



# Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary “Buddy”® Poppy/National Home for Children Guide Sheet 2022-23

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

*National Theme: Hands that Serve Hearts that Care*

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

## PROGRAM GOALS

“Buddy”® Poppy Education and Community Outreach

“Buddy”® Poppy Display Contest

VFW National Home for Children Education and Community Outreach

**“Buddy”® Poppy Program** - The “Buddy”® Poppy is a small and mighty flower that has remained the VFW’s official memorial flower since 1922. The Poppy represents the blood shed by American service members and provides us with the reminder of their sacrifices. The Poppy program provides compensation to veterans who assemble them, financial assistance to veterans’ rehabilitation and service programs, and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children. The program’s motto has become “Honor the Dead by Helping the Living”.



**VFW National Home for Children** – Founded in 1925 as a place where families left behind by war – mothers and children, brothers and sisters – could remain together, keeping the family circle intact even when their serviceman didn’t come home. The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to America’s veterans by helping our nation’s military and veteran families during difficult times. For more than 95 years, the VFW National Home for Children, has helped military and veteran families who need a fresh start in a safe and peaceful environment. In addition, military families not living at the National Home can receive assistance through the National Home Helpline which is staffed by professionals to help callers with urgent needs and assist with solutions in their own communities.

## NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

Most outstanding event that demonstrated how the “Buddy”® Poppy and the VFW National Home for Children impact each other.

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that exhibited and/or explained how the “Buddy”® Poppy and the VFW National Home for Children impact each other. Criteria and entry form (required) available at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources). Entry form must be mailed to Department Chairman by March 31, 2023.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding activity and/or event that shows how the “Buddy”® Poppy and the VFW National Home for Children impact each other.

Most outstanding community education about the “Buddy”® Poppy and the VFW National Home for children.

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts an activity and/or event that educates the community about the “Buddy”® Poppy and the VFW National Home for Children. Criteria and entry form (required) available at [vfwauxiliary.org/resources](http://vfwauxiliary.org/resources). Entry form must be mailed to Department Chairman by March 31, 2023.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences that hosts the most outstanding activity and/or event that educates the community about the “Buddy”® Poppy and the VFW National Home for Children Program.

Citation to each Auxiliary that contributes a gift of .25 cents or more per member to the Health and Happiness Fund based on membership on June 30, 2022.

**DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

- ✓ Best Overall activity/event demonstrating how the “Buddy”® Poppy and VFW National Home for Children impact each other.  
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary; Citation to the Chairman.
- ✓ Best promotion of the “Buddy”® Poppy through education in the community in each membership category.  
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary; Citation to the Chairman.
- ✓ Mid-Winter “Buddy”® Poppy display contest.  
\$20, \$15, and \$10 to the Auxiliaries for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.  
Youth Category: Plaque for 1<sup>st</sup> place winner and Citation to all youth who participate.
- ✓ Best Overall promotion of the VFW National Home for Children Help Line.  
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary; Citation to the Chairman.
- ✓ Best promotion of the VFW National Home for Children through education in the community in each membership category.  
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary; Citation to the Chairman.
- ✓ Citation to the Chairman and Auxiliary for participation in the program.

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

<b>#1 -10-36</b>	<b>#2 -37-50</b>	<b>#3 51-68</b>	<b>#4 - 69-84</b>	<b>#5 - 85-98</b>
<b>#6 - 99-115</b>	<b>#7 - 116-139</b>	<b>#8 -140-166</b>	<b>#9 -167-237</b>	<b>#10 -238-OVER</b>

<b>Achievements</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Reported</b>
Auxiliary utilized the “Buddy”® Poppy materials/resources on the National VFW Auxiliary website. – <b>Indicate which materials/resources used.</b>		
Held a “Buddy”® Poppy drive. <b>Indicate if held with or without Post.</b>		
Reported quantity of “Buddy”® Poppies that were distributed through all drives and educational purposes for the year.		
Promoted the “Buddy”® Poppy thru education in the community. - <b>Indicate how.</b>		
Participated in the Mid-Winter Conference “Buddy”® Poppy display contest.		
Auxiliary utilized the VFW National Home materials/resources on the National VFW Auxiliary website – <b>Indicate which materials/resources used.</b>		
Promoted the VFW National Home through education in the community. – <b>Indicate how.</b>		
Attended Michigan Day at the VFW National Home on August 7, 2022.		
Donated to the Department President’s Special Project at Michigan Day.		
National Health & Happiness donations \$.10 to \$.25 cents per member. Paid in full by March 31, 2023, based on June 30, 2022 membership.		
Purchased at least one Life Membership to VFW National Home for Children.		
Promoted the VFW National Home for Children Help Line. - <b>Indicate how.</b>		
Purchased at least one VFW National Home Tribute Brick.		
Chairman attended a School of Instruction – Dept Convention 21-22, District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Chairman attended their own District Meeting		
Report every quarter –each quarter ends July 31, October 31, January 31, April 20		

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