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VFW Washington D.C. Conference a Success for National Home Leaders

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – On March 3, National Home delegates attended the VFW Washington D.C. Conference in our nation's capitol to present a workshop focusing on the National Home's programs and services.

Molly Studinger, National Home Program Director, explained National Home's Programs and Services emphasizing the National Home Helpline (800-851-0238). The Helpline is an important tool that VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members can use to help veterans' families and active duty military members within their own communities.

"Everywhere, in every state and every city, there are children and families bearing hidden costs of war," Studinger said. "It doesn't matter if they are impacted by today's war or another generation's war. What matters is that not one of them is forgotten or ignored."

During the workshop VFW and Auxiliary leaders from all levels heard the message: "The National Home is a resource for you to help people in *your own community*." National Home presenters asked leaders to take that message back to their comrades and sisters.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary National Home Director, Char Guse, attended the workshop as part of her efforts to educate Ladies Auxiliary members about National Home services.

VFW Department Service Officers joined with National Home leadership in a working luncheon. This provided an opportunity to strengthen the bond between the National Home and Service Officers – to help both learn how to better utilize the unique resources each provides so that as much help as possible is made available to combat veterans and their children and families.

Also at the conference, Pennsylvania Commander John Getz Jr. presented VFW National Commander-in-Chief George Lisicki a wonderful donation to the National Home for \$15,000 for the Pennsylvania House which their department supports on the National Home's campus.

The conference concluded with a banquet celebration for the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teachers of the Year. The honored teachers demonstrated new ways to teach with a patriotic heart.

"The opportunities for growth and demonstration of patriotic values that the VOD and Patriot's Pen offer are unique and inspiring to all who hear or read the essays written by the youth," said National Home Executive Director Patrice Green.

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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