Buddy Poppy/ National Home Issue 5 November 2024

"Buddy Poppy"

As we get into our holiday season lets remember to distribute and educate our community about the "Buddy" poppy. Remember we do not sell poppy's but we are grateful for the donations that go to help veterans and their families.

Remember after your event report your event in the reporting site and fill out a National Program Award 1 entry form found on Malta. Send it to me you don't have to wait until the last minute. You will want to describe your event and send any flyers, Brochures, Social Media post, Handouts, and Photos. You can email them to me or mail them to me at 13620 Silver Charm Ct, Riverview Fl 33572.

I look forward to hearing from you!!!!!

"Buddy" Poppy Contest.

Do you know what the Buddy Contest Judges are looking for:

Each Display is broken down into 3 Categories. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign, Inspirational Display, Artistic or Decorative.

Each Category is the judged on effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and the number of poppies used. Each post and Auxiliary can submit one display per category. Remember don't include your Post number in the display this is to be placed in an envelope under the display. List the number of poppies used on in front of the display.

After the Department Contest the winner can submit their "Buddy" Poppy display for the National contest. You are responsible for getting it there and back. Forms are on Malta.

National Home

What does the National home needs. The National Home needs families. The home does an amazing job but as the current families transition out they need new families to transition in. So lets get the word out.

Share the telephone number 1-800-313-4200.

Eligibility requirements are:

- Actively Serving
- A Veteran
- VFW/ Auxiliary member

Log into www.vfwnationalhome.org and click on the red box that says get help.

How are some other ways to help.

Especially during the holiday season is to check the <u>Amazon wish list</u>. You can always send toys and diaper this way.

Buy a Tribute Brick Value at \$100.00, Become a Home Town Hero a monthly donation that you set. Purchase a Memorial for the Tribute Park value starting at \$3000.00. Or you could just send money. Money can help with operational cost.



Monument in the Tribute Park

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