

VFW Auxiliary
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Buddy®Poppy/VFW National Home
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MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone

All I want for Christmas is for you to send me a report. The blackout sheet has many auxiliaries that have not reported. It can be short, you paid your quotas or used poppies in some way. The goal is 100% reported for each of the core programs.

The Goals for this year are Buddy®Poppy Display, Education and VFW National Home Education and Community Outreach.

When I fill out the Year-End Report I need to get the report from the auxiliaries that tell me:

- How many promoted and or made donations to the VFW National Home and the amount donated.
- The number of auxiliaries that promoted/used Buddy®Poppies throughout the year
- How many Buddy®Poppy drives were held by auxiliaries with or without the post.
- Number of auxiliaries that promoted the Military and Veteran Family Helpline from the VFW National Home for Children **1-800-313-4200**.

Eligibility for the VFW National Home:

- A veteran family (at least one parent that has served and honorably discharged)
- An active duty military family (a parent is currently serving in the armed forces or reserves)
- A relative of a VFW or Auxiliary member (this includes step parents or grandchildren)

The third one is the most wide reaching as there are many people in the U.S. that have a parent or grandparent who served. The child's parent or grandparent is not a member of the VFW or auxiliary but are eligible to become one. If they become a member, then the family is eligible to apply to live there. The first step is to call the Helpline at 1-800-313-4200. Professional staff will determine eligibility.

Life membership increases to \$ 50.00 on January 1, 2019

Following is the Amazon Christmas Wish List for the National Home is you would like to support them this Christmas.

Little things matter and they maintain an 80-acre campus, 365 days a year. Supplies are needed for the 42 single family homes, day care center, gym, community center, guest lodge, playgrounds, bathrooms, kitchens and more.

- Paint brushes for the arts and crafts room. Set of 15 brushes \$ 16.96
- Recycling baskets for throughout the campus. 12.5 gallon Rubbermaid \$ 23.14 each
- Picnic tables for outdoor picnics and lunches. \$ 210.00 each
- Ladybug stickers for Day Care Center fun. 1 pack \$ 5.99
- Mattress covers for the beds in the homes. \$ 22.99 each
- Snow tube for winter fun with the children \$ 27.99 each

Some of these items are small, but they have a big impact. Thank you for what you can do for the children this Christmas

REMEMBER the National President Special Project (**remodel the Guest House Kitchen**) and also our Department President Ellie (**Safety and Security Fund**)**Report!!! Report!!! Tell me what you did** **Thank You**



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