



American Legion Auxiliary
Poppy Bulletin
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Poppy Power Mice,

We are half way through our poppy power mice year. Poppy orders have been gathered, filled and are being prepared for shipment to your poppy homes. If you have questions regarding your orders, please feel free to contact me for any help you may need.

I would like to thank all the districts that sent in a mid-year report. Also a heartfelt thank you for the 16 entries in the poppy hat contest at DEC. Keep up the good work!

It's that time of year for our mice to be organizing plans for poppy month. You should be gathering your food (information & materials) to educate and inform your communities about the poppy and what it stands for. Use your creative poppy power when making plans to distribute poppies in May. Utilize the National Program Action Plan for ideas. Some ideas for members and units are

- ❖ Send a bouquet of poppies and the poppy bookmark for teachers, to school with your children or grandchildren
- ❖ Ask to place poppies & the poppy story in your doctor's office, beauty salon or workplace
- ❖ Distribute poppies during memorial day ceremonies
- ❖ Attend council meetings in your city asking them to declare May as Poppy Month. (You can obtain a sample proclamation from the national website.
- ❖ Ask your child (grandchild's) teacher to participate in the poppy poster contest. (Rules may be found on the department website under the forms tab. Scroll down to poppy.
- ❖ If you are unable to obtain permission in schools, your juniors may participate (under direct supervision of your unit).

Symbolism of the Poppy

- ❖ The red petals stand for the vast outpouring of blood: the yellow and black center, the mud and desolation of all battlefields.
- ❖ The green of the stem is symbolic of the forests, meadows and fields where generations of Americans have perished to make this land free.
- ❖ The stem represents the courage and determination of our fallen warriors.
- ❖ The assembled product, a flower, is a symbol of resurrection, which is sure to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNIT 124 DISTRICT 15 FOR WINNING THE PRIZE FOR THE UNIT WITH THE HIGHEST INCREASE (3000) OVER LAST YEARS ORDER. THE UNIT RECEIVED A HOMEMADE POPPY BLANKET

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