



Veterans Day – November 11th Celebrate, Educate, and Remember

- Host a “Poppy Table of Honor” at your community’s Veterans Day ceremony or parade. Display poppies, photos of local veterans, and information about what the Buddy Poppy represents.
- Poppy Gratitude Cards: Have members or students write thank-you notes to veterans and attach a Buddy Poppy to each card.
- Wear a Poppy for a Purpose: Encourage everyone to wear a poppy during the ceremony or all week leading up to Veterans Day.
- Moment of Reflection: During your Veterans Day ceremony, include a short statement recognizing the National Home and the families it helps.
- Families of Service” Display: Highlight photos or stories of military families in your community to connect the National Home’s mission to local faces.

Thanksgiving – A Season of Family & Gratitude



“Poppies of Thanks” Centerpieces: Create table decorations using poppies, mini flags, and “thank you” messages to display at Auxiliary dinners or community Thanksgiving meals.

Buddy Poppy Tree of Thanks: Decorate a small tree or branch display with poppies and tags where people can write what they’re thankful for—especially in honor of those who served.

Poppy Pie Raffle or Bake Sale: Sell baked goods with Buddy Poppies tied to packaging and proceeds benefiting the VFW National Home or Veterans Relief Fund.

Host a Friendsgiving Fundraiser: Organize a dinner where attendees give thanks and make small donations to the National Home.

Letters of Thanks: Have members or children write cards of gratitude to the staff and families at the National Home.

♥ Remember:

Every Buddy Poppy supports veterans in need, their families, and the VFW National Home.

Let’s share the spirit of gratitude and remembrance throughout this season.



♥ Remember:

The VFW National Home provides stability, support, and hope to the families of our nation’s veterans and service members. Let’s share the warmth of “thankful” by giving back to those who give so much.

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