



BUDDY POPPY / VFW NATIONAL HOME

Thank you David, for asking me to be the Buddy Poppy / VFW National Home Chairman for the 2025-2026 year.

The VFW National Home currently has a program call Regenerative Agriculture. This is a hands-on initiative that teaches veterans and families sustainable farming techniques, focusing on soil health, ecosystem restoration, and self sufficiency while providing therapeutic benefits through working with the land.

I am asking each Auxiliary to gather vegetable seeds and flower seeds to bring to the Department School of Instruction, to support this particular program. I will box them up and forward to the National Home for use in their flower gardens and community vegetable garden. I will be giving out a small prize to the Auxiliary Chairman that brings in the most packets and something to share will be awarded to the District that brings in the most.

Now for a little trivia.....Can you answer all of the questions correctly?
Bring your answers to School of Instruction, for a prize.

1. The VFW Nat'l Home is located in _____
2. Who do they help?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
3. Name Six things that are provided at NO cost.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
4. The cost for a Life Membership is _____
5. Do you have to be a member of the VFW to be a Life Member? Y N
6. When is the Auxiliary's Health and Happiness Due? _____

1. Who wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields"? _____
2. Monies received from Buddy Poppies goes into what fund? _____
3. The first Buddy Poppy distribution was done in what month and year? _____
4. Who was known as the "Poppy Lady" _____
5. The first Poppy factory was set up where? _____
6. When purchasing Poppies, how much goes to the Department Fund _____ and how much goes to the Nat'l Home _____?

I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year. I will be highlighting several Nat'l Home programs and there will be several challenges.

Warm Regards,

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