

**BUDDY POPPY/NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM**

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Hello,

I have been in our organization for 20 plus years. Obviously, I have heard of National Home and how amazing it is, seen great videos and know it does extraordinary things for our veterans and their families. However, I am learning so much with this Chairmanship, and I am excited to share it with you!

I am going to start with the fact that there are 42, (a couple of the below are duplexes), homes at VFW's National Home! They are as follows: Air Force & Air National Guard; Alaska & Hawaii Duplex; Arizona; California 1 and California 2; Colorado; Connecticut; Florida; Georgia; Guest Lodge Annex; Illinois 1; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Kentucky; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan 1; Minnesota; Mississippi; Missouri; Missouri II-Pollett House; MOC/MOCA; Montana; Nevada; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New York 1; New York 2; North Carolina; Ohio; Oregon; Pennsylvania 1 and Pennsylvania 3; Stephen P Yokich Duplex; Tennessee; Texas; Virginia; Wisconsin.

The property also has, education, daycare, recreation and case management. My goal this year is to enlighten all of us on the many facets of the VFW National Home!

I would love to have questions from all of you; and then I can highlight them in the promotionals. I may not have the answer; however, I find or get it from one of the many individuals we have as resources!

Now, I have a question for each of you. Does a person requesting assistance from National Home have to have children? Send me your answer; however, you would like; and the members that participate will get a little gift, and recognition at the State Convention.

Buddy Poppy: Be sure you are doing your Buddy Poppy drives; and promoting them in your community. A strong healthy relief fund will ensure you can help those in need!!! Start thinking about your buddy poppy projects! Lets have so many they have to put out extra tables this year!!!

Blessings to all,

Kelly Fouse

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