

August 4, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Oregon,

Now starts another year of being active on “Buddy” Poppies and National Home. Because of last year reporting was April, You can report Aprils volunteer hours of 2023 to April of 2024.

Have you ordered “Buddy” Poppies? If you did please put that on your volunteer hours. The donations from “Buddy” Poppies help provide financial assistance to our Veterans and their families for rehabilitation and other services. But did you also know it help support the National Home as well.

The National home is a place in Grand Rapids, Michigan where it helps provide a place where Military and Veterans can go to get a fresh start. Families can live there rent free for up to 4 years. The services provided are case management services, day care, life skills and education. It has 42 housing buildings as well as hiking trails, a fishing pond, day care and many other things to do. It provides a calming atmosphere to those occuppies there.

If you know of anyone needing these services there is a hotline they can call. The number is 800-313-4200. They can also email vfwnationalhome.org. The hours of operation are 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. ET. If after hours they need to leave a message and it will be answered next business day.

I am hoping to see monthly reports from each Auxiliary. So lets get busy and help our Veterans and their families.

Valerie West

“Buddy “ Poppy/ National Home Chairperson

