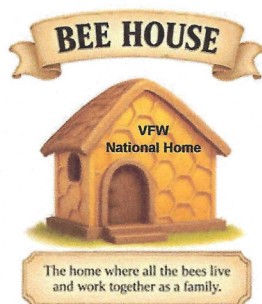


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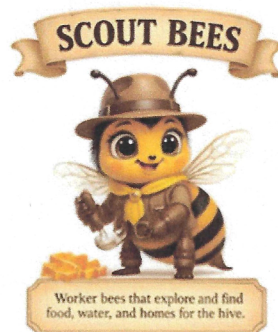


PowerPoint Talking Points: "How We Keep Our Hive Buzzing"
Topic: Five Ways to attain VFW National Home Program Participation Credit



Opening Buzz

"Our VFW National Home is like a strong beehive. Every member has a role, and when we all do our part, the hive thrives. Here are 5 bee roles and 5 ways to support the VFW National Home to earn department program participation credit.



1. Join the Scout Bees: Stay Informed

Talking Point: "First, we need scout bees. That means staying informed."

The Ask: "Please sign up for *The Home Front* and the VFW Auxiliary National blog. You'll get the latest events and news straight from the hive."

Action: "I can share the link: vfwnationalhome.org/news/blog When you get updates, share that pollen with other members and your community."

Why it matters: "An informed hive is an active hive."



2. Become a Queen's Guard: Commit for Life

Talking Point: "Strong hives protect their Queen. Becoming a Life Member is our way of protecting the mission of the Home."

The Ask: "Consider becoming a Life Member. It creates a lasting bond between you and the Home."

Action: "Applications are online, or I have a QR code you can scan today."

Why it matters: "Life Members are the foundation that keeps the Home stable for future generations."



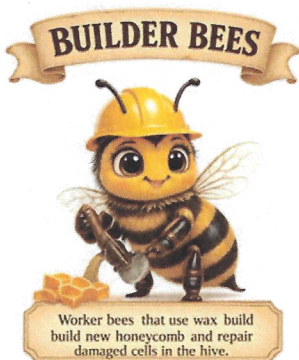
3. Tend the Nursery: Health & Happiness Fund

Talking Point: "Every hive cares for its young. Our Health & Happiness Fund does exactly that for children on campus."

The Ask: "We're asked to donate just \$0.10 or more per member based on our June 30, 2026 membership quota."

Action: "Treasurer can remit through MALTA, or can mail a check earmarked "*Health & Happiness*" to National HQ in Kansas City."

Why it matters: "This covers Christmas and graduation gifts, building maintenance, and emergency repairs. It must go through National to count for our program credit."



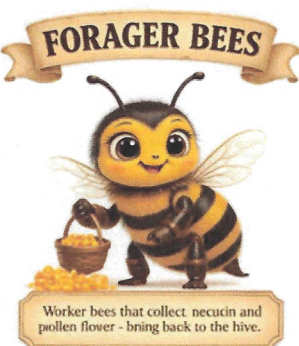
4. Build New Comb: HONEY BEE CHALLENGE

Talking Point: "Our New York hive is building new comb this year."

The Ask: "We're raising funds for a '*Bee*' Teaching Unit at the Early Education Center on campus." Additional flyer in folder.

Action: "Donations will buy bee-themed books, toys, classroom décor, and kids' beekeeping accessories. Please make checks payable to VFW Auxiliary Dept. of New York, earmarked: "NHHB Challenge" and remit to VFWA Dept. of New York Treasurer, Kim White.

Why it matters: "We're helping educate the youngest members of our VFW family — and keeping the bee theme alive."



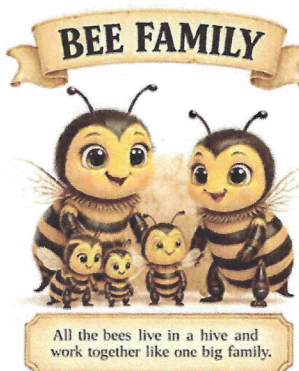
5. Send Out the Foragers: Red, White and Blue Program

Talking Point: "Forager bees don't keep the good nectar to themselves — they tell others where to find it."

The Ask: "Let's educate our community about the Red, White and Blue Program. If you know a veteran family who needs housing, have them call 1 (800) 424-8360."

Action: "Our goal is simple: fill all 43 homes on campus with families."

Why it matters: "Empty homes don't help anyone. We're the bees who guide families to safety."



Closing Buzz

"Remember our hive motto:

Every bee counts, every role matters, and together we keep the Home buzzing with health and happiness."

Action: Choose your role. Make a difference.

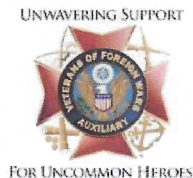
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Take action to support the VFW National Home.

Report your participation to earn department program credit.

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Quick Q&A

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- **Q: "Where do I send the Health & Happiness check?"**

A: VFW Auxiliary National HQ
Attn: Health & Happiness
406 W 34th St 10th Floor
Kansas City MO 64111

- **Q: "What's the deadline?"**

A: Health & Happiness must be processed by National HQ to count.
For the Department of New York: Donate prior to September 30th, 2026 or as soon as your Auxiliary can.

- **Q: "Who qualifies for the Home?"**

A: Three Avenues of Eligibility:

1. Actively Serving
 - Unaccompanied Tour or Deployment
 - Parent(s) / Guardian(s)
 - Single or Married with dependent child(ren)
 - Drilling National Guard & Reserve
2. Veteran
 - Honorably discharged, Active, Guard, or Reserved Veteran
 - Surviving widow or widower with dependent child(ren)
 - Parent(s) / Guardian(s)
 - Single or Married with dependent child(ren)
3. VFW / Auxiliary
 - Parent(s) / Guardian(s)
 - Applicant has parent who qualifies for the VFW or Auxiliary
 - Single or Married with dependent child(ren)

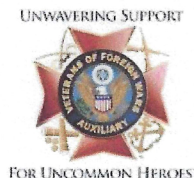
Brochures will be available at VFW Auxiliary Department of New York Fall Conference.

- **Q: "Who do I contact for more VFW National Home Program Information?"**

A: Karen Scheuneman, Dept. Program Chairman, at 1(585) 492-1994 or wdstock90@yahoo.com

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Sign-up to receive the VFW National Home *The Home Front* Blog.

Spread the word by sharing the news.

Become a Life Member.

Contribute to the *Health and Happiness Fund*.

Contribute to the *VFW National Home Honey Bee Challenge*.

Contribute to the *Flight of the Bumble Bee* at Fall Conference.

Purchase a Commemorative or Centennial Garden Brick.

Educate and promote what and where the VFW National Home is.

Educate and promote the VFW National Home *Red, White & Blue Program*.

Educate and promote the VFW National Home *Three Avenues of Eligibility*.

Educate and promote the VFW National Home *Helpline*.

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