

# VFW National Home for Children

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### **National Home Welcomes New Leadership** *New York Life Member Elected District 2 Trustee*

**Eaton Rapids, Mich.** – The VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees welcomed new members while conducting a series of meetings from October 25-27. District 2 Trustee Joan Chwalisz participated in the productive meetings to learn about her duties of oversight as a new member of the Board.

Life Members of the National Home elected Trustee Chwalisz of Hicksville, N.Y. to represent the Departments of Europe, New Jersey and New York. Her election was confirmed at the Annual Meeting of Life Members on October 27 and her six-year term runs from 2007 to 2013. She is a member of the 17-member Board of Trustees that 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. Also elected to the Board for District 1 Trustee was Donna Knapper of Rochester, N.H.

Since 1964, Chwalisz has been a Life Member of the William M. Gouse Jr. Auxiliary to VFW Post #3211. She became a Life Member of the National Home in 1990. Chwalisz has served many chairs in the Ladies Auxiliary, including Auxiliary President and District President. She is active in the Hicksville community as a Director for Our Lady of Mercy seniors, as well as being active in Columbiettes, Catholic Golden Age and St. Ignatius Catholic Church. She is retired as a partner and consultant for Construction Permit services. Chwalisz has three children and five grandchildren.

“I am very excited to be a member of the Board,” said Chwalisz. “I want to help the Board in any way possible while adding my own expertise in working with children. It will be a wonderful job and I’m looking forward to the next six years.”

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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