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**“Buddy”® Poppy / VFW National Home  
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Well, the year has come to an end, and I would like to congratulate all the auxiliaries for the hard work promoting the “Buddy” Poppy/VFW National Home program. I am overwhelmed by the participation in our display contests as well as the Change for Children contest.

The year may be coming to an end but the time to remember our veterans never ends. Keep planning those drives even in May and June and report them next year. As soon as you have your program chairman in place be sure to pass along any information that will be needed to continue this program into the new year.

We will again be promoting the “Change for Children” program next year so keep on collecting that change. I will be announcing the winner of this contest at our Department Convention in June.

Since the weather delayed our Winter Council of Administration meeting, I was unable to announce the winners of the Buddy Poppy Centerpiece contest in the last program material. First place winner was **Lori Switter from Sugar Creek Auxiliary 3976, District 5**. Her glass globe centerpieces had a Voice of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen theme. Second place winner was **Brandy Young from Humphrey-Schwerdt Auxiliary 2180, District 9**. Her miniature doll centerpieces had a patriotic theme. Thank you to all who participated in this display contest.

