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 veter-
ans. 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 chil-
dren 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 Illi-
nois 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 Aux-
iliary 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.

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