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"Buddy"® Poppy / VFW National Home Department of Missouri

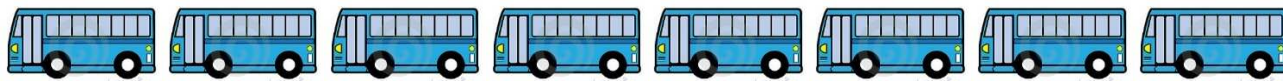


September/October 2021

I hope you have a good start on planning your "Buddy"® Poppy drives and **thinking outside of the box** on how to promote the "Buddy"® Poppy all year long. The cold winter months will be here before you know it so why not get a drive in before then? When it is cold outside use those months to promote the "Buddy"® Poppy in other ways. I would love to see pictures showing me what ideas you come up with to promote the "Buddy"® Poppy.

Department Fall Conference "Buddy"® Poppy Display Contest

Your wonderful ideas should be coming to fruition right about now for the Department Fall Conference "Buddy"® Poppy display contest. I have adjusted my theme to include displays to both honor the memory or in recognition of a veteran and their branch of service. Get creative and use as many poppies as you need but remember **you must have one poppy in its original form**. Display must be accompanied by sealed envelope—on the outside of the envelope the number of poppies used, and total # of hours spent assembling the display—on the inside of the envelope a card with your auxiliary # and the name(s) of the assembler(s) of the display printed on it.



VFW National Home Trip

The final date has been set for the VFW National Home Trip. The event will be **October 21-24, 2021**. The cost of the bus trip will be \$200 per person. Registration forms will be available on www.movfwaux.org under the Buddy Poppy National Home link. The trip agenda will also be available there as well. This is Missouri's year to host the party for the children, so I hope to see a great turnout this year. More information will be provided in future promotional material.



"Change for Children" Contest

How are you coming along raising money for the National Home for Children? Let's get those change jars filled up. Remember, checks must be into Jackie Davis, Department Treasurer by May 1, 2022. However, you can bring your checks to the Department Fall Conference and Department Winter Conference as well. **DO NOT** bring change to turn in please.

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