

**HEY BUDDIES! Barb Barger here with the latest stories.....**

**VFW National Home for Children NEWS FLASH!**

The National VFW Commander, William "Doc" Schmitz and the National VFW Auxiliary President, Peggy Haake have announced their joint project for National Home this year is to extend the walking path in the TRIBUTE PARK. During these monthly track updates, we will be racing around that track.

To get those motors started, at **School of Instructions!**

- **Auxiliaries in Districts 1-5** with an Aux # that are **ODD #s**, please bring a raffle prize to **School of Instructions** . Be sure to include your Auxiliary# & District #, along with a Buddy Poppy on your raffle item. Race Points will be awarded to all Auxiliaries in those Districts that participate!!
- Meanwhile, back at the garage, I mean, POST, Auxiliaries, please send in your \$.10 per member (as of 6/30/19) for your Health and Happiness obligation! Or take the faster route, pay on MALTA! To receive a citation from National Headquarters, increase the amount to \$.25 per member as of 6/30/19! Extra points will be awarded if your obligation is paid by Fall Conference!!

Be a frontrunner of the race, not just back in the pack, be proactive and take the lead to get the word out!

- INDIANA DAY AT VFW NATIONAL HOME IS SEPTEMBER 29, 2019! Make plans now to attend and bring your friends and family!
- Hold an extra fundraising event for National Home in your Districts and/or your Auxiliaries. Remember: National Home is fully funded from donations!
- Research and Educate your VFW Auxiliary members and VFW comrades as well as the public on what National Home is and what all it has to offer our veterans and their family members. Someone right there in your POST might just need their help, but doesn't know it is available to them or how to get the help they need! VFW National Home Helpline # 800-313-4200 is just a call away!
- Visit [vfnationalhome.org](http://vfnationalhome.org) to learn more!

AND ONCE YOU DO, it is GO time.....**FALL CONFERENCE CONTEST!!!**

- Make a display board or bulletin board at your POST to get the word out on National Home!
  - Bring your display board OR a clear picture of your display &/or bulletin board in your POST and bring it to Fall Conference for judging.
  - Include a short note, explaining the use and purpose your display, where it is located and any feedback from your members. Winners will earn a sweet reward and all Auxiliaries that enter will earn race points! **Extra points for entries promoting any of the other 10 Programs along with National Home as part of their displays!**
- Remember Buddies help each other!**

**See you at the races!**