

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary**  
**"BUDDY"® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME**  
**FOR CHILDREN BULLETIN**  
**January/February, 2019**  
[www.vfwauxmi.org](http://www.vfwauxmi.org)



*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 AWESOME. Continue to do use those poppies at functions and in your displays.

Also while reading reports I am see several reports that indicate we have "SOLD" poppies. The VFW and Auxiliary doesn't "SELL" poppies, we "DISTRIBUTE" poppies. We take donations for poppies and if someone cannot make a donation it is ok we should still give them a poppy

Make sure to continue to share your distribution success stories as well as your stories about how you educated your community about "Buddy"® Poppy and it history.

Mid-Winter Conference is at the end of the Month and as in years past there will be a "Buddy"® Poppy Display Contest we will be following some of the guidelines from the National Convention contest rules. This year theme is our own Department Presidents Sandy's Theme of **"United We Stand"** and your creation should be artistic or decorative use of Poppies (display, centerpieces, scenes, etc.).

The display must have 1 poppy in its original form, color, with label attached. Display should be no bigger than 12 inches by 12 inches and 18 inches high. Your display may or may not be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4x6 in size, explain the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewers or judges. Post name, number or city may not be visible on the displays.

Judging will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, originality, beauty and number of poppies used.

I am looking forward to see the displays that come in

**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 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. We are going to walk the green area of the National Home. 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.

This might be a good way to work with your post to have an easy fundraising activity.

Remember that National Home Life Memberships and Associate Membership have increased to \$50 starting January 2019. By becoming a life member you can create a lasting bond between you and the National Home.

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.

Continue to watch out Facebook page for more information.

### **Report Reminders**

Please make sure if you are using "Buddy"® Poppy 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 for that project.

If you have done nothing in the program credit for reporting will not be given if a report is received indicating "nothing to report". 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.

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