## VFW National Home

In 1925, Corey Spencer donated a 472-acre plot of land in Eaton Rapids, Michigan -- he was inspired by Amy Ross, who had made it her life mission to help find jobs for the thousands on unemployed veterans in Detroit.

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1925, the National Home was formed working to fulfill the pledge made by the VFW that is to "Honor the dead by helping the living." The first family was Mrs. Pollett and her six children who was widowed and lost her husband's military pension.

For 100 years, the National Home has grown and evolved to meet the changing needs of America's Military and Veterans' Families, through all of that their commitment remained the same which is honor our Nation's Veterans and active duty military by providing help and hope for their families.

The National Home is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation and is governed by 17 members who make up the Board of Trustees made up by the members of the VFW and its Auxiliary who as life members of the National Home are dedicated to National Home and its Mission.

One way we as Auxiliary members can support the National Home is through gifts of \$.10 per member to the Health & Happiness Fund. Contributions are very critical to the Home as the

Campus does not receive any Government funding. The Health & Happiness Fund supports the following:

Maintenance of Auxiliary-sponsored buildings Emergency repairs and renovations Christmas and Graduations Gifts

Donations to the Health & Happiness Fund can be made through MALTA or by mail.