

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary**  
**"Buddy"® Poppy & VFW National Home for**  
**Children Bulletin**  
**May & June, 2021**  
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*National Theme: Soaring Above & Beyond*

*Department Theme: Tell Our Story of Service*

The Coming year we will be placing much Emphasis on Our Members and Our Community. We need to get the secret out and share it with our Auxiliary Members and our Community. It is NOT a Secret we need to stand up and Be Proud that we have a National Home for Our Veterans and Families where they can receive the Help & Resources Needed. Have you ever been asked the question what is the "Buddy"® Poppy or even a National Home they say they have never heard about a VFW National Home in MI. at that ??? This tells me we need to try harder to make sure everyone & everywhere we go knows about them both! Now is the time to Promote, Educate and Use the many Resources available on our websites and items sold at the VFW Store that we can place brochures & poppies in people hands. You might ask, where do we begin? Where a poppy everyday on your shirt, if you're crafty sew up a heart and attach a poppy, a brochure & business card to it and then leave them in places of traffic for people to take it and then re-trace your steps and replace the ones that have been taken. This has worked for me and then when I am contacted the conversations are GREAT!

Be sure to review our Guide Sheet, then report the items on the Guide Sheet. As you complete it, please be sure to add the number of poppy's used, in each report. This information is needed for year-end National Report... Please include this with each report as well as if it was done with or without Post. Be descriptive in all activities and events held... Thank you. Hopefully you had a successful buddy poppy drive May 6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup>. As we begin to try to get back to the many activities we are known for, stay positive keep your focus and we will continue to Pray that we are able to Distribute Poppy's this year. Be descriptive and share your creative ideas.

**Let's Review key points to the "Buddy"® Poppy Program:**

Since 1922, the official VFW memorial flower  
Everyday can be a "Buddy"® Poppy Day  
Wear a "Buddy"® Poppy to educate, promote and publicize  
Carry Poppies, bookmarks, Flanders Field poem cards, etc.  
Have Copies of the Story of the "Buddy"® Poppy Brochure to handout  
Remember Poppies are DISTRIBUTED and not SOLD

**VFW National Home for Children:** As I write this bulletin our National Home has 37 Parents and 56 children. As this past year has been difficult for you just take a look at the Big Picture at the National Home rolling back all of the many activities held daily with the children to come to a stop, Let's do our part to show our support in as many ways as we can.

**VFW National Home Michigan Days:** The Big Fun Day is set for Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> sure to save the Day .... Golf Outing is set for Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>  
We will be having our Ohio & MI President Challenge! Please bring your cleaning supplies or monetary donations to support our President Stephanie for the WIN.... There will be a list of **Needed** and **Not** needed Supplies placed on the website .... Also please let your District President know if you are available to attend and work the station she signs up for... Remember Your HELP is needed. If you have never been to the National Home this is a great time to come and visit. Bring your Family, Friends even invite your Boss and don't forget the grandkids. It's hard to share the National Home if you yourself have Never Been There.... This will be a great time for all, with many activities planned. I look forward to seeing you then.....Another way to promote Our National Home for Children is to sign up for Amazon Smile if you're an on-line shopper or if you shop at Kroger Stores sign up for the Community Rewards programs this cost you NOTHING But helps our National Home Greatly, go to **<http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/group>** #79329 id VFW National Home. This is something we can do to "Tell our Story."

Share the VFW HELPLINE 1-800-313-4200 In the times we are living we need to have this number memorized or just placed in our contact list in our phones. Remember it's a Helpline NOT as Hotline available Monday --- Friday

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

**If there is anything I can do to Help your Auxiliary at any time. Please Contact Me.**

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