

# VFW National Home for Children

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### **District 2 Trustee and Board President Garrett Completes Board Duties**

**Eaton Rapids, Mich.** – The VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees welcomed new members and honored past members while conducting a series of meetings from October 25-27. District 2 Trustee and President Mel Garrett participated actively in the productive meetings to complete his duties of oversight as a member of the Board.

Trustee Garrett of New Rochelle, N.Y represented the Departments of Europe, New Jersey and New York. His six-year term ended on October 27. Garret was Vice President of the Board in 2005 and became President in 2006. He was 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. Elected to the Board to fill the new term is Joan Chwalisz of Hickville, N.Y.

Comrade Garrett is an Army veteran who served in the Far East with the 159<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion in Nara, Japan as a radio operator. He was honorably discharged in 1947 and joined the VFW in 1952. He is a member of Aaron A. Lewis Post #6396 and served as the 1967-1968 and 1991-1992 Post Commander. He has been a life member of the VFW National Home for Children since 1976. Garrett rose within the Department and served as Westchester County Council Commander, District Commander, State Chief of Staff and Department of the State of New York All-American Commander. He was elected as the Judge Advocate for more than 25 years, and has served in several national assignments, including Chairman and Vice Chairman of the National Legislative Committee and Vice Chairman of the National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee. He is also a member of the American Legion, and the 369<sup>th</sup> Veterans Association. Garrett is married to Albertha, a Life Member of the Ladies Auxiliary and they have four children.

“It has been such a wonderful opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees,” said Garrett. “I plan to continue my support to the National Home, the VFW and veterans affairs in the legislative arena.”

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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