

**VFW Auxiliary
Department of California
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**Greetings, National Ambassador, Dept Program Coordinator, Line Officers, District Presidents, District Chairman, Janine Fountain, VFW District 2 - Department VFW National Home Chairman
Sisters, Brothers and Comrades**

Following is the July Bulletin for Buddy® Poppy/VFW National Home for Children. Please share with your auxiliaries and post.

First thing is if your auxiliary did Buddy Poppy distribution or promotion in May or on Memorial Day, please write the report and send a copy to me, one to your district chairman and keep a copy for your records. **When you report, describe the project, money spent on the project, number of members, time and mileage.** REMEMBER the Program Goals

- Buddy Poppy National Display
- Buddy Poppy Education (What are YOU doing to inform the public and your community about the Buddy Poppy?)
- VFW National Home Education and Community Outreach.

We need to educate, promote, and communicate the importance of the Buddy Poppy and VFW National Home for Children.

Donations decline during the summer at the National Home. Children are out of school and the need is great. They are at the National Home to receive support, comfort and counseling to rebuild their lives and overcome effects of war.

It's a good time to make your donations and quotas for the programs.

- Health and Happiness of \$.10 cents or more goes to National Headquarters. Remember they receive no government funding.
- Sunshine Fund donations (any amount for the upkeep of our homes) go to Department of California earmarked Sunshine Fund.
- If after meeting your quotas a donation of \$20.00 will pay for a student receiving painting lessons. \$ 45.00 will pay for one CPR and first aid training. \$ 72.00 pays the average weekly wages for a student worker and \$90.00 pays for one week of snacks at the Day Care Center for the children. Any donation will help the families facing financial hardships, PTSD and other family relationships and uncertain future. Anything you can donate will help get them through the summer. Your gift will be used immediately wherever it is needed the most.

Life Membership is the oldest fundraising program for the home. If you need to see who your Life Members are, give them and call and request a print-out of your auxiliary members that have Life membership. Life members have a vote for trustee representing their District and proposed Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation changes.

Remember Life Membership along with a pin will increase on January 1, 2019 to \$ 50.00.

Please help to keep the National Home safe. Department of California President Ellie Mello has chosen the Children Safety and Security Fund as her Special Project. This system will include Emergency Notification system for campus buildings, Security Camera, Alert Beacons and Maintenance and ongoing expenses. This past year was the One Step Service Dog and California raised over \$26,000. Can We Do It again? BELIEVE

Checks can be made payable and sent to Department of CA VFW Auxiliary ATTN: President Special Project- National Home Safety and Security

Contact Marla Smith at dalemar@tmiwireless.com or call 619-247-0536.

360 Degrees for our veterans and their families.

BELIEVE – We Can Do It

If you are attending the National Convention, stop by the National Home booth for questions and answers you might have. Plan on attending the National Home workshop on Tuesday, July 24, at 3:00 p.m. Check the schedule to verify.

Sign up for HomeNotes to receive the National Home newsletter at www.nationalhome.org for updates on activities and events at the home.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact me at 714-968-3104.

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