

VFW National Home for Children



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National Home and Dept. of Michigan Join Together in Celebration

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – The campus of the VFW National Home for Children was alive with the bustle of people, activities, and even farm animals, as members of the Department of Michigan flocked to the campus for a fun filled day of celebration.

On July 26, members of the Department of Michigan joined the residents of the National Home for the annual Michigan Day event. Department Commander Dave Hutson and Department President Jan Meyers led a delegation of more than 400 visitors to the campus where they joined the staff and residents of the National Home in celebration of the Department of Michigan's continued support.

Residents and visitors enjoyed hayrides, a petting zoo, fishing contest, a giant blow up slide, and children's games enticing many with prizes. Visitors were also encouraged to tour the campus and the Michigan homes.

The event concluded with a program and meal inside the gym. Opening the program, 2008-2009 Buddy Poppy Marie Strefling led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Home Chorus led the group in singing the National Anthem. The Department Commander and President then expressed their support of the National Home, followed by words of thanks and appreciation by National Home District 7 Trustee, Jim Goldsmith, and Executive Director Patrice Green.

Before the program concluded, many Posts, Auxiliaries, and supporters from all over the great state of Michigan showed their support for the National Home by presenting checks in various amounts. Following the presentations, several raffles were held. In an act of generosity, several winners donated their 50/50 raffle winnings back to the National Home. Once the program ended, visitors and residents enjoyed a meal together, giving them a chance to interact and get to know one another.

The VFW National Home for Children thanks everyone involved for their hard work in throwing another great celebration. The staff and residents are truly appreciative of the generosity and benevolence expressed from the Department of Michigan members.

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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