

# VFW National Home for Children

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### **National Home Welcomes New Leadership** *New Hampshire Life Member Elected District 1 Trustee*

**Eaton Rapids, Mich.** – The VFW National Home for Children Board of Trustees welcomed new members while conducting a series of meetings from October 25-27. District 1 Trustee Donna Knapper participated in the productive meetings to learn about her duties of oversight as a new member of the Board.

Life Members of the National Home elected Trustee Knapper of Rochester, N.H. to represent the Departments of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Her election was confirmed at the Annual Meeting of Life Members on October 27 and her six-year term runs from 2007 to 2013. She is 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. Also elected to the Board for District 2 Trustee was Joan Chwalisz of Hicksville, N.Y.

Knapper has been a Life Member of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post #1772 and of the National Home since 1997. She was elected President of her Auxiliary the same year she joined and held that office until 2004. Knapper progressed through the District chairs all the way to Department President. She also served on many Department Committees. Knapper has received training to assist families and victims who have had server trauma, as well as training in organizational and listening skills. She serves as a Trauma Intervention Volunteer with VICTIMS, Inc.

“I hope to be able to keep the National home in the direction it is going,” said Knapper. “Also, awareness is very essential, so I hope to let people know it’s not a secret and what the National Home does is important.”

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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