

Buddy Poppy/National Home

February 2025

” HAPPY NEW YEAR”, Welcome to 2025 and what a busy year this program will be having, so let’s get started. Want to give a shout out to everyone that’s getting their reports in, doing a FANTASTIC job!!

BUDDY POPPY

Your April District Meeting is when your Buddy Poppy displays are to be taken for District judging. Then the top winners will need to take them to the June Department Convention to be judged, then on to Nationals! Please read the following.

Official National VFW “Buddy” Poppy Display Contest

It takes place annually at the National Convention

Displays are judged in three (3) categories.

This is an official National VFW contest.

Contest rules and judging guidelines are available in MALTA Member Resources. PLEASE make sure you read them and mark your display in its proper category.

BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME

When the VFW National Home first opened its doors in 1925, its mission was to keep families who were left behind due to a loss in war together. As needs have changed throughout the years, so has Home’s mission.

However, the one thing that remains from nearly 100 years ago is the National Home’s commitment to honor America’s veterans and active-duty military by providing hope and help to their children and families.

To learn more about the VFW National Home, visit <https://vfwnationalhome.or>

Currently 41 of the 42 homes are occupied at National Home. The last one is currently under construction. We have started a waiting list. The homes are occupied by 27 Veterans.

I'm asking this year all auxiliaries try their very best to enter the "BUDDY" POPPY & NATIONAL HOME, PROGRAM AWARDS, #1 or #2 or both.

No. 1 Most outstanding activity/or event using the VFW "Buddy" Poppy to educate their community about the VFW "Buddy" Poppy.

No. 2 Most outstanding activity or event to recognize the VFW National Home "100" birthday.

You can find the entry forms under "**Buddy" Poppy Resources.**

VFW Auxiliaries must send their completed entry form to the Department "Buddy" Poppy & National Home Chairman by **March 31, 2025**, for judging.



Cindy Biggs, Chairman "Buddy" Poppy/VFW National Home

