





VFW Auxiliary to the Department of Maryland Buddy Poppy & National Home Program 2025-2026 Chairman Karen D Rooker, PDP 6502 Randolph Rd Morningside, MD 20746 301-335-3365 ladykd922@yahoo.com

#### December 2025

Last call reminder...Get your National Home Life Membership before December 31<sup>st</sup>! 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

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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 Po	oppies Qty Cost Total \$
	Make Checks Payable To: Department of Maryland, VFW
Mail	Order Form & Check to Department HQ's No Later than May 12 <sup>th</sup> . 2026  War Memorial Building, Room J  101 North Gay St.  Baltimore, Maryland, 21202
Poppi	es are shipped Via United Parcel Service (UPS). " <u>Do Not Use P.O. Box"</u>
Ship To:	
Title:	Post/Aux #:
Address:	<del></del>
City:	State: Zip:
All oth	her 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_

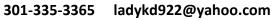
# "Buddy® Poppy" & VFW National Home



## 2025 - 2026 Report Form

### Karen Rooker, PDP Dept. Chairman

6502 Randolph Road Morningside, MD 20746





Auxiliary	District_	Chairman	(	Contact info			
Report I	Period: Fror	m	То	o			
This month - H	ours	Projects Cost \$					
"Buddy® Poppy	y"						
Did you host a "Buddy"® Poppy drive with your Post in this reporting period? Yes							
Number of VFW "B	uddy"® Poppies	that were distributed.			#		
Are you participatir	ng in the "Buddy	y"® Poppy Display Contest	at Convention?		Yes	No	
	ne National Hom	ne through education?					
		ne Helpline? Within the P					
Made donation to N	National Home	Maryland House (NOT for I	kitchen) \$	Health & F	Happiness \$		
Made donation to N	National Home	(NOT Health & Happiness)		\$	Date:		
Did you purchase a	National Home	e Life Membership for an A	uxiliary Member t	his reporting peri	od? How many?		
Did you purchase a	National Home	e Tribute Brick this reportin	ng period? How ma	any?			
Other Buddy Poppy	or VFW Nation	nal Home for Children proje	ects/activities? Bri	efly explain			