFW National Home, I know I have done this monthly and it has been the most rewarding experience in my Life. Being able to talk with Veterans and their families and share a secret on a National Home many have never heard of. Just try it once and you will be hooked. I know I am. It's also a great time to have a Canister sitting out to benefit our "Make a Change" Challenge.

With the Holidays fast approaching be sure to use smile.amazon.com, to date the National Home has received \$5,849.87 Thank you for supporting Our National Home for Children, also as your shopping for your gift list remember National Homes Santa Shop 2019 Gift Suggestions I have it posted on our Buddy Poppy/National Home Facebook page, purchase on smile.amazon and then they can benefit twice.

Who Is (and how are you) Eligible to live at the National Home:

Believe it or not it is common that many are not clear as who and what makes you Eligible to live at the National Home. There are ***three lanes of eligibility*** through which a family can apply to live at the National Home.

Eligibility stems from the children in the family. They are listed in one of three ways:

- 1) A veteran family with at least one parent that has served and been honorably discharged.
- 2) An active duty military family with a parent currently serving in the armed forces or reserves.
- 3) A family that is related to a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member, including grandparents or step parents.

The *third lane* is the most wide-reaching, as many people living in the US have a parent or grandparent who has served. Sometimes the child's parent or grandparent is not a VFW member but eligible to become one. If they become a member then the family is eligible to apply to live at the National Home. Many realize they are eligible through our Helpline 1-800-313-4200 - Helpline staff will help callers determine eligibility.

This is why it's so important we have the Helpline phone number in our cell phones, if you haven't put it in your cell phone do so today and then report it! Thank you, to those Auxiliaries that have.

Christmas is a Good Time to Give a Life Membership to the person that has everything and enjoys the Freedom they have because of our Veterans.

Please Review our Guide Sheets and report everything your Auxiliary has completed, also review the National Awards please send in all you qualify for.

Quote for December: The expert in anything was once a beginner.

Quote for January: Success is the Sum of Small Efforts, Repeated Day In & Day Out.

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