



VFW NATIONAL HOME

I would like to introduce Chester. He is helping me this year with my duties, and he has been busy reading the National Home Playbook. Look for Facebook posts on the VFW Auxiliary Department of Arizona page to learn more about the Home to help you develop your game plan. We have begun our Trivia questions and, if you are the first with the correct answer, you will receive a certificate. It is a fun way to learn more about the National Home!

This year we want to creatively educate about what and where the National Home is, and who is eligible for the services provided. This is right from the Playbook developed by VFW National Home Ambassador, Mary Anne Kreutz.

In July I was able to visit the National Home campus, and it was amazing. Staff is friendly and committed to serving our Military and Veteran families. Jerred Johnson, the Director, was in the Retail Store and shared some stories. One that resonated, was of a veteran who seemed “stuck” in the program until he became involved in the RAVE Program. It gave him purpose and the drive to graduate from the National Home!

There is so much happening there! The 4-H kids were finishing up the year by showing their animals at the county Fair. Teenage volunteers were helping with grounds maintenance. Residents were working in the garden for the RAVE Program. Veterans are learning the bees-ness of beekeeping and honey production in Heroes to Hives. Guitar lessons are being taught in Guitars 4 Vets. Military and Veterans are getting together for a “Cup of Joe” to commiserate. These are the activities that you support when you buy bricks, memberships, Buddy Poppies, and donate in other ways.

Let’s run some plays and get the word out so that we can help keep the homes filled (currently there are 2 vacancies).

Sincerely,

Peggy Welch

Sunlover1102@gmail.com

480-570-8876

www.vfwnationalhome.org

#az2627nationalhome