

VFW National Home for Children

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National Home Celebrates 85th Birthday

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – On January 13th, the VFW National Home for Children celebrated its 85th Birthday! The momentous occasion brought people from across the country to honor the rich tradition of the National Home and its years of service to our veteran and active-duty military children and families.

VFW Commander-in-Chief Tommy Tradewell, Ladies Auxiliary National President Jan Tittle, the National Home Board of Trustees along with 200 guests filled the Home's Community Center for a birthday party unlike any other at the National Home!

The 85th birthday celebration was a traditional children's birthday party with balloons, hats, games, and of course, cake and ice cream. Remarks from Tradewell, Tittle, Board President Raymond Warren and National Home Executive Director Patrice Green reminded everyone of the National Home's important mission to care for, love and serve the children and families of our veterans.

At the birthday party, the National Home received a wonderful gift. National President Jan Tittle spearheaded a campaign to buy a new, much needed mini-bus for the Home. The success of the campaign, due to the hard work of the Ladies Auxiliary (and some VFW members, too!), allowed Tittle to surprise the guests by announcing the mini-bus had been purchased and was outside for everyone to see. The new bus was toured by all amid great excitement and truly put the icing on the festive evening.

Commander Tradewell had a further surprise for attendees – announcing a special flag project. Trustees of the Home will work to obtain a state flag from each VFW department for display in the National Home's Community Center.

Of course, what would a birthday party be without the traditional birthday song? National Home Buddy Poppy Child Beau Yabs wheeled out a larger-than-life birthday cake, while the National Home Patriot Chorus led everyone in song.

The National Home thanks everyone who attended and made this special night possible and is grateful for everyone that has honored veterans and active-duty military by providing their children and families help and hope since 1925.

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From left: Executive Director Patrice Green, National President Jan Tittle, 2009-2010 Buddy Poppy Beau Yabs, VFW Commander-in-Chief Tommy Tradewell and Board President Ray Warren.



National President Jan Tittle and Commander-in-Chief Tommy Tradewell.