

May/June Bulletin

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 23-25th, 2027 in Eaton Rapids Michigan.

In reviewing the year end reports the question 'Did you promote the VFW National Home this year' is often, not always, marked no. I'd like to see all reports noted as yes! This is a valuable resource for two reasons. First for all our veterans, single, married or with children, who may need some community support! Take time to review the VFW National Home website to see who is eligible and get the word out to someone who may need a needle in a haystack! Commander Mike has completed recent updates of the infrastructure of the Home community, has worked with staff to revise the programs and staff have work tirelessly to support each and every veteran and family member to achieve their goals! Secondly, by promoting the VFW National Home this will create interest in supporting their efforts. The year-end reports show some Auxiliaries giving support with their first annual membership or donation- Congratulations! I challenge all to be sure to have a life membership for your auxiliary, this will help support all the needs at the Home. Online there is also a list of needs for you to review and donate, or to purchase to take on the trip and deliver to the Home in person.

Talking about a trip. The National Home trip will remain a bus trip with two overnights. The bus trip is a great way to cultivate our camaraderie with fellow VFW members and last year we had time to talk with the VFW commander, VFW president and many line officers that went on the trip. We have usually spent our nights at the hotel along with our partners for the weekend, the Missouri VFW. Come and make new friends!

Keep an ear out for the fundraiser for the VFW National Home trip. The funds will help defray the cost of the Bus. The District 9 VFW Riders Group is sponsoring the fundraiser, more to come!

Our theme this year will be Hocus Pocus! We start Saturday morning attending the Annual Meeting, with the National Home tour afterwards. Department of WI will be hosting the noon meal and games for the children. See you on the bus October 23-25, 2027!

Louise Engness, Department National Home Chairman



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

Plan your display for the Department convention! We had 19 entries for the Mid-Winter Buddy Poppy contest with anniversary poppies! Many great displays! I hope you are displaying yours during your Buddy Poppy Drives.

Get your Auxiliaries Buddy Poppy distribution into full swing! Remember to show your colors and share all the events your Auxiliary has participate in and hopefully recruit new members to the VFW!

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

Louise Engness, Department Buddy Poppy Chairman