

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary  
"Buddy" ® Poppy & VFW National Home  
BULLETIN**

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

*National Theme: Soaring Above & Beyond*

*Department Theme: Tell Our Story of Service*

I Hope Everyone Enjoyed Fall Conference in Boyne this year, I really enjoyed the Joint Program Presentations, I feel everyone learned many new idea's as well gained a better understanding of each and every program. It was wonderful working with Our Counterparts.

Now is a Good Time to Review Your Guide-sheet to make sure you have reported each of your Projects, Remember to include the Number of Poppies used or Distributed in Every Report.

**BUDDY® POPPY'S:** Has your Auxiliary sent in their Health & Happiness donations as well as your suggested donations for this coming year? Once you do please report it!

Please remember to use Poppies in every program, Remember Veteran's Day is right around the corner, what a good time to prepare for a "Buddy Poppy distribution.

Does your local town have a ceremony or a parade to honor your veterans? This might be a good tie to distribute or to promote the veterans behind the "Buddy Poppy" be sure to use the many resources on the website and the VFW Store. Also no better time than NOW to get your Poppies Ordered from Department of MI. Quartermaster or with your local Post.

A poppy is the Best way to honor our Veterans... So Wear It Proudly!

Mid-Winter Poppy Display Contest we will be following some of the guidelines from National Convention Rules.

This year's **Theme** is our Department Presidents : "Tell Our Story of Service" no larger than 16x16x20" tall, Must have at least one original poppy, your creation should be artistic or decorative use of Poppies(display, centerpiece, scenes, etc.). Judging will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, originality, beauty and number of poppies used. No Where can your display have your Post Name or Number or City be visible Remember Be Creative ! Let's Make Stephanie Proud of All Our Stories.

**VFW National Home:** I have a Question ??? How is Your Support for "Cash for Kiddos" going are you collecting at your monthly meetings or Have you decided to have a Fundraiser with all proceeds going to the VFW National Home for Children ??? Remember to send all monies through the Department of MI. and label in Memo area **"Cash for Kiddos"** to get credit for your efforts in supporting our VFW National Home..... Oh then be sure to report ....

Have you been able to make arrangements with a Store or Business to set up a table to promote the VFW National Home, I try to set up a couple each month it has been very rewarding experience in my life. Being able to talk with Veterans and their families and SHARE the National Home secret, we must Educate our Communities about the many things the National Home has to offer, ... It is NOT a SECRET many say they have never heard of the Home. Just try it once and you will be hooked. I know I am It's also a Great time to have a Canister set out for Donations and pass out flyers on Cash For Kiddos. You can request Brochures from the National Home to hand out. As well as papers on How We can Donate Be sure to Call today and get things all set Up.

With the Holidays fast approaching be sure to use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) this is a Great income for the National Home each quarter Amazon sends a check for your many shopping purchases made to benefit Our Home. Also the Santa Shop 2021 Gift Suggestions I have included the List, Please purchase a gift for the National Home Children

Please review the Guide Sheet and see where your concentration needs to be placed

God Be with You & Your Families and Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Be Sure to watch our Facebook page with all the Department Programs

Every accomplishment starts with the Decision to try... Turn your Dreaming into Doing...

God Be With You Till We Meet Again!

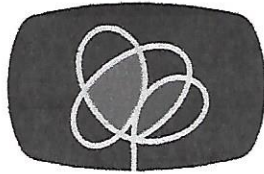
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## VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

### Santa Shop 2021 Gift Suggestions

Electric hair straightener	Electric blow dryers
Men's toiletries/gift sets	Inexpensive watches
Wallets and billfolds	Winter gloves (adult sizes only)
Inexpensive jewelry-men & women	Insulated lunch bags
Small tool sets	Family games-no Chutes & Ladders, or Candy Land-have plenty
Small coolers	Teen boy or girl body sprays, cologne
Car emergency kits	Travel coffee mugs
Coffee cup sets	Scented body washes and lotions
Nail polish/makeup sets	Teen boy shaving kits/gift sets
Sports gym bags	Craft/activity sets
Sports balls-basketballs, footballs, softballs, kick balls and soccer balls	Adult Coloring Books
Christmas tree ornaments	Dolls, small, large, white and African American
Sport water bottles/cups	Hot pads/dish towels
All branches of military hoodies, t-shirts, hats for all ages	Sports equipment-bat, ball, gloves, etc.
Make up bags/totes	Sport team coffee mugs, insulated bags, hats, mittens
Sport team hoodies, t-shirts, hats (all ages)	Belts (men and women)
Michigan State University & University of Michigan items	Coffee, tea, and hot cocoa gift sets

*Santa's Shop is a store where our children can shop for Christmas gifts and experience the joy of giving. We stock it with gifts appropriate for all ages; children may be shopping for moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, big brothers, little sisters, best friends and other special people. To help with Santa's Shop, donate new items appropriate for all ages, but especially for adults. Overflow of generous gifts to the Santa Shop will also be available to the children for birthdays, special events and an incentive closet. When mailing packages or making a delivery, please indicate your gift is for Santa's Shop. Gifts can be delivered to: VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Please call 866-483-9642 with questions. **Thank you!***

### **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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