

# **BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM**

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## **“BUDDY POPPY CONTEST WITH A TWIST”**

Make a WEARABLE Buddy Poppy Project! Anything that can be worn, made from poppies! Let your imagination run wild!!! Examples, hats, vest, hair bows, corsage's,

This is open to anyone who wants to participate!!

Projects will be judged by your one and only District President Mike McCandless and Buddy Poppy/National Home Chair Cindy Biggs. The lucky winner will be eligible for a NEW CENTENNIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP!!! What's this you ask, well:

The Board has discussed a new Centennial Life Membership program. This membership program will cost \$100 with more benefits available to the member. A member will receive 10% off souvenirs and apparel from the VFW National Home Store, reduced guest lodge rate, and exclusive member-only apparel. You will also receive the Centennial Membership Pin. More information will be supplied soon regarding the Centennial membership.

**This contest in no way takes away from the National Buddy Poppy Contest. This is just another fun way to show your creative side, so come on Auxilians, let's see what you've got. Have fun with it and we'll see you in Topeka, June 6-9. Hotel Reservations & Agenda can be found in May Sunflower Express.**

### **National Home**

We have just reached our 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the VFW National Home on January 7, 2024. Let's now start to prepare for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Here is what our VFW National Home Trustees and National Home staff have planned for excitement. If you cannot join the celebrations in Michigan, consider creating a similar event at your home post. Take advantage of the situation and turn it into a fundraiser for the VFW National Home.

- January 7, 2025, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birthday Celebration.
- February 8, 2025, is National Home's Celebration Gala

- March 9, 2025, will be the Pollet House Dedication / Ribbon Cutting event.
- June 28, 2025, will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Celebration
- August 9-14, 2025, will be the VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio during that time the National Home is offering bus tours to visit the VFW National Home. Cost to be announced later.

Please keep an eye on the National Home News and Events page for more details regarding these special events.

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