

# VFW Wisconsin National Home, est 1925

Mission Statement: "The VFW National Home assists military, veterans, and their families with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their personal and family goals in order to move forward in a positive, safe and healthy environment."

Our National Home Fall Festival trip will be October 23-25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Eaton Rapids Michigan. Our theme this year will be Hocus Pocus! Department of WI will be hosting the noon meal and games for the children. Lunch menu will be pizza, brats, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Plan to pack some treat bags to hand out to the kids. We will set up and run 6 games for the kids. People and prizes are needed for the game area. More information to come!

Louise Engness, Department National Home Chairman



The "Buddy"<sup>®</sup> Poppy represents the blood shed by American military service members and reminds us of their sacrifices. In 1924, the VFW registered the name "Buddy"<sup>®</sup> Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office.

The Winners of the Mid Winter Buddy Poppy contest, Buddy Poppy contest had 19 entries.

First place was 8483 Truax-Longmeire Auxiliary

Second place was 1038 Chippewa Falls Auxiliary

Third place 10262 Plover Auxiliary

Plan your display for the Department convention!

Now is the time to start planning your Auxiliaries Buddy Poppy distribution. Plan dates, get permission to distribute at a location, have plenty of volunteers, smiles and poppies to distribute!

Never refuse anyone a poppy because they are unable to contribute.  
A POPPY ON ANYONE'S LAPEL HONORS ALL VETERANS!

Remember that Distribution of buddy poppies should be included in every post, district or department activity, or anything in which you participate! Such as membership drives, patriotic events or even your bingo night or special meals or burger night gatherings!

Remember to take pictures of Buddy Poppy Distribution, most enthusiastic, well-dressed and branded VFW to win! Send Pictures to [wagnerla4@gmail.com](mailto:wagnerla4@gmail.com)

Louise Engness, Department Buddy Poppy Chairman