



VFW NATIONAL HOME

Hello Arizona! This year I will be the Department of Arizona National Home Chairman. Many of you know me from last year, but for those that don't let me tell you a little about myself. I spent most of my adult life in Tempe, AZ and in 2020 my husband and I were looking for a less hectic place to live, so we moved to Three Points, AZ just outside Tucson. There my husband joined the VFW as a Vietnam Marine, and I joined the Auxiliary under him. I became active in 2022, first as Buddy Poppy Chairman for Auxiliary 10254, and, later as Trustee. Last year I was honored to be your Buddy Poppy/National Home Department Chairman. This year I look forward to continuing to promote the National Home with all of you.

The program kickoff at the Dept. Convention was awesome. We have a football theme this year that will be carried on throughout the year. To reach a touchdown each Auxiliary will be encouraged to

- *Creatively Promote What and Where the National Home is,

- * to Educate about Who is Eligible for the program, and

- *to Provide Financial Support for the programs at the Home.

Your field goal will be an entry for the National Citation Award for most creative education of what and where the National Home is located.

To promote awareness think of any military, National Guard, or veteran activity that families with dependent children may be attending. Bring your handouts (available from www.vfwnationalhome.org) and the QR code. Perhaps a family member would be interested. Adult kids of VFW and Auxiliary members may be eligible if they have dependent children. One of the National Home's goals is to keep every home filled.

Financial support can be in the form of Life Memberships and Tribute Bricks, but there are other ways to provide support, too. Some are to support the Health and Happiness fund, sponsor Christmas gifts for the kids, and donate to the 4-H program. I will be sharing in more detail during the upcoming year. You will each be my Fantasy Football team members for the Home team (National Home team, that is).

Huddle together with your Auxiliary members to call your plays for the year. We will have some fun during the year with National Home Trivia, as well.

Stayed tuned to the Jumbotron for more news and ideas!

Sincerely,

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