



BUDDY POPPY / NATIONAL HOME OCTOBER 2025

The days are getting shorter and the air is turning cooler. Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are just around the corner. Remember to add poppies to all your celebrations! Tie a poppy around a goody bag that you hand out for Halloween or Christmas. When wrapping your silverware for those holiday dinners, tie a poppy to hold the napkin securely. What better time, to do a Buddy Poppy Drive than a date close to or on Veterans Day. Many of you will hold a Veterans Day service, hand out poppies as guests arrive. Some Auxiliaries will adopt a family for Christmas. As you are wrapping those packages, be sure to add a poppy near the bow. If you do a weekly or monthly breakfast or dinner, add poppies to your centerpieces and encourage the patrons to take one when they leave. I have attached the order form for Buddy Poppies. Please remember that the Auxiliary must purchase Buddy Poppies through the Post.

Many Auxiliaries will be doing a Membership Recruiting Activity or Table. What a great place to include the National Home brochure. These are available, FREE, on the National Home's website. It is crucial that we as Auxiliaries spread the word about the resources that are available at the National Home to those who qualify. If we work together, we can ensure that more families know there's a place where they can find support and get back on their feet. Please be sure to share the following:

- A. Helpline Number 800-313-4200
- B. Eligibility Requirements:
 - 1. Actively Serving
 - 2. Veteran
 - 3. VFW / Auxiliary
- C. Online Application to see if they qualify
 - 1. www.vfwnationalhome.org
 - 2. Click on the RED "GET HELP" BOX

As the holidays get closer, I will share information on the National Home's wish list that is posted on Amazon.

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