

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary  
"BUDDY"® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME  
FOR CHILDREN BULLETIN**

**March April, 2019**

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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES™

*National Theme: BELIEVE....We Can Do It!*

*Department Theme: United We Stand*

**"Buddy"® Poppy**

As I have been approving reports, I see lots of auxiliaries are using poppies at functions and that is WONDERFUL. Continue to use poppies at functions and in your displays. Please include the # number of poppies you used, it's all about numbers in reporting

Make sure to continue to share your distribution success stories as well as your stories about how you educated your community about "Buddy"® Poppy's and its history, We need to share them with our National Ambassador Renee Fulk.

Mid-Winter Conference "Buddy"® Poppy Entries, was just Fabulous using our Department Presidents Sandy's Theme of **"United We Stand**, we had #29 Entries plus One Youth, We are very fortunate to have so much creative talent in MI.

**National Home**

At Fall Conference each District was given a canister with a picture of the National Home and it said **"Make a Change for our National Home"**. I would like to try encourage and explain this easy fund raiser for the National Home.

If you are like me you struggle to walk distances and for others the walking distance is easy. Well the **"Make a Change for our National Home"** allows everyone to help right from the comfort of their home. By walking the green area is a 1.33 mile walk. For every 16 cents you donate that equal 1 foot of the 1.33 mile walk. With that said if an auxiliary or district was to walk the entire 1.33 miles, that would equal 7,022 feet. If the entire 7,022 feet were to be taken, your auxiliary or district would have just donated \$1,123.52 to the National Home.

Please Send All Monies raised to VFW National Home ear marked **"Make a Change Maintenance Fund" by April 1<sup>st</sup> and then Report it, by April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

This might be a good way to work with your post to have an easy fundraising. Or even Challenge them in collecting more than Auxiliary does.

**Remember that National Home Life Memberships and Associate Membership have increased to \$50.** By becoming a life member you can create a lasting bond between you and the National Home, share it with non VFW members as an Associate Member.

If you have not checked out the National Home for Children's website at [www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org), please do. There is a lot of good information.

### **Report Reminders**

Please make sure if you are using "Buddy"® Poppies at a function, make sure that when you are reporting that you are including the **#number of poppies** you have used.

If you are reporting that you read the bulletin at a meeting, credit will be giving for 1 member and not all the members at the meeting.

If the auxiliary makes a motion to make a donation, you may take the number of members at that meeting voting for this project.

If you have nothing written in the *program description area* for reporting, Then it's NO report and NO credit will be given. These reports will be rejected and deleted.

Remember to check your guide sheet to make sure you are meeting the goals. Please continue to report all you do.

Please do your best to take part in this year's joint Fundraiser "Make a Change At the National Home".

Start making your Plans for May "Buddy"®Poppy Days, Just a note of information - Order your poppy's today, At Mid Winter I shared with several members strolling through our beautiful displays I asked many Members if their Post was celebrating any special Anniversary and no-one knew about the Anniversary Poppies available. Let me share. The silver, gold and diamond anniversary Poppies are only for Post that are currently in their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>,75<sup>th</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary years. They are the same price and ordered in small quantities, of 1,000 to ensure stock does not run out. They are ordered through the VFW Department of MI. as well as the red poppies., if you place your order with your Post Quartermaster be sure to request at least 500 to used internally for your displays and centerpieces or corsages for special events. Any questions please call me I would be happy to explain.

**Remember Reporting ENDS April 20, 2019 Get those reports In On Time!**

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