



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin
Buddy Poppy and National Home for Children
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Hello to all. As I sit here in my living room on Halloween afternoon, I've been watching it snow, yes SNOW here in Sheboygan Falls. First time in like forever that, that has happened!!!

Well, the National Home for Children's Fall Festival has been labeled a success. Thank you Michelle Rathke for everything that you did to make it a success along with our Department President Mary Brown and Junior Vice President Inez Semingson. For example, Michelle did the set up for the bus trip and other events. Unfortunately, I was unable to go because I was sick and didn't want everybody else to get sick. Kids, Costumes, and Candy, what an excellent combination for a full day. Again, thank you Michelle and everybody else for making it happen.

In Betty Stahm's blog, she talks about the National Home for Children and Buddy Poppy. She asks if you're a lifetime member for National Home for Children. The cost is \$50. Once a lifetime member, you can vote for a director in your District and approve any changes to the by-laws and articles of incorporation. You can become an Associate Member, but no voting privilege.

Next on our agenda is the Mid-Winter Conference and the Buddy Poppy Contest. Included in this mailing should be an entry form so you can enter your creative buddy poppy masterpiece or pieces. It will be held at the Comfort Suites, 1951 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303. Please make sure you order plenty of Poppies at least 60 days before so you have plenty of time to do your entry. Most of all, have fun with it. The theme is anything to do with Veterans. It could be a Veteran helping another Veteran, Veterans in a field of poppies..... just for an example. Use your imagination, let it go wild. I'm hoping to get a lot of entries for Mid-Winter Conference.

Betty also comments on the Buddy Poppy, saying fall is in the air which is a good time for Buddy Poppy Drives. She also mentions you can decorate your centerpieces with the red poppies, making it colorful. Then you can raffle the centerpiece and use the money for your relief fund.

To those who are celebrating the holidays with family, keep in mind those families who are not going to be together these holidays and say a prayer for them. Maybe next year will be a chance for them to get together. My family and I would like to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

"Giving Hope to Veterans and Families/Serving Veterans with Aloha"

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