The Mid-Winter is over and now we can all focus on the “Buddy” Poppy Displays for the June Convention. There were only 6 displays for the midwinter, but they were wonderful. Hopefully with warmer weather zooming in we can all get in the mood to do some crafts and get outside and enjoy the fresh air and become more active.

There are many opportunities for everyone to have a “Buddy” Poppy Drive. The money collected goes into the Auxiliary Relief Fund. This is for aiding Auxiliary members in need of financial assistance and on hospital work for all veterans and members of the armed forces, Auxiliary members and their families. There are many more ways to use these funds and you can go to the Ambassador page on the National Program Book Site to see these.

Please remember to turn your hours in and whether you held a drive with the Post or just your Auxiliary. These are also on your year end reports.

Okay, here is what you have been waiting for: The winning Mid-Winter “Buddy” Poppy Displays:

- 3rd Place goes to Auxiliary 5373 – Ozaukee County Memorial of Port Washington - $10.00
- 2nd Place goes to Auxiliary 2113 – De Pere - $15.00
- 1st Place goes to Auxiliary 8584 – Dickman Spaeth of Cashton - $25.00

Congratulations again to all of the participants and to all the winners.

The forms and rules for the June “Buddy” Poppy contest at the Convention in Milwaukee are with this bulletin and on the Wisconsin VFWA website. Please follow closely and if you have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me. If you don’t follow as instructed you can be disqualified. The 1st place in each category will be able to go to the National Convention in July.

Hopefully I will have received at least 1 of each of the “extra” awards forms for “Buddy” Poppy & VFW National Home for Children Award. These should have been sent to me either by mail or email by March 31st.

I hope that you are getting the information out to your communities about our National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Eligibility and requirements can be found on the VFW Website and also the telephone numbers and website to contact them. If you haven’t done so yet, please consider donating to the National Home (out of your Relief Fund). You can also find on the website, projects that are ongoing that need financial aide and please make sure to earmark your check for such purposes.

If any questions arise for either of these worthwhile programs, please don’t hesitate to contact me either by phone or email.

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