

Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliary
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***“A single poppy has the soul of a thousand heroes
and
the tears of a million loved ones.”***

My name is Brandy (Branda) Young and I am excited to be your Buddy® Poppy/ National Home Chairman this year. I feel like I have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for my entire life, because I have been attending meetings since I was six months old. I was a Jr Girl until I was 16 and I have now been an Auxiliary member for over 20 years. In my years as an Auxiliary member, I have been the Department Jr Girls Chairman and Youth Activities Chairman. See a pattern? I love working with children and crafting.



What to look forward to during the 2024/2025 in the Buddy® Poppy/ National Home Program

- VFW National Home CAFÉ event September 7, 2024
- VFW National Home Bus Trip October 25th- 27th, 2024
- Crafting to help the National Home
- “Buddy”® Poppy Drives
- Fall Conference “Buddy”® Poppy Display Contest – Ornaments that will be distributed to veterans.
- Winter Conference “Buddy”® Poppy Display Contest – “MO on the Move” poster contest explaining the history of the “Buddy”® Poppy to your community.
- CELEBRATE the VFW National Home’s 100th birthday!



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