



VFW Auxiliary to the Department of Maryland
Buddy Poppy & National Home Program
2025-2026 Chairman
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It's that time of year, school is starting up again for everyone. This includes the students at the Early Education Center at the National Home. Here is a list of some things they could really use:

- Small bottles of liquid glue
- Plastic tweezers
- Adult scissors
- Batteries
- Homemade play-dough ingredients (salt, flour, cream of tartar, oil, food coloring)
- Children's craft aprons
- Construction paper
- Large colorful stickers

If you would like to provide these items to the EEC, you don't need to purchase them & then ship them, just make a check out to the National Home and put EEC Supplies in the memo spot. The note you send along with the donation will let them know what it is for.

There is also an Amazon Wishlist that you can purchase other items needed for students who are a little bit older.

https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/CEPQBFHDZG2/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_Bv1BAAbBRBM400

Here are the instructions to purchase from the list:

https://vfwnationalhome.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/cc3a86_2b86bade96e4daab60109ca6da24380.pdf

Let's give all the students a great start to the new school year!

National Home Life Memberships

If you want to become a Centennial Life Member of the National Home and receive special discounts, you only have until December 31, 2025 to submit your application with payment. Starting January 1, 2026, regular Life Membership in the National Home is going to cost \$100 and you won't get any of the special discounts. See the application in this mailing.

Buddy Poppies

Have you ordered your poppies yet? See the order form in this mailing. You will send payment directly to the VFW Department Headquarters.

Although none of our Poppy displays won a prize on the National level, Maryland was well represented. Thank you to the persons who made the displays and the ones who took them to the National convention.

It is not too early to think "holidays". Before you know it, Patriot's Day, Veterans Day, the rest of the holiday season will be upon us. Time to start thinking how to use poppies as decorations. Handmade ornaments and wreaths for doors or graves are a way to show that our loved ones are not forgotten. They also make a great fund-raiser!

Have a fantastic end of summer!



VFW NATIONAL HOME **CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

MEMBER INFORMATION

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss		Name:	
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Date of birth:	*Email:	*Mobile Phone:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate (<i>not a member of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member (<i>must be a member in good standing of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary or a unit of the VFW or VFW Auxiliary. Complete affiliation information below. If no Post or Auxiliary number is provided, an Associate Membership will be issued.</i>)			

VFW & VFW AUXILIARY INFORMATION

(Required if a VFW or VFW Auxiliary member)

<input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of VFW Post _____ in the Department of _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of VFW Auxiliary _____ in the Department of VFW Auxiliary _____

RECRUITER (Not required)

Recruiter name: _____ Recruiter Post or Auxiliary number: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Apply online at: www.vfwnationalhome.org/membership	One-time membership fee \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed and made payable to VFW National Home <input type="checkbox"/> Charge my <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express	
Name on card:	Card number:
Signature:	Expiration date: Security code:

CENTENNIAL LIFE MEMBERS



The VFW National Home will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2025, and we want you to be part of it. That's why we are inviting you to join our Centennial Membership program. As a token of our appreciation, we are making this special offer **available to current and nonmembers**.

When you apply between April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025, you will receive an exclusive Centennial Membership pin, member-only apparel, and 10% off souvenirs, apparel, and lodging. Your support is appreciated, and we are excited to have you join us in our second century of service.

*These fields are required for electronic voting.



Scan to buy your membership online!

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**Department of Maryland
Veterans of Foreign Wars**

War Memorial Building, Room J
101 North Gay St.
Baltimore, Maryland, 21202

Buddy Poppy Order Form

Questions E-Mail: receptionistdeptmd@outlook.com or orlando.roberson@vfwmd.org

--Please print or type all information--

_____ Box of 500 \$135.00 Each Plus S&H \$15.95 Total \$ _____

_____ Box of 1000 \$265.00 Each Plus S&H \$29.95 Total \$ _____

Total Poppies Qty _____ Cost Total \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To: Department of Maryland, VFW

Mail Order Form & Check to Department HQ's No Later than May 12th. 2026

War Memorial Building, Room J
101 North Gay St.
Baltimore, Maryland, 21202

Poppies are shipped Via United Parcel Service (UPS). *"Do Not Use P.O. Box"*

Ship To:

Title: _____ Post/Aux #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

All other Buddy Poppy supplies must be ordered from VFW Emblem and Supply Catalog, available through Post Quartermaster.

Department Use Only

Post # _____ Auxiliary # _____

Check # _____ Check Date _____ Check Amount \$ _____

"Buddy® Poppy" & VFW National Home



2025 - 2026 Report Form

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Auxiliary _____ District _____ Chairman _____ Contact info _____

Report Period: From _____ To _____

This month - Hours _____ Projects Cost \$ _____ Mileage _____ Volunteers # _____

"Buddy® Poppy"

Did you host a "Buddy"® Poppy drive with your Post in this reporting period? _____ Yes _____ No

Number of VFW "Buddy"® Poppies that were distributed. # _____

Are you participating in the "Buddy"® Poppy Display Contest at Convention? _____ Yes _____ No

VFW National Home for Children

Did you promote the National Home through education? Within the Post/Auxiliary _____ In the community _____

Did you promote the National Home Helpline? Within the Post/Auxiliary _____ In the community _____

Made donation to National Home Maryland House (NOT for kitchen) \$ _____ Health & Happiness \$ _____

Made donation to National Home (NOT Health & Happiness)	\$ _____	Date: _____
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Did you purchase a National Home Life Membership for an Auxiliary Member this reporting period? How many? _____

Did you purchase a National Home Tribute Brick this reporting period? How many? _____

Other Buddy Poppy or VFW National Home for Children projects/activities? Briefly explain