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VFW Auxiliary

VFW, Auxiliary Donations to National Home Exceed \$54,000 During Illinois Day at Facility

September 21 kicked off the beginning of fall at the VFW National Home as members of the Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary traveled to Michigan for Illinois Day.

In the early hours of Saturday, the campus was covered in thick fog as visitors from Illinois rolled through the National Home’s north entrance.

Thankfully, the fog dissipated, and the day was comfortable and breezy.

Attendees enjoyed watching the National Home children working on a pumpkin craft, taking guided campus tours, running a .1k race, enjoying a picnic lunch together, and hearing presentations from Department members and National Home staff.

All in all, it was a beautiful early fall weekend in Michigan!

It was a successful weekend for the National Home as the department brought many first-time visitors and presented more than \$54,000 in donations to the National Home.



Above, State Commander Maurice Bridges addresses the Illinois delegation during Illinois Day while, at right, Auxiliary President Cindy Watters and Auxiliary Chief-of-Staff John Watters prepare for a tour with Executive Director Michael Wilson.



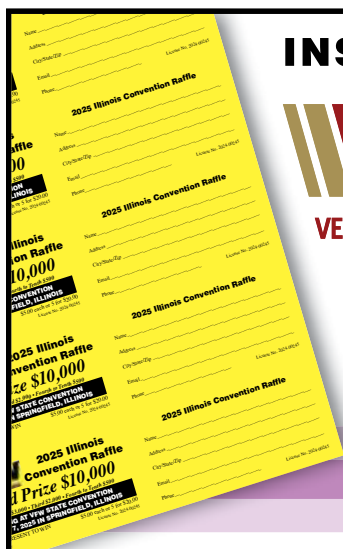
Donors check in with VFW National Home staff prior to the Illinois Day ceremony.



VFW National Home Executive Director Michael Wilson announces donations exceed \$54,000 during Illinois Day at the VFW National Home.

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Grand Prize \$10,000

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2025 Illinois Purple Heart Raffle

Proceeds go towards veterans assistance programs in Illinois

Grand Prize \$2,000

