

# VFW National Home for Children

## Press Release

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### **National Home Board of Trustees Meet, Welcome New Members**

**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.

A highlight of the meetings was a unanimous vote to designate the National Home's Veteran Family Program to become a permanent program. Previously a pilot program, this program is designed to serve children within the whole family (veteran, spouse and children) and is a supplement to VA Vocational Rehabilitation. National Home case managers work closely with the veteran, the VA Vocational Rehabilitation counselor and other professionals to address the needs of the whole family during the period of the veteran's training to ensure lasting family stability and future vocational success.

In other Board business, the Board of Trustees welcomed newly-elected Trustees for Districts 1 and 2. Donna Knapper of Rochester, N.H. and Joan Chwalisz of Hicksville, N.Y. arrived at the National Home for new member orientation on Wednesday and were briefed on the structure and operations of the National Home.

Knapper and Chwalisz joined the full Board of Trustees as observers for committee meetings on Thursday and the official meeting on Friday. They were sworn in during the Annual Meeting of Life Members on Saturday along with newly-elected President Roger Taylor of Grover Hill, Ohio and Vice President Ron Stensland of Lebanon, Pa.

During the Annual Meeting, outgoing District 2 Trustee and President Mel Garrett of New Rochelle, N.Y. and District 1 Trustee and Past President Dana Hussey of Rochester, N.H. were honored. Both made comments in conclusion of their years of service to the National Home Board.

The VFW National Home for Children is governed by a Board of Trustees elected from Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary members who are Life Members of the National Home. There are 12 elected Trustees and five ex-officio members from the

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VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary National leadership. Trustees are elected for six-year terms and meet at least three times a year to conduct their responsibilities of oversight and policy setting. Duties of the Trustees also include traveling, speaking and fundraising in support of the National Home.

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.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org).

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