

A Holly, Jolly Christmas for Children at the National Home

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Friday evening, members of the VFW Department of Michigan District 8 organized the delivery of presents to the children living on campus. Fire trucks rolled through the neighborhood, transporting Santa and Mrs. Claus from house to house to deliver gifts to the eagerly awaiting children. Little faces peeked out of windows and doors and lit up with the innocent joy that only the magic of the holiday season can inspire.

The fun culminated in a Christmas Party on Saturday. Cooties and resident families gathered at the Community Center for a morning of fun and entertainment, followed by the Florida Picnic in the Snow (lunch) put together by Cooties from Florida. There was a craft sale and magic act, a performance by the Capitol City Chorus, and at noon, the big man himself arrived for a special visit with the children at the party — bearing gifts, of course!

Among the Cooties in attendance were Supreme Commander, Steve Ruger, and Supreme President, Marquitta Hill.

Thank you, Cooties, VFW Department of Michigan District 8 and all of our supporters across the country for making this year a memorable Christmas for the families at the National Home!

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