

# BULLETIN – JULY 2023



**BUDDY POPPY – VFW NATIONAL HOME**

**SARAH HIGGINBOTHAM, CHAIRMAN**



I am so excited to be your “Buddy” Poppy & VFW National Home chairman again this year! We had a great Department Convention in June and built up a lot of enthusiasm to start the new year off strong. Your Auxiliaries were very busy last year in both of these programs, and I hope to see even more involvement this year.

## **“Buddy”® Poppy**

Thank you to those Auxiliaries that constructed a Poppy Display and brought it to Department Convention. My favorite part of Convention is going to look at all the Poppy Displays. Our children, Jereme and Rylee, attended Convention this year and they were both blown away by what you all managed to do with those tiny little flowers. Good luck to those entries that advanced to National Convention!

I’ve seen quite a few Facebook posts of Auxiliaries that conducted Poppy Drives for Memorial Day. Have you reported that to me yet? If not, please do Soon so you don’t forget. I would love to receive a report from each Auxiliary at least once a month.

Is your Auxiliary conducting a membership booth at a county fair, festival, community event, etc.? Make sure to have poppies available at the booth along with brochures about the “Buddy”® Poppy to distribute to anyone visiting your booth.

Don’t forget to post on your social media pages and tag me in the posts!

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## VFW National Home



Proposed new playground

Wow, Illinois you have really stepped up and sent in many donations for the VFW National Home Playground Project! We still have more money to raise in a short amount of time to hit our goal. Please get those donations to Linda Lorenz as soon as possible. We hope to have the full amount collected by Illinois Day on September 24, 2023. All Auxiliaries and Districts that send in a donation earmarked for the VFW National Home Health and Education Playground Project by September 15, 2023, will receive a citation.

When conducting a fundraiser for the VFW National Home whether it be for a general donation or the Playground Project, I recommend ordering promotional materials to hand out and/or display at the fundraiser. This helps us spread awareness about the National Home while raising funds. You can visit [www.vfwnationalhome.org/promotional](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/promotional) to order those items free of charge. Order them today so you have them on hand for your next event!!

As we start the new year, I encourage every Auxiliary to make their yearly donations early. This includes your Health and Happiness donation. Also, go through your membership roster to see who is a Life Member of the VFW National Home. Then contact those that are not members to tell them about the National Home and encourage them to become Life Members. Every membership helps raise funds for the VFW National Home.