

Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
"BUDDY" ® POPPY/VFW NATIONAL HOME
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National Theme: BELIEVE....We Can Do It!

Department Theme: United We Stand

"Buddy"® Poppy

Hope everyone that attended Fall Conference enjoyed seeing and getting ideas from previous "Buddy" ® Poppy displays. I enjoyed seeing everyone there.

Veteran's Day is right around the corner, what a good time to prepare for a "Buddy" ® Poppy distribution. Does your local town have a ceremony or a parade to honor your veterans? This might be a good time to distribute and/or promote the veterans behind the "Buddy" ® Poppy or the other resources on the website or the VFW Store about the "Buddy"® Poppy. Remember you do not have to order poppies through your post, your auxiliary can order them directly from the VFW Department Quartermaster.

A poppy is the best way to honor our Veterans.....so "WEAR IT PROUDLY!"

Remember that one of the program goals is educating the community about the "Buddy"® Poppy and its history.

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

For the Mid-Winter Poppy Display Contest we will be following some of the guidelines from the National Convention contest rules. This year's theme is our own Department President 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.

National Home

Congratulations to Past Department President, Annabelle Furgason on being elected as National Home Trustee #7. Annabelle will serve Michigan, Iowa, and Wisconsin well.

National President, Sandi Kriebels' Special Project this year at the National Home is to fund the kitchen at the Guest Lodge. The estimated cost is around \$85,000 to complete this project. Items in need for the kitchen are commercial stove/oven, dishwasher, cabinets, countertops, inspections and/or updates to HVAC system.

What can your Auxiliary do to help National President Sandi meet her goal? Your auxiliary could make a donation, may be hold a fundraiser. To discuss ways for your auxiliary can help to raise funds contact Sue Alverson from the National Home at 1-800-424-8360.

Whatever your auxiliary does to help, make sure to report it. Those donations can be sent directly to the National Home, earmarked Guest Lodge Kitchen/National President Special Project.

Remember that National Home Life Memberships and Associate Membership are increasing from \$35 to \$50 starting January 2019. By becoming a life member you can create a lasting bond between you and the National Home.

There are two type of membership within the National Home:

1. VFW and VFW Auxiliary members and organization are eligible to become Life Members. Life Members may vote for the trustee who represents their National Home District and approve any proposed changes to the bylaws and articles of incorporation.
2. Any individual or organization wishing to support the National Home's mission can become an Associate Life Member. Associate Life members do not have voting privileges.

If you have not checked out the National Home for Children's website at www.vfwnationalhome.org, please do there is a lot of good information.

Continue to watch out Facebook page for more information.

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