

VFW National Home for Children

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National Home Welcomes Indiana to Campus

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – On September 26 the VFW National Home for Children welcomed Hoosiers by the busload for the annual Indiana Day. The event celebrated the Department of Indiana and their member's commitment to the National Home.

Department Commander Harley Andrews and Department President Laura Morando led a delegation of more than 200 members to the Home. The visitors learned of the National Home's programs, toured the campus, met residents, and shared food and fun with the community. Ladies Auxiliary VFSC Judith Wagner and VFW Dept. National Home Chairman Diane Pettit helped plan the annual event aimed to kick off another year of support from the Indiana membership.

After a morning of games, hay rides and campus tours, 2009-2010 Buddy Poppy Beau Yabs opened the program with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the National Home's Patriot Chorus' rendition of the National Anthem. The group of 7 National Home teens returned to the stage once more to entertain the Hoosier guests before the program concluded.

Dept. Commander Andrews and Dept. President Morando addressed National Home staff and residents, as well as their fellow Indianans, on the importance of the National Home and their effort to provide Help, Hope and Honor to our nation's veterans and their families, urging the Hoosiers to continue their great support of the Home.

National Home Trustee David Havley and Executive Director Patrice Green spoke during the program, highlighting the recent successes of the National Home and briefly discussing the new mini-bus project headed-up by National President Jan Tittle. Both warmly thanked the Dept. of Indiana members for all their support.

Concluding the program was the traditional "parade of checks." Members of various posts and auxiliaries from the great state of Indiana presented donations of various amounts to the National Home. A total of \$27,843 was donated to the National Home, including \$2,905 donated specifically to the mini-bus project.

The National Home thanks members of Indiana for their continued support of the National Home. Their dedication has helped the Home provide the necessary help for our nation's 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

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