

# VFW National Home for Children

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## **National Home Educates and Thanks Supporters at National Conventions**

**Eaton Rapids, Mich.** –The VFW National Home for Children sent representatives across the country to Phoenix for the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary and Military Order of the Cootie National Conventions. The 110<sup>th</sup> National Conventions took place from August 15-22.

The National Home began its formal presentation with a visit to the Ladies Auxiliary National delegates and 2008-2009 National President Dixie Hild. Following was a presentation to 2008-2009 VFW Commander-in-Chief Glen Gardner and VFW members. National Home representatives wrapped up their formal presentation with a visit to the National Military Order of the Cootie Convention, and their Supreme Commander John Howard and Supreme President Jane Channell.

Board of Trustees President Ron Stensland and Executive Director Patrice Green led the National Home's formal presentation with remarks honoring the contributions and dedication of the leaders and members.

Making his first appearance as 2009-2010 Buddy Poppy, Beau Yabs spoke to members as well. In a touching speech, the young Buddy Poppy Child discussed the National Home's impact on his life and thanked everyone for their support.

National Home staff were pleased by a large attendance at the National Home Workshop on Wednesday afternoon. Attendees at the workshop were educated with current information about National Home programs and were able to meet National Home trustees and staff as well as the Buddy Poppy Child and the National Home's Patriotic Chorus.

The Patriots Chorus consists of seven National Home residents, along with chorus leaders Brian Lorente and Misty Botke. They presented inspiring performances at the Patriotic Rally, the National Home workshop and the Military Order of the Cootie National Convention Opening Session.

The National Home also took time to honor its supporters with an Awards Breakfast. Dedicated organizations were presented with Star Donor awards honoring their financial commitment to the National Home.

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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