





Department of Missouri VFW Auxiliary  
Buddy® Poppy/ National Home  
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“True courage is in facing danger when you are afraid”  
– Frank Baum “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz”

We have an exciting year planned and I can’t wait to travel the Yellow Brick Road with you.

Some things to look forward to during the 2025/2026 Buddy® Poppy/ National Home Program year...

-  VFW National Home 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration –  
**June 28, 2025**
-  Charity Golf Tournament (St. Charles, MO)-  
**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
-  VFW National Home Trip-  
**October 24<sup>th</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**
-  Educating our communities about the National Home
  1. Create Awareness about the National Home
  2. Eligibility and who qualifies for help from the National Home
  3. Promote the VFW National Home’s Military and Veteran Family Helpline.



-  Educating our communities about the “Buddy”® Poppy
  1. How do we honor the dead by helping the living?
  2. Work with your Post
-  “Buddy”® Poppy Drives
-  “Buddy”® Poppy Display Contest
  1. Fall Conference – Hat Parade
  2. Winter Conference – Holiday Tray Favors
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**\*\*Reminder\*\*** If you plan on making a “Buddy”® Poppy Display for Department Convention in June, please visit [www.vfwauxmo](http://www.vfwauxmo) to view the rules.

**“Be the Reason a Veteran Smiles Today” as we stand together “From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Veterans – Who Keep Us Free.”**