

# VFW National Home for Children

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### **Junior Vice gathered and learned**

**Eaton Rapids, Mich.** – They laughed. They cried. They shivered in the brisk May air. And, they learned about the impact the programs at the VFW National Home for Children can have on the lives of veterans and their families.

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary leaders from around the country flocked to the campus of the National Home for an informational weekend. From May 15-17, the National Home welcomed Junior Vice leaders to campus for the annual Junior Vice Orientation. Approximately 70 individuals graced the 70-acre campus for a chance to familiarize themselves with the National Home.

National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Eubank said of the weekend, “The National Home is an important asset to the veteran community. Lives change for the better at the National Home, as the staff helps veterans’ families create their own path to a successful future.”

“The National Home just exudes a warm, nurturing atmosphere that helps the children flourish and develop,” said National Junior Vice President Cortina Barnes. “The young families struggling with the effects of war need to know that the National Home is here for them.”

The orientation weekend aimed to inform the leadership of the purpose, direction, and work being done at the National Home. Participants toured the campus making stops for informative presentations by National Home staff, residents, and alumni. To achieve a better understanding of the National Home, guests were able to tour several of the campus homes, recreational areas, and learning centers.

The two-day weekend also gave the Junior Vice Leaders the opportunity to interact with the National Home’s residents during a barbecue. Being able to communicate and spend time with the children and families was a highlight for many of the guests.

“The National Home is a thriving community with an 80-year history,” said National Home Executive Director Patrice Green. “We wanted to cover as much ground as possible to provide our guests with an in-depth look at the facilities, operations, programs and services here at the National Home.”

The National Home would like to thank all those who took the time to visit their little community. It is their hope that all of the guests now have a better understanding of the National Home and the work being done on campus for the veteran community.

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has provided Help, Hope and Honor for the children and families of our nation’s military and veterans. For more information please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit [www.vfnationalhome.org](http://www.vfnationalhome.org)

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