

BUDDY POPPY/ NATIONAL HOME

BULLETIN TWO

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We have completed School of Instruction so far and our President has done at least 2 visits to districts 9 and 3. I had the great fortune to attend the district 3 meeting, and plan on attending the district 11 meeting in November. There may be some overlap, for a few, but all the information is still good.

There are some key dates to be aware of:

- Were you aware that National Home on their October 3rd post highlighted Washington House? Go out and take a look.
- November 15th – Department President will be visiting District 11. I will also be there selling pins, coins, banks, and sharing information regarding the bank display contest.
- December 10th – If you want to order items off of the National Home Amazon Wishlist.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/CEPQBFHDZG2/ref=cm_go_nav_hz
- December 31st – Last day to get a National Home lifetime membership at \$50.
- January 1st – All National Home lifetime memberships will be \$100.
- January 9th-11th Mid-Winter

There are a couple of new things we are trying this year at Department.

- Poppy's must be ordered through the Post side. I had just heard that Department will not be doing the mass ordering and be available for pick up in Fife. If you try to order for your auxiliary directly with National, they will reject the order, it has to be done through the post side. There will need to be some additional communication but provided when posts submit how many they have ordered, they note how much of the total was for their auxiliary.
- Awards: Top Three Posts and Auxiliaries will be recognized at Department Convention.
 - Awards based on total Poppies ordered. First place Auxiliary \$15, Second place Auxiliary \$10, and Third place Auxiliary \$5.
- Banks, I sold out of them at SOI, but I do have a couple more banks, so if you are interested, please let me know, and I will have them with me at Mid-Winter. Regarding the bank contests, there will be two different types of entries.
 - 1 will be artistic display
 - 2 will be promotion of the National Home. This can be used in combination with the Buddy Poppy display contest, or with the National Award
- I sold out of Buddy Poppy child pins at SOI, but I have purchased more and will have them available at Presidents visits (when I can attend) and at Mid-Winter. They are for sale at \$10. All proceeds will go back to the National Home.
- We are encouraging all Posts and Auxiliaries, when they make their donations to National Home, to send them via Department. The reason for this is that every May the Sr Vice Commander and Sr Vice President visit the National Home, and there is a parade where all the departments line up and hand over a check. For the past, several years the Department of Washington has been one of the leaders in handing over the largest checks. You will still get recognized by National Home of your donation.

- There are some Buddy Poppy/National Home Department Coins, \$20 each with half going to National Home and half going to the department relief fund.

Funds raised so far (note that these are at a total Department level and include Post purchases):

Banks – 7 for \$105

Child Pins – 20 for \$200

State Pins – 8 for \$40 – Funds go directly to support Washington House

National Home/Buddy Poppy coins – 5 for \$100

Total of \$445 which was split between Post and Auxiliary

Sincerely,

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