DEPARTMENT OF WA VFW NATIONAL HOME

Bulletin #3

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This is a fictional story, but very true in reality:

So, this veteran served in the army for several years. He was married and had 3 children. When he was discharged his wife suddenly passed away from a short but serious illness. He said to himself, "What am I going to do. I don't have a job yet, so how am I going to support my family and my youngest is just 5 years old." An army friend told him about the VFW National Home and that they have a Help – Line." Our veteran, let us call him "John" called the VFW National Home Helpline for help. He was so thrilled! The persons working at the home set up a file for John. In a very few weeks, he was told that there was a home available for he and his family at the VFW National Home. The home was the Washington Cottage #2.

The purpose of this story is to dramatize how devasting such a situation can be for a newly discharged veteran. Help is available. Please promote the VFW National Home helpline in your meetings and in your VFW post home if they have one. The number can be posted in the post if your VFW approves. How about promoting the help line in your VFW newsletter or Website!

> The VFW National Home Helpline is the first step on the path to help for military and veteran families. This free service helps callers with pressing needs nationwide seek solutions in their own communities. The Helpline is answered by caring staff M-F 8 am to 430 pm, Eastern time except holidays. Messages that are left after hours and on weekends/holdays are answered the next business day.

Helpline Number is 800-313-4200 or email help@vfwnationalhome.org

Here I go again reminding 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 gits.*

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 **one** or **two**, just earmark your donation. Speaking of the Washington House #2, a plaque has officially been placed on the **Washington #2 House** at the VFW National Home campus. We work with the Washington VFW to raise funds to support both house **one** and **two**. Thank you for your donations.

Christmas is fast approaching here are some items that can be donated to the National Home. All branches of the military hoodies, shirts and hats for all ages, wallets, belts, kids games, toiletries for men and women.... A full list is published each year and is available from the VFW National Home website or goggle Santa Shop Gift suggestions 2026. Items can be delivered to the home or shipped to noting Attention Santa Shop: 3573 Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Amazon also has a wish list as well.

Please do read the National Ambassador's promotions in the National organization's newsletters (September, November, January and March editions.) The November one can be printed, circulated to your members and read in your monthly meetings.

Thank you for all you do for veterans and their families.

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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"

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