



VFW Auxiliary to the Department of Maryland
Buddy Poppy & National Home Program
2025-2026 Chairman
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Congratulations Department of Maryland on being 100% reported in Buddy Poppy/National Home!

Well, at least partially that is. Every Auxiliary has a reported donation to the National Home (not the Maryland Cottage or for the kitchen renovation). There was a raffle at SOI and our Treasurer, Jackie Kimball, divided the money collected between all 55 Auxiliaries across the Department. Thank you, Jackie, for assisting our Auxiliaries, we appreciate you!

We still need to make the Health & Happiness obligation of at least 10 cents per member as of the June 30, 2025 membership. If you send in 25 cents per member you will get a special citation from National. Don't forget that the cost of a National Home Life Membership goes up to \$100 as of December 31st. Right now it is still only \$50.

The President's Special Project is the kitchen renovation at the Maryland Cottage. Those reports do not come to me, they are to be sent to the Chairman, Mary Cardinal-Vogt and the money goes to the Department Treasurer, Jackie Kimball.

I hope that you were able to send a donation to the National Home Early Learning Center, the information was in the last mailer. I know they would appreciate anything that you send them.

Have you ordered your Buddy Poppies yet? The order form is on the vfwauxmd.org website. This is not something you can do on MALTA, the poppies are ordered through the VFW headquarters in Baltimore. Now is the time to make sure you have poppies on-hand for Veterans Day, and for other projects such as holiday ornaments, grave wreaths & crosses, and to wrap utensils for when you have a dinner. If you are putting poppies on flags to mark graves or to hand out at parades & other events, you should place the poppy under the flag, never on the finial on the top. Nothing should be higher than the flag.

Thank you again for all you do. If you have any questions, my contact info is at the top of this page.