

## Buddy Poppy



Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, is a perfect time to team up with another program.

Remember those Veterans who did not make it home, this can be teamed up with Americanism, and remember **“More Than Letters.” “Prisoners of War” and “Missing in Action.”**

You can take American Flags, wrap them with a Buddy Poppy, and distribute them, by setting up at the local grocery store. (Make sure you get permission)

If your Post is having a Veterans Day Celebration, set up a booth with Americanism and share the Buddy Poppy and Prisoners of War/Missing in Action with the Community, having information with you, like pamphlets, flyers, and even coloring books for the children. All can be found in Malta, Resources then click on Misc. Resources, or ordered from the VFW Store.

*“In the Flanders Fields the poppies grow between the crosses, row by row, we are the dead short days ago, we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset flow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders Fields.”*

The meaning of the Buddy Poppy is what all need to learn and acknowledge. And this knowledge can be taught by you, with information that can be easily gotten, if not ordered, can be found online.

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## VFW National Home

### “A Soldier’s prayer”

Dear Lord, Bless our soldiers, protectors of our nation. Give them strength and courage in the face of adversity and deliver them safely home to their loving families once again.”

Amen



National  
President  
Special Project

The VFW  
National Home  
Welcome  
Center

VFW Auxiliary National President Carla Martinez & VFW Commander-in-Chief Duane Sarmiento are teaming up for special renovation Project, of the VFW National Home Welcome Center.

- JUST A FEW OF THE THINGS THAT WILL BE DONE WITH THE RENOVATION:
  - Floors would be replaced with a nonslip surface
  - A sidewalk would be added from the administration walkway to ensure ADA compliance
  - Increased retail space and expanded items available for resident convenience, such as milk and bread
  - Postal and parcel operations will be combined for resident and postal worker convenience

***Beginning July 1, 2023, members may donate to this project in MALTA by selecting Make a Gift, National President’s Special Project.***

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