

# VFW National Home for Children



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## **VFW National Home Children and Staff Visit U.S.S. Cod (SS224)**

**Eaton Rapids, Mich.** - On Saturday, September 13, veterans' children and staff of the local non-profit childcare agency were treated to a special visit and tour of the U.S.S. Cod, WWII Fleet Submarine, docked in Cleveland, Ohio.

National Home visitors to the submarine were accompanied by National Home Trustee, Navy veteran Roy Ator of Texas whose specialized knowledge as Chief Engineer aboard a submarine was the driving force behind this unique and educational tour. Joined by Frank M. "Fritz" Hemrich, fellow submarine veteran, they provided an in-depth guided tour of the ship and answered many questions posed by the young guests from the VFW National Home.

In addition, two WWII veterans, one who actually served aboard the U.S.S. Cod during WWII, provided factual accounts of the missions, operations, adventures and sacrifices of the crew during this critical time in our nation's history.

Long-time VFW National Home for Children supporters, VFW Post #1079 in Elyria, Ohio under the leadership of Post Commander, Gene O'Quinn generously provided lunch and offered the children and staff a break to relax and visit with VFW post members prior to their arrival in Cleveland.

"The children and staff alike highly enjoyed this wonderful and educational tour of the U.S.S. Cod. The children not only learned about the mechanics of a submarine, but they gained valuable insight into the experiences of our United States submarine veterans and a little about their life aboard the ship", said National Home Executive Director Patrice Green. "The children came away with a deeper appreciation for the service and sacrifices of these heroic veterans. We are very grateful to Trustee Ator for helping to plan this educational outing for the children and we extend a big thank you to everyone who made this day possible."

To make a donation to the National Home, please call (866) 4VFWNHC or visit the Web site at [www.vfnationalhome.org](http://www.vfnationalhome.org).

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has been providing for the children and families of our nation's veterans, while at the same time serving as a living memorial to our nation's heroes. For more information on the National Home, please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit [www.vfnationalhome.org](http://www.vfnationalhome.org).

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Photos of National Home visitors, National Home Trustee, Navy veteran Roy Ator, Frank M. "Fritz" Hemrich and two WWII veterans.



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