



DEPARTMENT OF WA VFW NATIONAL HOME

Bulletin #2

9/10/26

First up, I would like to thank the members who attended the 8/22 School of Instruction in Yakima and those who attended via Zoom

I want to take this opportunity to again remind the auxiliaries to donate to the National Home Health and Happiness fund.

***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. If you make your donation via Malta or the department treasurer's office your donation will appear on a report. This report helps the auxiliaries to ensure that there donation was received.

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. A copy of the application was given to all district presidents at the SOI. You can obtain applications by goggling online. Also, if your auxiliary wants to know which members are life members, you can call the National Home for this information at their general number 800-424-8360. A list will be emailed to you with your auxiliary number listed.

I would like to highlight an exciting a new project that the VFW National Home is sponsoring. The project's main theme is "TRANSFORMING SPACES INSPIRING FUTURE." Further known as "Community Center Youth Innovation Project." Th goal by the National Home is to "transform underutilized spaces into vibrant hub where kids learn, create and thrive." As I said at the SOI the auxiliaries can donate to this specific project or "sponsor

equipment or a specific area” of improvement. There is a lot to this project. I will let the auxiliaries know learn more in future communications.

There is a National Home Amazon wish list. Items most needed are listed on the list. To order items off this wish list go to this link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/CEPQBFHDZG2/ref=cm_go_nav_hz. On the list are items that meet the “immediate needs” such as “household items, children’s items or program materials.”

Once again, we will have a National Home bank decorating contest. I have 15 banks that I will bring to the mid-winter council meeting. Awards: most artistic display and best promotion of the National The banks are available at \$5 each. These proceeds will be donated back to the National Home. Judging will occur at our State convention in June.

I as the Junior Vice President of the Department of Washington I will be visiting the National Home in the spring of next year. I am already excited about this visit. More details about this are forthcoming.

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”
