

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary  
"BUDDY"® POPPY & VFW NATIONAL HOME  
FOR CHILDREN BULLETIN  
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*National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care*

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

Congratulations to our all our new "Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home for Children chairman for this upcoming year! Like many of you, this is my first time doing this program and I have to say, I am very excited and blessed to be able to chair this program and work with all of you. The real winner through all of this is our beloved VFW National Home for Children and the benefits that come from that small and mighty flower we call the "Buddy"® Poppy.

As you begin your program year, the first thing you need to do is look over the Guide Sheet for this program. The Guide Sheet consists of information pertaining to this program as well as a list of achievements. You will want to take a good look over the achievements that are listed as they will be the goals you will need to achieve and report on this program year. From that list, you can get an idea of what you need to do and begin planning your program year this month. Please take note of the bold print in the various achievements as these are points that you will **NEED** to include in your description when you report.

Another resource you should look at as you begin your program year is the VFW Auxiliary National Program Book . This online book will be available in July at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org). The 2022-23 National Ambassador, Cathy Farly, will highlight the program goals as well as share valuable information about the "Buddy"® Poppy and the VFW National Home. This year, she would like us to demonstrate and educate how the "Buddy"® Poppy and the VFW National Home impact each other and it will be our focus to educate our communities about the "Buddy"® Poppy and the VFW National Home for Children. These programs are critical in making a difference for veterans and their families. Again, resources that you will need to use to help you can be found at [vfwauxiliary.org](http://vfwauxiliary.org) as well as our department website, [vfwauxmi.org](http://vfwauxmi.org). Throughout the year, I will also be giving you suggestions to help you accomplish these goals.

Need supplies to get started?! Visit the [vfwstore.org](http://vfwstore.org) for all your "Buddy"® Poppy merchandise. If you don't already have some, you will need to order poppies from your Department VFW Headquarters. Don't forget to check out the "Buddy"® Poppy Chairman's Manual on our Department website for more tips to get started. Also, check out the VFW National Home for Children's website at <https://vfnationalhome.org/>. Here you can find great information about the National Home. Be sure to take notes and prepare yourself to educate, spread awareness and promote the National Home in your community.

**Upcoming Events:** National "Buddy"® Poppy Drive, May 5-7; Memorial Day, May 30; Department Convention, June 1-5.

VFW National Home Michigan Day will be August 7<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming.

Don't forget to join our Facebook page at "Buddy"® Poppy/VFW National Home-Michigan to stay up-to-date on current happenings!

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