

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY

Buddy Poppy, October 2025

Louise Engness, Chairman

Thank you for your support! Have you ever handed out a Thank You note to those who support the Buddy Poppy Drive? The note can be on a colorful piece of paper and several on one sheet of paper and cut apart to hand out. The thank you note can have a short excerpt of Flanders field, or the significance of the colors of the Buddy Poppy. Remember to include your Auxiliary name, where and when you meet and even an event that could spark interest in VFWA!

Remember to tell the stories of the Buddy Poppy. Share how this supports veterans and our active-duty service men and women. Keep a new member form in your pocket for a quick hand out!

For the year end awards remember to Take Pictures of Buddy Poppy Distribution, most enthusiastic, well- dressed from head to toe to win! Send Pictures to wagnerla4@gmail.com

Remember to send Buddy Poppy pictures to VFW News!

Pack the Bus!

Pack the Bus with riders, costumes and donations to the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids Michigan on October 24-26th 2025. We will be able to participate in the Halloween party and celebrate 100 years of VFW National Home's continued service! Sign up on line at the Department VFWA home page. The price of just the bus with no hotel will be added to the registration form soon.

Auxiliaries do you have a member or members-ready to go on a fact-finding mission! Be ready for the parade of checks at the yearly meeting on Saturday morning. Want to donate an item? Go to VFWnationalhome.org and click on the donate now link/other ways for the amazon wish list and you will see a pig brush! Yes, it's not a mistake, the kids raise pigs and show them at the fair then sell them at the meat sale! There are also cleaning supplies, bedding, sports equipment and much more for the residents of the home. You already have items ready to go, get them on the bus! Encourage and support members to take time to participate in this three-day fact-finding mission!

Checklist: Travel buddy, costumes, donations for the home, snacks for the bus and money for meals, and of course save up for the National Home goodies at the gift shop! You can never have too much National Home Swag!

GREASE is the theme for the VFW National Home **Halloween Party!** Costumes for districts are as follows:

Line officers: T-Birds and Pink Ladies

D 1, 6, 10 –Rydell High Students

D 2,7,11—Rydell High School Staff

D 3&8—Scorpions

D 4&9—Cycle Lords

Please keep all costumes to a 1950's theme and child appropriate and represent our VFWA well.

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