



VFW Auxiliary to the Department of Maryland
Buddy Poppy & National Home Program
2025-2026 Chairman
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OMG - is it already MARCH? Where did this year go to?!?!?

I am still looking to hear from many of the Auxiliaries in our Department. I need to know if you purchased Poppies this year, did you hold Poppy drives with or without your Post, how many Poppies did you use in projects or distribute to the community, did you share information regarding the National Home and the National Home Hotline, donate to the Maryland Cottage, pay your Health & Happiness obligation.....everything I need to know is listed on the report form that is attached to this mailer. It is not hard to fill out but if you need help, please let me know.

I am sure there are so many reports out there where Poppies were used but not reported. Remember: when you do an event there are probably reports that can be "shared" with other programs. An example would be – did you provide Valentine's Day cards to hospitalized Veterans that you attached a Poppy to the card? That would be a total of 3 reports – Buddy Poppy (Poppy usage), Veterans & Family Support (cards) & Hospital (Valentine's Day falls under Hospitalized Veteran's Week). You just have to remember to split the volunteers, hours, mileage, and project cost 3 ways on the respective report forms. If you would like more information on multiple reports from 1 event, let me know.

Time is running short. Make sure to get all of your reports for this year to me by April 15th! Anything you do after April 15th, save for the 26-27 VFW Auxiliary year.

Please don't forget about the 2 Special National Awards that are available. The deadline to submit these reports to me is March 31, 2026.

Award #1 is for the Most Outstanding Activity/Event with your Post to educate your community about the VFW Buddy Poppy.

Award #2 is for the Most Outstanding Activity/Event that creates awareness and education of eligibility and who qualifies for help from the VFW National Home, promoting it within the Department to help Veterans and their families.

The report forms for these awards are attached to this mailer. Your entries have to be submitted on these forms to be considered. If you have already reported your event, please do it again on this form so I can forward it to the National Ambassador. My deadline to submit to the National Ambassador is April 30, 2026.

We are so close to the finish line. Let's cross it by letting everyone know what we are doing.

REPORT – REPORT – REPORT!!!

"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: _____

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



“Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home

National Program Award No. 1 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

1. Most outstanding activity and/or event with their VFW Post to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”[®] Poppy.
- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most outstanding activity and/or event with their VFW Post to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”[®] Poppy.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the winning VFW Auxiliary account after the 2026 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.

VFW Auxiliaries must send this completed entry form to the Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman by March 31, 2026 for judging.

VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event with their VFW Post to educate their community about the VFW “Buddy”[®] Poppy. (E.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

The Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to National “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Ambassador Sandra Jeffries by April 30, 2026 for judging.

Department “Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home Chairman: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Forms sent to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters will not be processed or forwarded.



“Buddy”[®] Poppy & VFW National Home

National Program Award No. 2 2025-2026 Entry Form

Awards for Auxiliaries

2. Most outstanding activity and/or event that creates awareness and education of eligibility and who qualifies for help from the VFW National Home and promoting it within their Department to help veterans and their families.

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions that creates awareness and education of eligibility and who qualifies for help from the VFW National Home and promoting it within their Department to help veterans and their families.

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VFW Auxiliary Name: _____

VFW Auxiliary No: _____ Department of: _____

Describe the activity and/or event that created awareness and education of eligibility and who qualifies for help from the VFW National Home and promoting it within their Department to help veterans and their families. (e.g., flyers, brochures, social media posts, newsletters, e-newsletters, handouts, photos, links to videos, etc.)

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