



BUDDY POPPY/ NATIONAL HOME

MARCH 2026

All the Auxiliaries in the State of Kansas have been very busy supporting the Buddy Poppy / National Home program. We have had poppy drives, tied poppies to silverware at dinners, attached them to flags that were given out at special programs, inserted them in gifts, tied Halloween and Christmas goody bags with them and many others. As for the National Home, many Auxiliaries brought seeds, purchased a new guitar, helped promote the Heros to Hives program, purchased new Life Memberships, and tribute bricks.

Our reporting year is drawing to a close on March 31, 2026. If your Auxiliary has not participated in this program there is still time to do so. Remember to report on all your activities. If you are using snail mail, please be sure to mail your report early so that it will reach me by the deadline.

National and Department Award entries are due also by the March 31, 2026 deadline.

Here are the National Awards for this program:

1. Citation and \$25.00 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding activity and or event with their VFW Post to educate their community about the "Buddy Poppy"
2. Citation and \$25.00 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding activity and or event that creates awareness and education of eligibility and who qualifies for help from the VFW National Home and promoting it within their Department to help veterans and their families.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources, as well as, on the Department webpage: vfwauxks.org

The Department Awards for this program are:

1. Monetary award to the Auxiliary for the BEST Buddy Poppy Drive. One photo and a short description must be submitted to me NO later than March 31, 2026
2. Citation to each Auxiliary that participates in the Buddy Poppy Display contest. One photo and a short description must be submitted to me NO later than March 31, 2026
3. Citation to each Auxiliary that participates in each of the VFRC programs.
4. Citation to each Auxiliary that purchases any Life Memberships or Tribute Bricks for the VFW National Home and reports on it before March 31, 2026.