

Buddy Poppy / National Home 2021 - 2022

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Greetings,

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Dept. School of Instructions. By now you should have started thinking about how to use your Buddy Poppies. A little info about the Buddy Poppy: "Buddy"® Poppies generate extra income for the Veterans and the team making them. The flowers are typically assembled by veterans in need or disabled veterans. On a Post and Auxiliary level, income is used to aid members. On state and national levels, "Buddy"® Poppy money provides much-needed services for disabled veterans, their widows and orphans. Funds raised from "Buddy"® Poppy donations also go toward supporting the VFW National Home for Children and veterans' rehabilitation services. The flower reminds us of the sacrifices veterans have made, losing their lives or their health while defending our country and fighting for our freedom. Besides offering them to the public, VFW Posts and Auxiliaries also make wreaths of poppies to lay at graves of deceased members, adorn floats with them and even construct "Buddy"® Poppy walls of remembrance.

VFW National Home for Children community is open to the families of active-duty military personnel, veterans and relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. The family can be one or both parents with one or more children. Families are welcomed to the small-town community where they may live for up to 4 years. They work to identify what they need and want to accomplish, during which time they are provided: Housing, Education, Daycare, Basic needs, Recreation, and Case Management for all the support that they need.

The VFW National Home for Children website:

[www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org)

The National Home Helpline 1-800-313-4200

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