

Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliary  
Buddy Poppy/ National Home  
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***“For those who are gone, but never forgotten.”***

### **“Buddy”® Poppy Winter Contest**

- The theme for our “Buddy”® Poppy Contest for the winter Council of Administration will be “MO on the Move.”
- On a posterboard or trifold create a display explaining the history of the “Buddy”® Poppy.
- Make sure you have at least one Poppy in its original form with tag on it.
- An envelope with:
  - ✓ Outside: Number of Poppies used/ Number of hours/ Number of people
  - ✓ Inside: Auxiliary number/ District Number/ Name(s) of person(s) who created it.

### **Reporting**

**Ask yourself the following questions...**

- Did your Auxiliary have a “Buddy”® Poppy Drive?
- Did you make any table decorations with the “Buddy”® Poppy to use at your Post during a special dinner?
- Did you make an ornament for the Fall Council of Administration meeting?
- Did you help decorate goody bags at the Fall Council of Administration meeting for the National Home Halloween?
- Did you/ your Auxiliary donate dish towels for National Home or send birthday cards to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday?
- Did you attend the National Home trip?
- Did you/ your Auxiliary promote the National Home and their helpline?
- Did you/ your Auxiliary purchase a National Home Life Membership, Centennial Membership or a tribute brick this year?
- Did your Auxiliary donate to the Department National Home Fund?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, then you have something to report! I have only seen a few reports about the ornaments and only one for decorating the goody bags. Remember that I need to know if you worked with the VFW as we are trying to **Bridge the Gap** this year.

**“HELPING OUR VETERANS BY BRIDGING THE GAP” WE CAN REACH “FROM OUR ROOTS TO OUR BRANCHES EXTENDING SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS”**