Buddy Poppy/National Home Program 2023-2024

NOVEMBER

"Buddy" Poppy:

I am hoping that this year you can incorporate the "Buddy"® Poppy in all your events whether it is a bingo night, monthly breakfast centerpieces or membership drives. We should be able to incorporate the "Buddy"® Poppy into each of our National Programs.

- Add a Poppy to a gift to a hospitalized veteran.
- Place it in an envelope as you are sending out your dues reminders.
- Hand a Poppy to your local government official when working on our legislative objectives.
- Invite the local scouts to your Poppy drives, who can resist a cute child? What other ideas do you have? I can't wait to hear

VFW National Home:

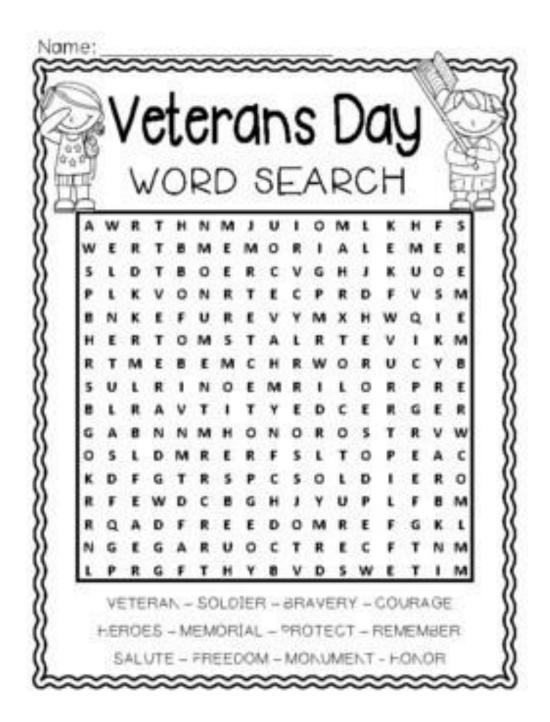
Remember to support National President Carla's special project, the VFW National Home Welcome Center Renovation Project.

They are raising funds toward a remodel the existing lobby area of the VFW National Home Welcome Center, turning it into a welcoming retail space with updated reception and information area.

Just a few of the things that will be done with the renovation:

- Floors would be replaced with a nonslip surface
- A sidewalk would be added from the administration walkway to ensure ADA compliance
- Increase retail space and expand items carried for resident convenience, such as milk & bread
- Postal & parcel operations will be combined for resident & postal worker convenience

To donate, visit MALTA and select Make a Gift, National President's Special Project. Checks can be made payable/sent to: VFW National Home, 3573 S Waverly Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Reference "Welcome Center Renovation Project"



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Santa Shop 2023 Gift Suggestions

Electric hair straightener	Electric blow dryers
Men's toiletries/gift sets	Inexpensive watches
Wallets and billfolds	Winter gloves (adult sizes only)
Inexpensive jewelry-men & women	Insulated lunch bags
Small tool sets	Family games-no Chutes & Ladders, or Candy Land-have plenty
Small coolers	Teen boy or girl body sprays, cologne
Car emergency kits	Travel coffee mugs
Coffee cup sets	Scented body washes and lotions
Nail polish/makeup sets	Teen boy shaving kits/gift sets
Messenger bags	Craft/activity sets
Sports balls-basketballs, footballs, softballs, kick balls and soccer balls	Adult Coloring Books
Christmas tree ornaments/Christmas decorations	Dolls, small, large, white and African American
Sport water bottles/cups	Hot pads/dish towels
All branches of military hoodies, t-shirts, hats for all ages	Sports equipment-bat, ball, gloves, etc.
Make up bags/totes	Sport team coffee mugs, insulated bags, hats, mittens
Sport team hoodies, t-shirts, hats (all ages)	Belts (men and women)
Super soft cozy blankets	Coffee, tea, and hot cocoa gift sets
Michigan State University & University of Michigan items	

Santa's Shop is a store where our children can shop for Christmas gifts and experience the joy of giving. We stock it with gifts appropriate for all ages; children may be shopping for moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, big brothers, little sisters, best friends and other special people. To help with Santa's Shop, donate <u>new</u> items appropriate for all ages, but especially for adults. Overflow of generous gifts to the Santa Shop will also be available to the children for birthdays, special events and an incentive closet. When mailing packages or making a delivery, please indicate your gift is for Santa's Shop. Gifts can be delivered to: VFW National Home, Attn: Santa Shop, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Please call 866-483-9642 with questions. Thank you!

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