

# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary "BUDDY"® POPPY & VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN BULLETIN October 2022

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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*

As Mid-Winter ends, I would like to thank everyone for coming and I hope you were able to take some new information with you to assist you with the start of this holiday season.

**What does "Auxiliary utilized resources (for "Buddy"® Poppy/National Home) on the National VFW Auxiliary Website mean?** National has recently put our programs "behind the scenes" in Malta. That means you will have to log into Malta and go to "Member Resources", then select "Buddy Poppy – National Home". There is where you will find and be able to utilize resources for your year and report to me how you used them. Under "Buddy"® Poppy you will find resources like the Chairman's Manual, Poppy Story Cards, 'The Veterans Behind the "Buddy"® Poppy Video', and other important documents. So how can you utilize them? You can share the video on your Auxiliary Facebook page or personal page, have the video playing at your next event, or print out the cards and hand them out with your poppies during your trunk or treat. Under "National Home" you will find their virtual campus tour, link to their website, and the link to the Helpline. Again, you can share these links on your Auxiliary Facebook Page, community pages, or print out cards with the Helpline info on them. When reporting, please indicate how you used the resources so I can share ideas with others. The more ideas we have, the more creative we can be at getting the word out on these two important programs!



As fall begins to set in, so will our desire to drive around to destination nowhere and enjoy the beautiful colors that the trees have given us. This fall season, I encourage you to grab a friend and take drive to a destination called the VFW National Home! The home offers tours of the campus by calling the administrative offices and setting up an appointment. Perhaps you have a friend who has never been, and you can enjoy a lovely afternoon together and with the wonderful people at the National Home. While you are there you can swing by the Museum store to explore the history of the Home or you can see if you can find your brick that you might have just purchased earlier in the year!

**Creativity is Contagious!** Is your Auxiliary doing a trunk or treat this Halloween? Instead of candy, perhaps grab some cool, inexpensive toys from Amazon (be sure to use Your AmazonSmile!) and wrap a "Buddy"® Poppy around them. For the parents? Print off Poppy Story cards, National Home Helpline info, your Auxiliary info, put information in a small baggie along with a poppy and perhaps a mint. Never miss an opportunity to promote!

**Reporting:** Reminder that October 31 is the end of the second quarter reporting! If you haven't reported yet, please do so. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to call, email, or text me as I will be happy to help.

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