



# VFW Auxiliary

## **Buddy Poppy / VFW National Home**

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## Buddy Poppy

What is “Buddy” Poppy?

- The “Buddy” Poppy VFW distribution started before Memorial Day in 1922 becoming the 1<sup>st</sup> Veterans’ organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The Poppy program also supports the VFW National Home.



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### What to do with the “Buddy” Poppy?

- You can distribute them at parades, “Buddy” Poppy drives, “Buddy” Poppy Display Contests, decorate table settings, holiday wreaths, add to Christmas Trees, attach on a gift, add in a greeting card, wear on your hat, sweater, coat, etc.



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- A “Buddy” Poppy is **not for sale**; they are to be **distributed for donations** to your **Auxiliary Relief Fund**.
- “Buddy” Poppy drives can be hosted throughout the year and all auxiliaries are encouraged to do a least one drive a quarter if possible.
- Should a person not have money for a donation, you still give the poppy to the person as a remembrance



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### How to Order “Buddy” Poppies

- Order form in the Program Guide Book, page 15
- Submit form to - VFW Department Headquarters 69 Sand Creek Hill, Albany, NY 12205. Note: Post Quartermaster must sign request form.
- Give up to 2 to 3 months ahead of your event to make sure your order comes in time.



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### Types of “Buddy” Poppies

- There are 2 types of “Buddy” Poppies”
- The Original “Buddy” Poppy.
  - 1000 count for \$340
  - 500 count for \$170.
- Also there are the New Tin Tab Poppies.
  - 1000 count for \$206
  - 500 count for \$103.





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### Spring Conference: “Buddy” Poppy Contest

- Memorial or Inspirational, Artistic or Decorative.
  - Display must have 1 “Buddy” Poppy in the original form, color and label.
  - Put a 3 x 5 index card on the bottom of the display with the Post and District number, Number of poppies and the choice of your display.
  - If the information is not on the bottom of the display then it will not be accepted. Also please turn in a written/typed report explaining your display.



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### National Award

- National has an award for the best outstanding activity or event that promotes the “Buddy” poppy and VFW National Home. Winner receives a citation and \$25.00.
- Application form due to Department Chairman by March 31<sup>st</sup>.





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## VFW National Home

What is the VFW National Home?

- It helps Military and Veteran's Families who need a fresh start. Families can live there rent free up to 4 years. The families have access to professional case management, child care, training, tutoring, educational services, recreational and community services.
- It has 42 single family homes, facilities like the gym, library, computer and science labs, day care, playground, fishing pond, hiking trails and more.
- The VFW National Home helps the Veterans and the family get back on their feet.



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## VFW National Home

What is the VFW National Home Helpline?

- 1-800- 313-4200
  - The phone line is answered by caring professionals from 8am – 4:30 pm Eastern Time on Monday – Friday except Holidays.
- The email to the National Home is [help@vfwnationalhome.org](mailto:help@vfwnationalhome.org).



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## VFW National Home

### Health and Happiness

- Provides financial support to the VFW National Home such as:
  - Christmas gifts, Graduation gifts, Maintenance of Auxiliary sponsored buildings, and Emergency repairs and renovations.
- Donation of \$.10 or more per Auxiliary member based on your June 2024 membership.
- District's that attain 100% participation by December 31, 2024 will be placed in a drawing.
- District Drawing for \$20 award will be announced on January 7, 2025.



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### Spring Conference – Cash Bash

- Cash Bash Tickets to support the VFW National Home 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Tickets are \$20 each. Ticket in Auxiliary President's Package (June 2024)
- Check payable for VFW Auxiliary, Department of NY
- If you do not want to purchase the ticket, you need to send it back to the Department Chairman so we can sell the ticket.
- Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> place \$600, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$200, 4<sup>th</sup> place \$100(4 winners), 5<sup>th</sup> place \$50 (10 winners).



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### Spring Conference (continued)

- Also at the Spring Conference will be the drawing for those members who purchased a VFW National Home Life Membership or the Centennial VFW National Home Life membership.
- Names will be placed in a drawing to win \$50.



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### VFW National Home Life Memberships

- The VFW National Home Life membership is a one time fee of \$50.
  - Access to voting privileges, unique pin and membership card.
- The Centennial Life membership is a one time fee of \$100.
  - Only available from now until Dec. 31, 2025.
  - Benefits are exclusive Centennial membership pin, 10% off souvenirs and apparel, reduced guest lodge rate and exclusive members only apparel.



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### Resources:

- Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual – Booklet of Instruction
- Department 2024-25 Program Guidebook
- National Website – [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org) – Malta → Member Resources
- Department Website – [www.vfwauxny.org](http://www.vfwauxny.org) → Resources → Zoom Trainings

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