

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
"BUDDY"® POPPY & VFW NATIONAL HOME
FOR CHILDREN BULLETIN
January 2023**

www.vfwauxmi.org

Facebook Page: "Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home-Michigan

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

"Real strength has to do with helping others." – Fred Rogers

Happy New Year to you all! The strength and determination you showed throughout the 2022 year has shown in the pictures you post, the times you have shown up for the National Home and "Buddy"® Poppy Program, in the words that you share to spread awareness and most of all when meeting challenges that support the National Home. This year should be no different! We, together, need to share our ideas, support each other in the mission and make it an even bigger and better 2023 for the National Home and "Buddy"® Poppy program. A great way to share your ideas is to post on our program Facebook page, and include a picture if you have one. Are you stuck in an idea rut? Don't forget to check out "VFW Auxiliary" on Pinterest!

Creativity is Contagious

To help support your Home Front Hero commitment and add funds to your relief fund this January – "Guess How Many Poppies are in the Jar!". Get a large jar and put in several poppies. Be sure to count how many you put in there! Next to the jar have several of the "Buddy"® Poppy Story Cards for educational purposes. Be sure to print on cardstock, if you can, for durability! Have another jar available along with some paper for people to write down their guess. You can treat this kind of like a 50/50. They pay for a guess (suggest \$1 per guess) and at the end of the month, see who is the closest and they can win 50 percent of the pot. The rest of the money goes into your relief fund.



Reporting

The end of the third-quarter reporting is January 31st! Please don't wait until the last minute to get your reports in. Be detailed, let me know what you did! By giving me a detailed description of what your Auxiliary did, it will help me with selecting awards at the end of the program year!

Mid-Winter "Buddy"® Poppy Display Contest

Drop-off for displays will begin Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. Please do NOT have anything that might indicate who you are on your display! If you can't make it, please call around to see if anyone can bring it for you! Submission forms will be available on our website to help speed up the submission process.

Christine LeBrun, "Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home Chairman
10367 River Rock Blvd
Dimondale, MI 48821
803-406-9088
bph22.23@gmail.com