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Good day to all:

Can I ask what you are doing to get memberships for the National Home? One way this can be achieved is right at your own auxiliary meetings.

It is called "Silver Drop". I know some of the auxiliaries are doing this already. Good for them. Here is how it works: at your meeting you have a small bucket, glass, cup whatever you can use, grab some tickets(no need for duplicates). Before your meeting starts, members put a penny, nickel, dime or quarter (no dollar bills) in the bucket, they grab a ticket and put their name on it. The treasurer takes the money, holds on to the tickets, and lets you know how much has been collected. When she collects \$100 for a lifetime membership, someone will draw a ticket. The person on the ticket will get a lifetime membership to the National Home. If that person already has a membership they can give it away to someone else or just get another membership. They can also give this membership to a neighbor etc. The person can become an associate member, someone who is not in the VFW or Auxiliary. I would love to see all auxiliaries do this, what a great way to increase membership at the VFW National Home.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Matt Jenkins, the GM of T2T Veterans Village in N. Charleston on Wednesday. It was a great meeting. At this time they are housing 16 Veterans.

The Veterans Villages are in about every state at this time and they expect to build more.

While I was there I gave him the trifold brochure Building Strong Families. He was unaware of the VFW National Home. He is having his IT team put this brochure in their national database.

I have Matt's contact information if you want a meet and greet and tour the facility. Just text, email or call I will get you the information.

See you at the COA.

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