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Bulletin 1

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE

V F W NATIONAL HOME

- 1. It All Started with a Gift**

A local Eaton Rapids cattle farmer, Corey Spencer, donated the original 472 acres of land that became the VFW National Home. Today, the campus has grown to more than 640 acres.


- 2. A World Series Helped Build It**

In 1922, a World Series game was postponed due to darkness. Proceeds from the makeup game—\$25,000—were donated to charity, helping fund the beginning of the National Home.
- 3. The First Family**

The Pollet Family was the first to move into the National Home on March 9, 1925. The Pollet House was dedicated in their honor in March 2025.


- 4. A Hospital on Campus**

In 1949, a full-service hospital was built with doctors, nurses, a dentist, and a private iron lung. Today it houses Family Programs.


- 5. A Working Laundry Facility**

The Home once operated its own laundry facility. Today, it houses the VFW National Home Museum.
- 6. A Self-Sustaining Farm**

The campus once included a full farm and grocery store. The store is now the Education & Training Center.


- 7. Teen-Run Fire Department**

From 1953-1990, teen boys operated the fire department and earned certifications.


- 8. Independent Water System**

The VFW National Home maintains its own water treatment system, monitored daily.
- 9. A Campus Full of Kids**

At its peak, 289 children lived on campus and formed competitive sports teams.


- 10. The Montana Homestead**

Established in 1957, it is now home to 4-H animals like pigs and rabbits.





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