

**“BUILDING BRIDGES
FOR OUR VETERANS”
ONE POPPY AT A TIME.**

AUGUST 2025



**“BUDDY” POPPY &
VFW NATIONAL HOME**

VFW “BUDDY” POPPY - A PROCLAMATION

A GREAT Idea to not only educate your local government about what the “Buddy” Poppy means to the VFW, but you can also ask them to issue a Special Proclamation to urge the community members to not only recognize the merits of this cause but by also supporting this symbol of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead. This can be achieved by donating on a day set aside for the distribution of the “Buddy” Poppy. Under the Proclamation, this day is when your Post & Auxiliary can set up in the community hosting “Buddy” Poppy drives. The Proclamation Template that you may print or email to your Mayor can be found using the QR code below, VFW “Buddy” Poppy Program link.

Additional Ideas to raise money for the Relief Fund through “Buddy” Poppy donations:

- Hold a contest to guess how many Poppies are in the jar. Donation to enter. Give out a Prize.
- Print “Buddy” Poppies out and for a donation people can write their names on the Poppy, create a green field and “plant” the poppies on the field.
- During parades or community events, set up a table or walk around the event wearing your Auxiliary attire & hand out Poppies & Flags be sure to carry a Donation basket/bucket.
- Display “Buddy” Poppy “take one donate one” on tables if you are hosting a dinner or event.

Make sure you receive approval from your Post or Community first before doing any of the above events.



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NATIONAL HOME

Health & Happiness Fund of 25 cents per member from the Auxiliary supports the National Home by providing Maintenance of Auxiliary sponsored buildings, emergency repairs, renovations & also provides Christmas and Graduation gifts to the children of the National Home. Consider making a personal gift by logging into MALTA and select Make A Gift.

Approved by:
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How your Auxiliary can support the VFW National Home:

- **Purchase items from the National Home’s Amazon Wishlist**
- **Become a Home Front Hero**
- **Purchase a Tribute or Centennial Brick in your Auxiliary’s name**
- **Create awareness by wearing VFW National Home apparel and educating others about the National Home.**
- **“Do more Stock the Store”**



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Whitmore's Warriors Class of 2025-2026 Project



LET'S DO MORE
STOCK THE STORE



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Store Equipment (Refrigerators, freezers, etc and Food)
Consists of purchasing equipment for the retail section including coolers and freezers for fresh and frozen food, and beverages, dry goods and other sundries that are deemed most useful to residents. This fundraiser will also purchase an honor system point of sale program that allows residents to enter the store with a swipe card, pick out items and pay for them with a credit or debit card both during and after business hours.

