

	<p>"Buddy"® Poppy/National Home November-December 2023 “SHOW ME TEAMWORK ...AS WE WORK FOR OUR VETERANS”</p>	<p><i>Janet Barlar</i> 10865 C0 Rd 3310 Rolla, Mo. 65401 573-261-1948 baraux1953@yahoo.com</p>
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"Buddy"® Poppy/National Home Trivia

On Jan. 7, 1925, the VFW National Home was founded, helping to fulfill the VFW pledge to “honor the dead by helping the living.” Later that spring, the Home welcomed its first family in an old frame farmhouse, Mrs. Pollett and her six children. Pollett had become suddenly widowed and lost her husband’s military pension.

This is the story behind the second house that Missouri now supports and is renovating. The dedication and ribbon cutting for our new home will be March 9, 2025.

"Buddy"® Poppy

It was great to see so many of you at the Fall Conference of Administration meeting. I hope you took advantage of all the information that was presented and materials available to the Auxiliaries to help promote our programs.

Veterans Day is fast approaching and what a better time for a Buddy Poppy drive. The new tin Buddy Poppies are available! You may order your Buddy Poppies through the Department VFW, or you may have your Post order them for you. You might want to put an article in your local newspaper promoting your upcoming Buddy Poppy drive. Let the community know! If you do put an article in the paper, please send it to me. I will then pass it on to my National Ambassador. Let’s flood her with articles!

Please take pictures of your Buddy Poppy drives and send them to me. I want to send those to my National Ambassador too and show her what great and creative things our Department does. I would also like to put them on our Department

website. Don't forget to post on your Auxiliary Facebook page! I personally love seeing your pictures and I know others do too!

National Home

Please remember the dates for the National Home trip. The dates are Oct. 26-Oct. 29, 2023. The theme is Shrek. You have plenty of time to get your costume ready! The VFW has extended the registration date. You now have till October 20th to get your registration in. The registration form is on our Department website under the "**Buddy**"® **Poppy/National Home** program. The cost of the trip is \$250.00 if you are planning on riding the bus and \$200.00 if you are driving to the National Home. This does include the cost of your hotel room. Each person going on the trip **MUST** fill out a registration form regardless of whether you are driving or riding the bus.

I want to thank you for your donations of hats, gloves, and socks for the National Home and the monetary donations you have made. You donated so many hats, gloves, and socks at the Fall Conference of Administration meeting, that I had to put all the seats down in my van to get them loaded!! Now, all I have to figure out is how to get my husband in the van when we go on the trip. He might be tied to the luggage rack!! We have collected almost \$1,600 in monetary donations to be presented to the National Home on behalf of the Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliaries along with the hats, gloves, and socks. I am so proud of our Auxiliaries and can't thank you enough! I will take a picture of my van right before I leave!

Please enjoy the holidays and remember our Veterans. Holidays can be a difficult time for them.

I have approved all projects on our Department website. If you reported and have not received notification that your report was approved, please contact me by email or a phone call and we will figure out the problem and get things corrected!

Much love and respect,
Janet