

## Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliary Buddy Poppy/ National Home July/August 2024-2025

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## "Happiness held is the seed: Happiness shared is the flower." ~John Harrigan

## "Buddy" Poppy Drives

- Now is the time to start planning your "Buddy" Poppy Drives, if you haven't already.
- Plan to work with your Post, if possible.



- See the Program Book Material for distribution tips.
- Wear your Auxiliary branded clothing.
- Contact your VFW Post to order Poppies.
- Be sure to allow plenty of time for delivery (8-12 weeks).
- Find ways to use the new tin Poppies.
- Report your event as soon as the event is finished.
- Use as much detail as possible.
- o Be sure to add the amount of Poppies distributed in the "other" box.

**CELEBRATE** 100 years of the National Home helping Veterans and their families. The **CAFE** event this year is September 7<sup>th</sup> at the VFW National Home. Please check the website for more information.

## **VFW National Home Bus Trip**

- October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- We co-sponsor the Halloween party with the Wisconsin VFW/VFW Auxiliary
- Our theme this year is "Hotel Transylvania."
- Needs (preferably small handmade items)
  - o Items for the goody bags
  - o Prizes for games
  - o Kitchen Towels, Potholders, etc.

Fall Conference "Buddy" Poppy Display Contest

- Patriotic Ornament contest
- Ornaments will be donated to our Veterans in the Veterans Homes.
- There will be a Youth and Adult division for judging.

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