

VFW National Home for Children

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Department of Indiana Celebrates, Donates During Annual State Day

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – Sunday, September 30 was a day of celebration for the members of the Department of Indiana and the residents of the VFW National Home for Children. Special guests from across the Hoosier State enjoyed fun and food while learning more about the National Home's programs and services, and capped off a great day by donating more than \$32,000 to the National Home.

Department Commander Jesse Morando and Department President Barbara Lawson led a delegation of 400 members, including over 100 first-time visitors as they toured the National Home campus, visited with residents, and shared a meal with the National Home community. Department National Home Chairmen Charles Bass and Mary Cripe helped plan the annual event to kick off another year of support from the Indiana membership.

After a morning of games, hay rides, a petting zoo and campus tours, the National Home's Patriot's Chorus led the group in singing the National Anthem to open the program. A group of young National Home residents led the audience of over 500 guests and residents in the Pledge of Allegiance. During the program, nearly 90 posts, auxiliaries and districts participated in the traditional "parade of checks" presenting donations totaling \$32,043.29.

"The support of the Home through the generosity of Posts, Auxiliaries, and members of the Department of Indiana is very important to the National Home," said Director Green. "On behalf of the families and children here who are working hard to achieve a brighter future, thank you for providing this Home and this opportunity for them."

2007-2008 Buddy Poppy Child Hunter Hammerschmidt assisted Executive Director Patrice Green in drawings for quilt and gift basket raffles which concluded the program.

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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