

VFW National Home

Department President's Theme "Growing Stronger for our Veterans"

National President's Theme "Serving American's Heroes"

The VFW National Home Program was **founded in 1925** to support military, veteran, and VFW families during difficult times. Created as a place where families of service members could remain together during times of war and hardship, the National Home continues to serve as a living memorial to America's veterans by offering hope, healing, and stability.

Located in **Eaton Rapids, Michigan**, the VFW National Home provides a safe and peaceful community for military and veteran families. Eligible families may live rent-free for up to four years while receiving professional case management, licensed childcare, life-skills training, tutoring, educational assistance, and recreational opportunities. The campus includes family homes, a gym, library, computer and science labs, daycare centers, playgrounds, hiking trails, and community gathering spaces designed to strengthen families and promote independence.

The program serves veterans, service members, descendants of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members, and families facing challenges that may result from military service. Families accepted into the program are encouraged to work toward personal growth, family goals, and long-term stability while receiving support from the VFW National Home staff and community.

The VFW Auxiliary proudly supports the National Home through the **Health & Happiness Fund** which helps provide maintenance of Auxiliary-sponsored buildings, emergency repairs and renovations, Christmas and graduation gifts, and additional support services for resident families. Contributions are especially important because the VFW National Home receives no government funding. **Auxiliaries shall contribute .25 cents** per member. This must be paid on MALTA.

Additional ways to support the **VFW National Home** include becoming a Life Member, purchasing tribute bricks or memorial garden bricks, donating through **MALTA**, supporting the Amazon Wish List, and promoting awareness of the National Home's mission. Through compassion, volunteerism, and patriotic service, the VFW and Auxiliary continue their commitment to helping veterans and their families build brighter futures.



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DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Certificate and a monetary award to one Auxiliary in each membership class for the most creative Activity and/or event that demonstrates what and where the VFW National Home is and who is eligible for the services provided.

Entry form is required and available on the Department website under the National Home program and in MALTA Member Resources.

Auxiliaries must send the required entry form to the VFW Auxiliary Department VFW National Home Chairman by March 31, 2027 for judging.

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for the most creative activity and/or event that demonstrates what and where the VFW National Home is and who is eligible for the services provided by the VFW National Home.

Entry form is required and available in MALTA Member Resources.

The VFW Auxiliary Department VFW National Home Chairman must sign and send a copy of the completed Department-winning entry form to the VFW Auxiliary National VFW National Home Ambassador by April 30, 2027 for judging.

Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention