

VFW NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM

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The VFW National Home was founded in 1925 as a place where families left behind by war—mothers and children, brothers, and sisters—could remain together, keeping the family circle intact even when their serviceman did not come home.

The VFW National Home serves as a living memorial to America's veterans by helping our nation's military and veteran families during challenging times.

Over the years, the VFW National Home has met the changing needs of America's military and veteran families. Through it all, one thing has remained constant: the VFW National Home's commitment to honor our nation's veterans and service members by providing help and hope for their children and families.

The VFW National Home located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, has helped military and veteran families who need a fresh start. There are 43 single family homes and facilities such as a gym, library, computer and science labs, day care center, playgrounds, fishing pond, hiking trails and more!

The board members and staff along with members of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary are committed to the mission of the VFW National Home.

Families can live there rent-free for up to four years and have access to professional case management services, on-site licensed childcare, life skills training, tutoring and other educational services, as well as recreational and community service opportunities.

When a qualified family is accepted into the program, only one thing is asked from them, they must be committed to making positive changes in their lives. They are expected to show consistent progress toward family goals. The VFW National Home is dedicated to helping families reach their full potential.

"Simply the Best for Our Veterans" as we continue "Serving America's Heroes."

VFW National Home Helpline

This year, the focus is to educate our members about the VFW National Home, helping fill all the homes on the grounds and find additional funding to build more homes.

Let us help get the word out and encourage those families that may need help to make THAT call at 800-424-8360 in taking the first step in getting the help truly needed.

For more information, visit vfwnationalhome.org and click Get Help button.

Fun Facts!

- The kids at the VFW National Home have a 4-H program that encourages team building, self-confidence, social skills and responsibility.
- Auxiliaries can sponsor the Annual Golf Tournament.
- Cooties Christmas is a much-enjoyed holiday tradition at the VFW National Home.
- You can read family success stories on the National Home website.
- Department of Pennsylvania sponsors 2 homes on campus.
- Programs include Cup of Joe, Heroes to Hives and Guitars for Heroes

Looking for ways that you and your Auxiliary can support?

VFW National Home Life Membership and Associate Life Membership

One way to offer support is by becoming a Life Member of the VFW National Home.

There are two types of membership.

1. VFW and VFW Auxiliary members and organizations are eligible to become Life Members. Life Members may vote for the Trustees who represent their National Home District and approve any proposed changes to the bylaws and articles of incorporation. Please be sure the VFW National Home has your correct name and email address; the bylaws and ballots are emailed.
2. Any individual or organization wishing to support the VFW National Home's mission can become an Associate Life Member. Associate Life Members do not have voting privileges.

For more information on membership, visit vfwnationalhome.org/membership

Health & Happiness Fund

Another way the Auxiliary supports the VFW National Home is through gifts of 25 cents per member to the Health & Happiness Fund.

Health & Happiness Funds support the following:

- Maintenance of VFW Auxiliary sponsored buildings
- Emergency repairs and renovations
- Christmas and graduation gifts

Donations can be made online in MALTA or by mail.

By Mail: Send a check earmarked "Health & Happiness"

VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

Attn: Health & Happiness Donation

406 W. 34th Street, 10th Floor

Kansas City, MO 64111

Making a Gift in MALTA.:

Gifts can be made by any entity (Auxiliary, District, Department) or by individuals.

By Entity: Treasurer logs into MALTA to pay online, click on "duties" tab.

Select Make a Gift, the blue box Make a Gift

Choose program and enter amount.

Gifts are taken by ACH through MALTA.

By Individual: Member logs into MALTA, Select Make a Gift

Select blue box Make a Gift

Choose program and enter amount.

Enter Credit Card information, Pay Now

Other Ways to Give and Offer Support

- Become a Home Front Hero
- Purchase a Tribute Brick or a Centennial Garden Brick
- Purchase an item for the Tribute Park
- Gifts from your IRA, stocks, and securities
- Amazon Wish List
- Promote by wearing VFW National Home apparel distributing promotional materials.

For promotional materials go to <https://vfwnationalhome.org/support/promote/>

NATIONAL AWARD ~ VFW NATIONAL HOME

1. Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each of the 10 Program Divisions for most creative activity and/or event with that demonstrates what and where the VFW National Home is and who is eligible for the services provided by the VFW National Home from July 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.
- Entry form (required) available at vfwauxpa.org
 - Click on Programs – VFW National Home – National Awards Form
 - Entry form MUST be sent to Department Chairman by March 31, 2027.
- Citations will be mailed directly to the winning VFW Auxiliaries from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters and money will be deposited into the VFW Auxiliary account after the 2027 VFW Auxiliary National Convention.



DEPARTMENT VFW NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM AWARDS

1. Citation to the Auxiliary in each membership division who has the best promotion of the VFW National Home Helpline at an event.
All entries will be considered and must be submitted with year-end reports.
(Must submit a description and/or photos to Department Chairman.)
2. Citation to the Auxiliary in each membership division who purchases the most Life Memberships for the VFW National Home.
3. Citation to the Auxiliary in each membership division who purchases the most Tribute Bricks for the VFW National Home.