



## **VFW National Home District 10 Trustee Trustee Report-September 2024**

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**Join the FACEBOOK Group at District 10-VFW National Home**  
**Join the FACEBOOK 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Group at**  
**VFW National Home 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration 2025**

### **Greeting All Life Members of the National Home,**

This year is flying by so quickly and we will kick off to the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration in about 6 weeks-January 2025

- I will be visiting the Department of Kansas' Midwinter January 10-12, 2025.
- I plan to visit the Department of Texas' Midwinter in January of 2025 as well.
- I plan to attend the Luau Fundraiser for Post/Auxiliary 7835 in Granbury, TX the first week in March (tentative)

### **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.

### **DISTRICT 10 NEWS**

- Please have your department consider purchasing a Centennial Brick in honor of the National Homes 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. They are \$500 each and will be placed in the Centennial Garden. It is limited to 1000 bricks. You can also purchase these bricks individually, through our districts, etc. This is for VFW/VFWA/MOC/MOCA.
- DID YOU KNOW-You can look up a brick you purchased or was purchased in your name? Go to the NH website and to the tab that has the bricks. Hit Control F and you can search by name. You will then know where that brick is placed on campus.

### **Executive Director-Mike Wilson**

- Electrical distribution system upgrades complete.
- Cootie Christmas is December 2-7<sup>th</sup> 2024.

- Finalizing the 2025 Birthday events.

### **Programs-Angie Harkins**

- 34 houses occupied.
- 82 Children
- 51 Parents
- Transitioned to the Red, White, Blue Program for those who move on campus.
  - Each family works with a case manager who connects them with services and helps them achieve their goals. Hives or Heroes is kicking off its second year-much excitement for this program
  - Children live in a small town, rural setting with access to recreational programs, learning opportunities, and holiday celebrations and field trips.
  - The support families receive from the National Home enables them to build a solid foundation for growth, stability, and a better future.
- Guitars For Heroes-started a new class this fall.

### **Marketing & Development-Sue Alverson**

- Two Golf Units were a Big Success.
- Centennial Memberships are available now for \$100-includes exclusive discounts, and a beautiful pin.
- Please consider sending in a “birthday” card with a \$100 donation to continue to support and do the work of the National Home.
- Centennial Brick-Celebrate the upcoming VFW National Home Centennial in style with a personalized engraved brick in the 2025 Centennial Garden. Whether it’s to honor a loved one, commemorate a special event, or simply leave your mark on this historic occasion, our 8x8 engraved bricks offer a timeliness way to do just that for a donation of \$500. For more information or to order a brick, please visit <https://vfnationalhome.org/centennial-brick/>
- Tribute Park-A place to honor and memorialize loved ones, friends, leaders, or organizations with a timeless tribute. Net proceeds from donated tributes go into permanently restricted endowment fund, and only earning from the fund can aid the National Home’s sustainability.

### **Welcome Center-Lisa Mahan**

- The VFW Store has many 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Items in stock.

### **Facilities Report- Rick Stiver**

- Welcome Center construction is coming along nicely.
- Many projects in the works-some including upgrades to the Guest Lodge, H&E Building, Admin Building, etc.

### **Social Media/Historian-Meghan Mitchell**

- Trustees all have new email address and have been updated on their business call
- Facebook changes coming-each will be centralized through the National Home-Coming soon.

### **IT-Jesse Foster**

- Fiber optics upgrade complete

### **Finance Department-Lynn Hagerman**

- Budgets reviewed, updated and passed at the Board meeting in October.

Warm Regards,

**Shirlee Frias**

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