



To: Department Leadership (Commanders, Presidents, Quartermasters, Adjutants, Treasurers and Secretaries).

From: Shirlee Frias-VFW National Home District 10 Trustee

Re: National Home Report-NOVEMBER 2023 Report

Please share this communication with your respective Chairmen and/or members by sending in monthly mailing!

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[VFW National Home 100th Birthday Celebration 2025](#)

Greeting All Life Members of the National Home,

First, welcome to the new Department Officers and Department National Home/Buddy Poppy Chairman. A lot has happened this year at the National Home. I am excited to report some great things. Please make sure you post this on your Department Websites. If possible, I would like to ask that each department has a National Home button/link etc. on your webpage so that you can post ALL the great things happening. ALL members should have access to this information.

ACTION ITEM:

Please have your Department Quartermaster/Treasurer send in an updated “deceased list” to Sue Alverson at the National Home. We would like to remove those who have passed on, so they are not receiving email/mail. Thank you, New Mexico Auxiliary Treasurer who has already completed this task. Any questions on what is needed please contact me.

Upcoming Dates

- 95th Cootie Christmas-December 2, 2023.
- Board Meeting-January 31, 2024
- Easter Treat-March 22-24, 2024
- Board Meeting-June 27, 2024
- National Convention & Cootie Convention-Louisville, KY-July 27-August 4, 2024
- Ohio Day-August 10, 2024
- Michigan Day-August 11, 2024

DISTRICT 10 NEWS

- **Department Convention Visits.** I only have Arkansas to visit (midwinter).

District Fundraiser-

- We have completed this fundraiser! I can't thank you enough for your donations. When it warms up, we will see our money in action on the new people mover.

NH 100th Birthday 2025- Our District is in charge of the kickoff (January 7, 2025). I will be setting up a zoom meeting in the next month for the committee. Please join the "BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION" Group page on FACEBOOK. This is for every member to have access too, not just District 10. The group FB address is at the top.

- **NH House Banks**-have you seen the new "banks"? They are white and are larger than the small red one we have used in the past. You can purchase these at the "store".

Board Meeting Notes-We held our Annual Membership Meeting, Board Meeting and Fall Festival in October. We introduced our new trustees; the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation were approved by the overall membership (you should have received a ballot on this vote).

Executive Director-Mike Wilson

- Mike Wilson taped a piece on the National Home on "Military Makeover-Operation Career" with Montel Williams. It will air on Lifetime TV, on November 15, 2023, at 7:30 am EST.
- Working on updating the Strategic Plan. Most items are complete, and he plans to work on updating the plan and adding new targets/goals.

Residents

- 41 of the 42 homes are occupied. The last home is currently under renovation. We have started a waiting list. The homes are occupied currently by 27 Veterans (65%).

Early Education Center

- 13 full time
- Working on moving from vinyl flooring to plank flooring.
- The roof is in need of repair.

Programs-Angie Harkins

- Is continuing to work closely with staff on programs to bring to the National Home.
- Beehive program has been very successful and is growing.
- Guitars for Heros continues to grow.
- The Department of Illinois VFW and Auxiliaries joined together to provide a first-class playground for National Home children to let loose, forget their cares, and enjoy the fresh air. It was built in memory of Facilities Manager Todd Mariott, who passed away earlier this year.

- **1ST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING- WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!** Thanks to your generosity and support, we were able to raise over \$21,000 to support the veterans and families living at the VFW National Home.

Facilities Report- Rick Stiver

- Received a small train with 6-8 cars. It's purple.
- Continuing to lead the house turning over rate to under 30 days.

Finance Department-Lynn Hagerman

Working with Executive Director & Directors on staying on budget.

Marketing & Development Board Report-Sue Alverson

- Next **National Home ZOOM Meeting-Meet the Trustees** to be held on November 16, 2023, at 6:30 EST. Open for everyone to join. I have posted the link on the District 10 FB page.
- We had a groundbreaking ceremony for the National Commander in Chief and National President's Special project-the "Welcome Center".
- Continued work on the website. A must see for everyone.
- Centennial Garden project is underway. This is an opportunity to see purchase a brick for the garden. Limited number to be sold. See attached flyer.

Veteran and Family Resources-Assistant Director Bill Krieger

- The Resource Center has been remodeled and is open. It is bringing in many different groups and traffic continues to grow.

IT-Jesse Foster

- The Internet Project is Complete. The campus is now fitted with fiber optic wiring. All buildings and home have internet on campus.

Social Media/Historian-Travis

- Read at least 7 years of additional files on the national home
- Photographed and edited pics of buddy poppy speech reads.

Warm Regards,

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