

Buddy Poppy/National Home

April Promotion

This will be my final promotion of the year so I would like to start by saying thank you for all the reports you have sent in which truly reflect the hard work that has been going on around California this year to promote this program. It is clear that Auxiliary and District BPNH Chairs have been working well with other program chairs to incorporate Buddy Poppies into all types of activities. Poppies went to hospitals, were handed out at Patriotic events and were featured in fundraising events which benefited many other programs.

I have one last ask of you.

I recently participated in a zoom call with Cathey Farley, National Ambassador for the Buddy Poppy/National Home program, members of the National Home team and Buddy Poppy/National Home Chairmen from other States. Now that the new Resource Center at the Health and Education Building is complete the National Home is working on upgrading and expanding Wi-Fi capabilities. This will bring the current service up to the required standard and also enable possible future expansion at the site. The discussion led to an awareness that there is an ongoing need for funding to purchase things like computers for the use of resident families and staff.

So - National Ambassador Cathey has challenged us to use the last months of our term as Chairmen to raise money for the National Home Technology Fund.

As you may be aware, the Department of California VFW and Auxiliary are holding a "Night at the Races" fundraiser at our State Convention in June. I have a horse running called Pinata Buddy, aka P Buddy or just simply Buddy. While P Buddy's pedigree as a racer is a little uncertain, his pedigree as a fundraiser, with your help, is a little more controllable!

Buddy will be travelling to the Council of Administration meeting in the San Diego Area in April and will be at several other events prior to arriving at Convention in June. He is a Pinata horse, so he lives to be stuffed full of goodies! BUT, as he really doesn't care for candy, he is asking that when you see him you feed him some green stuff. He promises that after his career as a Racehorse is over, he will hand over the goods in support of the National Home Technology Fund!

If you are attending the C of A meeting or Convention, please bring your dollars and loose change with you! If you are not attending but would still like to contribute, please pass your donation to your outgoing or incoming District President to deliver or contact me directly.

P.S. If your loyalties don't lie with another racehorse, Buddy would be grateful for your support during his race at Convention!

