

Upcoming Jr. Vice Conference and National Home Visit

The upcoming Jr. Vice conference is a highly anticipated event for our Jr. Vice President (Barbara Shuler) that gathers Jr. Vice Presidents from all over the United States.

This annual event is also an opportunity for all the auxiliaries and our members to show support for the National Home. Three years ago a Bank Challenge was issued by the National Home Chairman. She provided bird houses for each auxiliary to collect donations in. At the end of the program year each member or auxiliary would put that amount into a check and send it to the Jr. Vice to be presented at the dinner at the National Home part of the Jr. Vice Conference. This is an annual activity done by the auxiliaries so that the Jr. Vice will have a collection of checks to present. This shows our dedication and support to the National Home.

The checks should be made out to the **VFW National Home** and in the memo section we would put where the funds would be allocated to. Due to the upcoming change in our sponsor houses we do **not** want to put the SC House on the memo line this year. We want our money to be used for something impactful not for renovations of a property that will not be ours. In the memo line on your check this year please put **Veteran and Family Resource Center**. After discussion with National Home this was the best program for our money to go to. Next year when we sponsor our new house we can make these donations earmarked to our new house. Since each check will be presented each donation should receive a thank you, acknowledgement letter – great for next year reporting.

Annual donations play a crucial role in sustaining the activities and mission of the Jr. Vice organization. These contributions support various programs, initiatives, and services that benefit the National Home and other community projects. The impact of these donations is far-reaching, enabling the Jr. Vice and auxiliaries to:

- Provide essential services to families in need
- Offering educational and recreational programs for children and youth
- Maintain and improve facilities at the National Home
- Expand outreach and advocacy efforts

Your checks can be given to Barbara Shuler Jr. Vice President at the upcoming C of A on April 5, 2025 at 10am at Headquarters in Lexington. Barbara has determined that she will give each person a receipt for the checks or cash that she receives. If you will not be at the C of A you can mail your checks to: Barbara Shuler - Dept. Jr. Vice, 177 Yellow Bluff Road, Cope, SC, 29038. Barbara needs these checks no later than May 8th so please take that date into consideration when you mail her your checks.

Speaking as a past Jr. Vice President - to be able to represent South Carolina and present these donations is an honor and you are full of pride knowing that your Department has made a difference to so many lives. Let's make sure that Barbara has what she needs so she can represent us well.

Respectfully

Donna Marie King
Department of South Carolina - President