

VFW National Home for Children

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National Home Board of Trustees Holds Regular Meeting, Dedicates New Duplex

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – The VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees held their regular meeting at the National Home on June 1. The Board includes 12 elected members from across the country and five national officers of the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary who serve as ex-officio members.

On Thursday, May 31, the Trustees joined in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting for the National Home's new Hawaii/Alaska duplex, built with a portion of the \$3.5 million donation that resulted from the 2006 Memorial Day Dealership Campaign conducted by the Buick-Pontiac-GMC Division of General Motors. National Home Board President Mel Garrett hosted Commander-in-Chief Gary Kurpius, Ladies Auxiliary National Sr. Vice President Virginia Carman, Buick-Pontiac-GMC General Manager Jim Bunnell and Dept. of Hawaii National Home Chairman Richard Haake.

“This new duplex, the second new construction on our campus in over forty years, is the result of the generosity of a member of corporate America, the Buick-Pontiac-GMC Division of General Motors,” said President Garrett in his remarks at the dedication ceremony. “It is gratifying to see the social responsibility of such a large and well-respected corporation being displayed in this tangible way – through the building of a duplex to help two more families here at the National Home.”

During the dedication of the Hawaii/Alaska Duplex, Jim Bunnell presented the National Home with a donation of one million dollars. The donation is part of BPG's “A Million Thanks” Memorial Day and National Military Appreciation Month campaign. The auto division teamed up with *A Million Thanks*, a letter-writing, military-support campaign to help raise awareness of the unseen sacrifices of military men and women.

On Friday the Board met to discuss the ongoing business of the National Home. The Board also reviewed upcoming events and development issues such as fundraising, appeals and plans for 2007-2008.

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.

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