



STAR NOTES SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION: DEPARTMENT OF WA

VFW NATIONAL HOME:

Important facts: Early in the 1920s a 23 year old Detroit, Michigan gal was concerned about the thousands of veterans returning home from World War I that were trying to find jobs. Her name was Amy Ross.

Miss Ross was so concerned about returning veteran welfare that she asked the Michigan Department commander Clarence Candler if the VFW could help. He offered VFW resources.

In 1923 the Military Order of the Cootie proposed to the VFW at their convention “the idea of a home for displaced children and families of veterans.”

A farmer and cattleman near Eaton Rapids gifted 472 acres of his land for a home. The National Home officially opened in 1925.]

Families can live there rent free up to 4 years. It is a healing and safe environment with childcare, life skills (music lessons.) The only requirement is that the family is committed to making positive life changes.

MONETARY DONATIONS:

Health and Happiness donation (.10 per member.) Donate by 12/31/26. The Auxiliary may increase their donation as approved by the Auxiliary membership.

- 1. Used for maintenance of the VFW and Auxiliary sponsored buildings*
- 2. For emerging repairs and renovations*
- 3. Christmas and graduation gifts.*

Make donations in Malta, to the Department Treasurer or mail to the National Auxiliary office.

Donations can also be made for the Washington House, just earmark your donation

Life memberships to the National Home are available at a cost of \$100.

#1 Award: Most outstanding activity or event that creates an awareness and education on the eligibility criteria for the National Home (awards application enclosed.)

In your packet is:

National Home Bulletin #1

A copy of the National VFW Auxiliary National Home Program

An application for National Home Life membership (you can google for this form, also you can join online as well.)

An application for the National Home Award Number 1

The National Home Year-End Worksheet.

My next bulletin will be released in September. In this issue I will highlight some of the exciting new projects that the VFW National Home is sponsoring. One example is the “Community Center Youth Innovation Project.” There are many projects that the Auxiliaries can participate in through donations or sponsorship.

Thank you for all you do for veterans.

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VFW National Home National Ambassador – Mary Anne Kreutz

National President Donna K Mill’s Theme “Serving America’s Heroes”

Department of Washington Tracie Tomsen President’s Theme “Hold On be Strong”
