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## HomeNotes

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### **"It Changed Our Life Trajectory" Says Couple Helped By VFW National Home**

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Brad and Sherry are part of an active family of four.

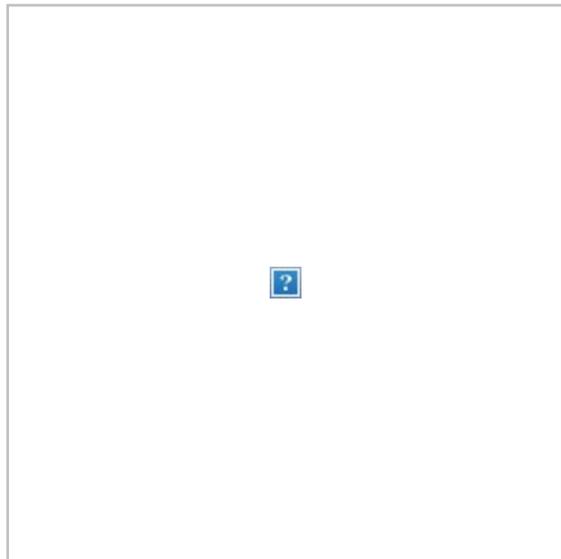
"We're busy bees," claims Sherry who besides being a mom to Max, 8, and Daphne, 5 is a claims specialist for the State of Washington's family leave program.

Brad just completed two master's degrees while at the same time working as a mental health counselor in a private practice.

The couple owns their own home and drives a paid off car.

Yet, their story was one of desperation only a few years before. The couple was broke, ready to split up, expecting a baby, and without a home to call their own.

[Read more about Brad & Sherry on our blog!](#)



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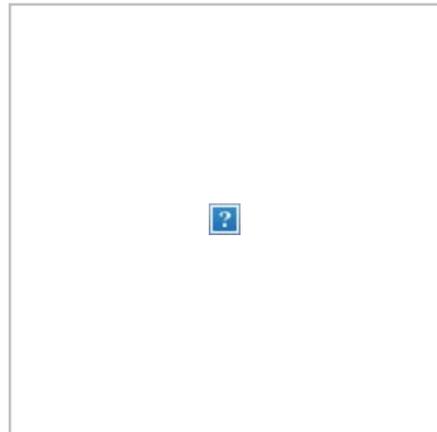
## VFW National Home Staff Receive Advanced Training On Veteran Issues

"Veterans go through transition when leaving the military to become a civilian," says new VFW National Home Executive Director, Mike Wilson. "Some do it right away; some take years to transition; some never do and struggle their whole lives. The VFW National Home is here to be a part of that transition for those who are experiencing difficulty."

Wilson, a retired Army Command Sergeant Major, created a Military and Veteran Cultural Competency

Workshop for the National Home staff to ensure all staff members possess the necessary training to assist struggling veterans and their families who are living at the Home.

[Read the full article on our blog.](#)



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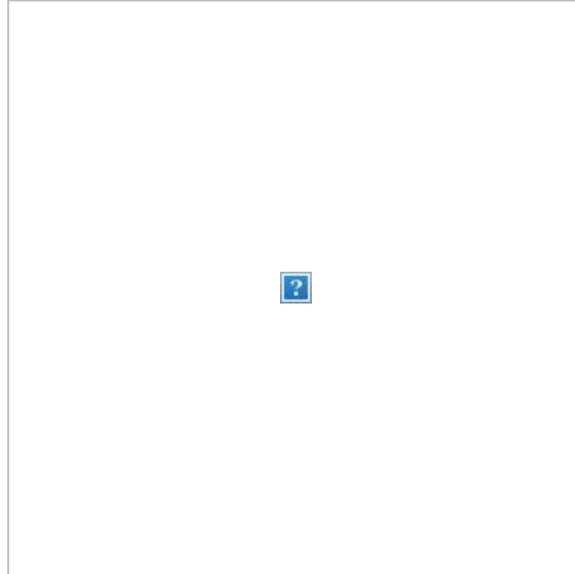
### **\*\*Important Information For National Home Life Members!\*\***

The VFW National Home for Children's Board of Trustees has approved the use of electronic voting beginning with the 2022 Trustee District election.

National Home Life Members must have an email on record in order to vote. This upcoming election will be done via email only. Members can provide their email to the National Home by visiting [www.vfwnationalhome.org/contact](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org/contact) and completing the form for Life Members.

Any questions regarding the election can be directed to [info@vfwnationalhome.org](mailto:info@vfwnationalhome.org).

Elections will take place this year for open positions in District 6 (Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee) and the District 10 (Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) for six-year terms both ending October 2028. Look for candidate and voting information in our next edition of HomeNotes.



## **The National Home Hosts Annual Jr. Vice Orientation**

As the world returns to a semblance of normalcy, we were thrilled to host our VFW and Auxiliary Department Junior Vice Orientation event in person this year. This is the first time we've held this event in person since the Spring of 2019! National Jr. Vice Commander Duane Sarmiento and National Jr. Vice President Carla Martinez joined Department Jr. Vice Commanders and Presidents from around the country in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, to spend a few days at the National Home. The goal was for these leaders to take their newly gained knowledge back to their Departments and raise awareness and funds for our military and veteran family-focused program.

Michigan spring was in full bloom, the scent of cherry and apple blossoms, lilacs, and fresh-cut grass filling the air as the guests toured the facility. Every corner of our campus was visited as the group listened to staff presentations. In the afternoon, they heard directly from National Home residents and alumni who shared the program's impact on their lives.

Read the full blog on our [website](#) or watch a video of the day on our [YouTube channel](#).

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**National Home Hosts Summer  
Cookout And Cornhole  
Tournament**



The cookout and cornhole tournament held recently at the National Home was wildly popular and had a great turnout from both residents, staff, and board members. The event, consisting of both adult and child categories, culminated in an "awards ceremony" with a resident couple taking home the trophy.

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### Visit Us In Kansas City!

Be sure to stop by the National Home booth at the VFW and Auxiliary National Convention July 16-July 20 in Kansas City. There will be lots of National Home goodies to buy, information to pick up, and a chance to get your photo taken with the Buddy Poppy Child! Hope to see you there!



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### 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.

-It's easy – Choose to have your monthly gift paid automatically from your credit card or checking/savings account.

-It's flexible – You determine the amount of your monthly donation. You can also email us to increase, decrease or suspend your gift at any time.

-It's eco-friendly – Save trees by switching to paperless, automatic donations.

-It saves money – Save the cost of a stamp with every gift you make.

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## Protect What You Love

One easy way to show your love, and find peace of mind for the future, is to create an estate plan to support your loved ones — and make a lasting commitment to care for military and veteran families. VFW National Home for Children wants to share our free will-writing resource to help you complete this important task. This tool is completely free to use for our community, and takes 20 minutes or less to use! **[Get started on your free will today, and make sure your loved ones and military families are always cared for.](#)**



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