

# Buddy Poppy/ National Home September

Hello, are we ready for some cooler weather? I hope so, just returned from our SOI in Russell KS and what a great time was had by all. Not only was the instruction helpful but this department can and does cut a rug well!! "GOD BLESS THE USA"!!!

## Buddy Poppy

I would like to stress this year to work our "Buddy Poppy" and National Home, National Program Awards 1& 2.

#1 is to help educate the community about the VFW "Buddy" Poppy.

#2 is the most outstanding activity/or event to recognize and celebrate the VFW National Home's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I had last year 4 entries from two auxiliaries, which were fantastic, but I know we can and will do better this year!! There are soo many ways to promote our "Buddy" Poppy program, purchase a book on "Buddy" Poppy, then call your school library or public library and find out when they have reading time with children and read to them. Who doesn't like birthday parties? Have a blowout 100<sup>th</sup> one and invite a scout troop, the post, take the party to an assist living facility. The possibilities are endless. You can get the forms on Malta under Buddy Poppy/National Home.

Don't forget to purchase Poppy's.

Be thinking of what your auxiliary wants to do for your "Buddy" Poppy Display Contest. **Please, Please, Please** read your contest rules. Make sure your displays are in the right CATEGORY!!

\*\*Want to make a correction from August Sunflower, we already know where your money goes for poppy's, just make sure you give us the # of poppies used or given away during any event.

## 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.

### **Be a Part of Our Centennial Garden with a Personalized Brick!**

The VFW National Home will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025. To commemorate, they are in the process of adding our new 2025 Centennial Garden. Because donors are vital to helping us continue our legacy, we offer those who are among the first to donate \$500 a unique opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to helping military families with a personalized 8" x 8" brick. Numbers are limited, so order your personalized engraved brick today at [www.vfwnationalhome.org/centennial-brick](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/centennial-brick).



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