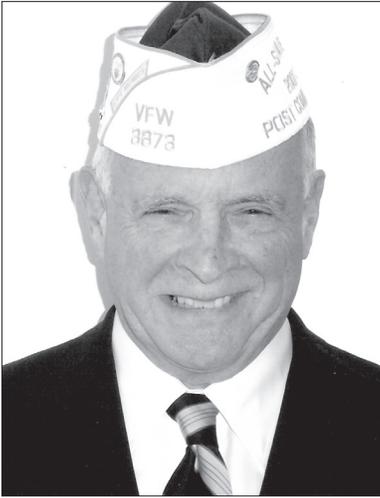


# NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN



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## Illinois Day at the National Home is Saturday, September 26, 2020

**History:** The Veterans of Foreign Wars established The National Home for Children in 1925 to care for the children and families of World War I veterans. The home has grown through the years and now also provides care for our nation's Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families as well.

**Mission:** For families touched by the stresses of deployment and war, it can be difficult to provide a safe and loving home...perhaps a mother struggles to financially provide for her family or a father needs to work through the things he saw and dealt with while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. The children might not be doing well in school and need a caring adult to monitor and guide them. The National Home offers struggling military and veterans families a chance to heal and grow, a chance to work on moving forward.

**Families in Residence:** The families living at our National Home have a chance to rebuild their lives. They are able to receive case management services, on site licensed child care, life skills training, and other services designed to help them heal and grow.

**Facilities:** The VFW National Home is located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan and has 42 single family homes on 629 acres. There are playgrounds, a community center, a licensed daycare facility, recreational areas, a guest lodge, chapel and an administrative building. Our VFW Department of Illinois sponsors 2 homes - Illinois #1 and Illinois #2.

**Helpline:** (800) 313-4200: Dedication and service to veterans, active duty members and their families goes beyond the campus through the Military and Veteran Family Help Line at (800) 313-4200. The Help Line is staffed Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by caring professionals who can provide information and connections for services wherever needed in the United States. The help line can also serve as the first step to living in the National Home community.

**Funding:** The VFW National Home receives no government funding. The Home is funded solely through donations.

**Governed by:** The National Home is governed by a 17 member Board of Trustees - 12 are elected, 5 are ex officio members (including the VFW Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, VFW Auxiliary National President and National Secretary-Treasurer).

### **Program Credit**

#### **\*\*\*Requirements for Program Credit\*\*\***

In order to receive credit for participating in our National Home Program, you must complete your project and report it on your "X" Sheet. A minimum of \$50.00 is required. For example, your monetary donations may be earmarked for a specific purpose or to the National Home's General Fund; also you may purchase life memberships or commemorative bricks for example. Please note, it is recommended that donations be sent through Illinois VFW Headquarters. Indicate your Post Number on your check. You must submit a program report to receive credit.

### **Awards**

The Post with the most dollars donated will receive a beautifully engraved plaque. Citations will be awarded to all Districts that are 100 percent reported by April 30, 2021.

### **Address**

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