

## Bulletin 1

### “Buddy” Poppy and National Home for Children

- National Home for Children is celebrating their 100th birthday. The National Home was established in Eaton Rapids, Michigan by a 23 year-old woman who’s mission was to help Veterans. It was the first National program for the VFW Auxiliary.
- Plan to have your Auxiliary sign some Birthday cards for the National Home to celebrate their birthday. Please send the cards to the National Home by January 2025. They will be displayed at the celebration that will be held in June 2025.
  - o VFW National Home for Children
  - o 573 S Waverly Road
  - o Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
- Health & Happiness donations may be entered on MALTA under the “Gift” icon or you may send in your Health & Happiness contribution of 10 cents per member (or 25 cents which is what the majority are donating in our state) to:
  - o VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
  - o Attn: Health & Happiness Donations
  - o 406 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> floor
  - o Kansas City, MO 64111

Kindly remember these do not come to Dept. of WA for processing.

Additional donations to National Home may be made through VFW Auxiliary – Dept. of WA or on MALTA.

National Home Helpline: 1-800-313-4200

Email [help@vfnationalhome.org](mailto:help@vfnationalhome.org)

Visit [vfnationalhome.org/help](http://vfnationalhome.org/help)

The VFW conducted its first Poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922, becoming the first Veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution.

The Poppy program provides assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs. They are distributed at no cost, but we do accept donations, which should be used for your "relief" fund.

"Buddy" Poppies can be ordered through Department headquarters. When planning your Poppy drive event, give several months' notice when ordering your poppies. I will provide you with a form at the School of Instruction or it can be found on the VFW Department website.

Brochures, "Buddy" Poppy distribution supplies and promotional items can be purchased from the VFW store at [vfwstore.org](http://vfwstore.org) or by calling 1-833-VFW-VETS

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