## Buddy Poppy/ National Home

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## **Buddy Poppy**

Since February 1924 that the VFW has distributed more than 1 billion Buddy Poppy's. Those pretty red flowers are a symbol of remembrance honor and sacrifice for our soldiers. The donations that the VFW and VFW Auxiliary receive for the flower go to help with the relief of veterans. Whether it be to buy grocery's, pay a bill or buy their children Christmas presents. We use that money to take care of the whole veteran and their families.

"Made in the USA" the Buddy Poppy is made by the disabled and needy veterans in VA's across the USA. Show your support by running a poppy drive put that money in your relief fund and use it support a vet-

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch, be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders' fields. eran and/or the family of a veteran in need.

Please always remember that we don't sell Buddy Poppies we take donations or we give them away.



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## The VFW National Home for Children

The National home for children started in March of 1925. After World War 1 the VFW realized that widows and orphans were in need of care. In the 1920's there were not social programs or services to help widows and children who lost a veteran VFW decided to start a The National Home for Children. The first residents was Mrs. Polletts and her 6 children. They moved in May of 1925. The National home helps widows and the children of veterans learn new ways to make a living and coping skills to help with the loss of a veteran. Since 1925 the National Home has been expanding and changing with the times.

Over the next several months I will talk about the changes that the have occurred at the National Home and what you and your auxiliary can do to help them with the changes.

