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VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
Every child deserves a happy family.

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Hi Friends!

As we prepare to give thanks next week, it's important to acknowledge that everything we do here for our families is made possible by your support and contributions. Whether you've sent us a donation, purchased a tribute brick, or volunteered your time and services, your generosity has touched the lives of so many veteran families in need, both on our campus and throughout the country.



Thank you!

Your Friends at the VFW National Home for Children



Meet Your 2021-2022 Buddy Poppy Child, Aurora!

Aurora is seven years old and lives in the North Carolina House with her mother, Ashley, and father, Ben.

“My dad works for the Army and my mom goes to Nursing School. I also have three siblings – a sister and two brothers. I have a dog named Sergeant, but I call him Sarge.” says Aurora.

“My dad is a captain in the Army. He is my hero! He helps protect our country and people. He is brave so that everyone can have freedom. My dad is a military police officer.”

Aurora is in second grade and attends school in nearby Dansville. [Read more about Aurora on our blog!](#)



ANNUAL MEETING OF LIFE MEMBERS 2021

National Home Life Members gathered recently for their annual meeting. The Annual Meeting of Life Members is when we thank outgoing trustees whose terms have ended and welcome our new incoming trustees. Alongside our new trustees, the new board president is sworn in as well.

Life Members heard an update from Outgoing Board President Armithea “Sissy” Borel and enjoyed a [Year-In-Review video](#).

This year we said goodbye to District 3 Trustee Ron Stensland and District 4 Trustee (and past Board President) Merton “Sam” Compton, both of whom were unable to be in attendance and were sorely missed. Ron and Sam were replaced by Jodi Hollinger from the VFW Department of Pennsylvania Auxiliary and Sandi Kriebel from the VFW Department of Maryland Auxiliary. [Read more on our blog](#).



Fall Festival 2021!

[View a video of this event on our YouTube channel!](#)

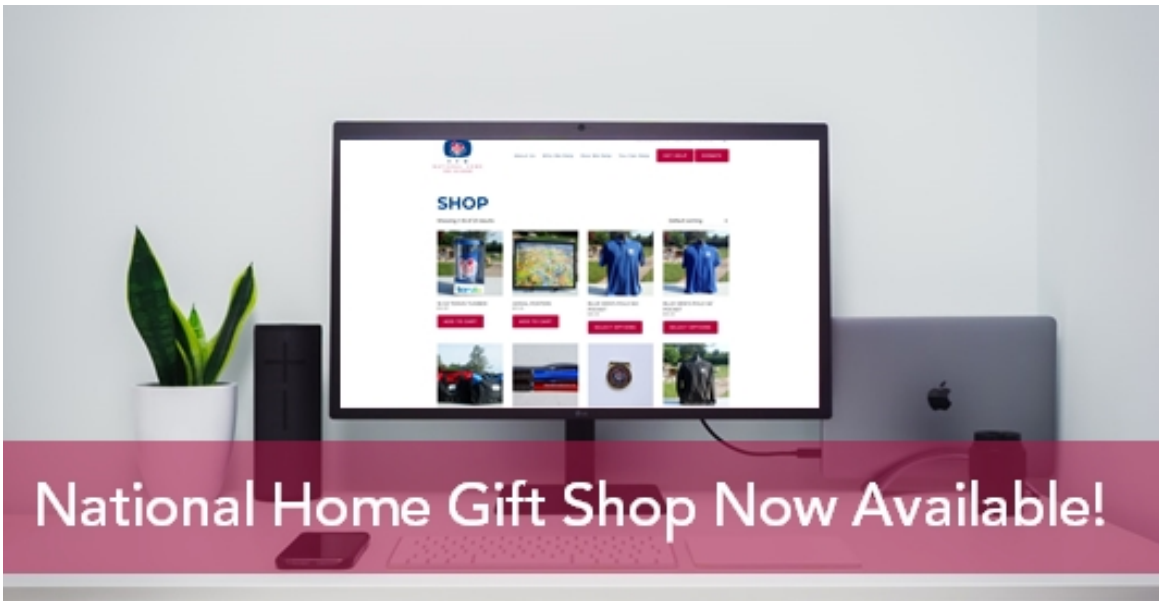
[Check out photos on Flickr!](#)

Alumni Update!



John is an alum of the National Home and a proud Marine.

"I lived at the home from 1978 to 1992. I wouldn't be where I am today without the caring staff that all had a hand in raising me during my time at the National Home. I spent 20 years in the United States Marine Corps and loved every minute of it. I have traveled the world, lived in Okinawa, Japan, for a total of 7 years, and deployed to Iraq 3 times and Afghanistan once. I am a life member of Post 10066 in Jensen Beach, FL.



Help our future shine as bright as our past and present by becoming a Home Front Hero this year!

Want to make a consistent and lasting difference in the lives of military and veteran families? You can start today by committing to a monthly contribution to the VFW National Home for Children. As a [Home Front Hero](#), you'll help ensure the seamless and consistent delivery of programs and services to our families, which include housing, counseling, tutoring, life skills, daycare, and more.

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