



VFW Auxiliary to the Department of Maryland
Buddy Poppy & National Home Program
2025-2026 Chairman
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Last call reminder...Get your National Home Life Membership before December 31st! Starting January 1, 2026 the cost of a National Home Life membership doubles to \$100.00. This is a great way to thank your loyal members by purchasing their National Home Life Memberships if your Auxiliary can. Promote them to your members. They make great holiday gifts! (Don't forget to send me a report!)

Hopefully you have paid your Health & Happiness for this year. These funds help with the everyday expenses at the National Home. ***This donation is not optional, it is an obligation.*** A minimum of 10 cents per member is all you need to send in. But, if you send in 25 cents per member, your Auxiliary will receive a certificate from National. (Again, don't forget to send me a report!!)

Please check the list of Life Members of the National Home for your Auxiliary so we can delete those that are deceased, update addresses for those that have moved, and make sure the newest members are added to the list.

November was a great month for Buddy Poppy usage. I can't wait to see all of the reports telling me about the wonderful way you promoted/used Buddy Poppies. Maybe your Auxiliary used so many Poppies that you need to order more?? (Have I reminded you enough to send me a report?)

My wish is that everyone has a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season. Check on your friends, neighbors, Post & Auxiliary members who might be having difficulty at time of the year. Spread a smile & share an ear, you never know what others are dealing with.



Health & Happiness Fund

One way the Auxiliary supports the National Home is through gifts of 10 cents per member to the Health & Happiness fund. Contributions are critical since the campus and its programs receive no government funding. The Health & Happiness Fund supports the following:

- Maintenance of Auxiliary-sponsored buildings
- Emergency repairs and renovations
- Christmas & graduation gifts

The 10 cents a member is an obligation. Your Auxiliary can receive a special certificate from National if you donate twenty-five cents a member. Think of how much more can be done with that extra fifteen cents per member.

Please don't send in your Health & Happiness donation until August each year. You don't want to take a chance of it getting reported for the previous year. Your Treasurer can make this donation for the Auxiliary through MALTA.



**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