





## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA- POPPY PROGRAM JANUARY 2025 BULLETIN

Happy New Year Free Spirits,

Thank you to all Units who submitted their Mid-Year Reports. I enjoyed reading what your units have done with the poppies so far. Thank you for submitting photos! I received photos of christmas wreathes with poppies and ornaments filled with poppies. I have been sharing them Jammie Phillips, the National Vice Chairman, Poppy Committee.

A big thank you to our Poppy Productions places who have been working hard to insure poppies will be ready for National Poppy Day. The first wave of district orders have gone out and another wave will go out soon.

Now is the perfect time to start preparing for National Poppy Day.

- Inquire with local libraries and schools about doing a story time and craft lesson for the Poppy. <u>The Poppy Lady</u> by Barbara Elizabeth Walsh is the perfect book to read.
- Share information with local schools for the Poppy Poster Contest. Poppy Posters are due to Units by April 14th by 5pm. *Unit first place winners are due to Districts by May 1st by 5pm. District first place winners are due to Department chairman by May 16th by 5pm.*
- Miss Poppy Contest. Talk to your Unit Juniors about becoming the next Little Miss Poppy. The guidelines for this year can be found on the department and National Website

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