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"Buddy"® Poppy Program
2026-2027 Chairman
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

"BUDDY-GIVING"

"Buddy-Giving is a twist on Thanksgiving. A time of giving and thankfulness. We honor our Veterans not just on Veterans Day but every day. What better way than to share a Buddy"® Poppy with a Veteran. Our memorial flower brings a sense of comfort to veterans and their families; they know they are not forgotten. A great time to "Buddy-Give" is at your Veterans Day events. "Buddy-Giving" should be incorporated into every program. Distribution is so important to our mission and to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living".

Ways to use your "Buddy"® Poppies in every National Program

Americanism—Hand out flags wrapped with buddy poppies at your Veterans Day and November Events and attached to your Thanksgiving Bags.
Auxiliary Outreach – "Buddy" Up with local food banks or charities to volunteer distributing Thanksgiving meals. Include "Buddy"® Poppies with their food distributions. Include a community center or organization for the Thanksgiving Festivities.
Historian/Media Relations—Veterans Day is a great opportunity to promote your Auxiliary on Social media. Make sure you include pictures of the distribution of poppies.
Hospital—Send Veterans Day cards to hospitalized Veterans. Be sure to include a "Buddy"® Poppy so they know we have not forgotten them.
Legislative—Invite your elective officials to attend your Veterans Day event. Present them with a corsage or boutonniere that includes "Buddy"® Poppies.
Membership—Veterans Day events are a creative tool to recruit new members. This is a great time to do a "Buddy"® Poppy Drive.
Scholarships—Now is the time to promote your Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. Post flyers on local bulletin boards with "Buddy"® Poppies.
Veterans & Family Support—Send Thank You Cards to your Post Members recognizing them for their service and include a Poppy.
VFW National Home—Order and use "Buddy"® Poppies throughout every National Program to raise awareness and support veterans and their families. Each poppy purchased helps fund the Department Veterans Service Fund, VFW National Veterans Service Fund, and VFW National home, making this **"small but mighty flower"** a powerful symbol of service and remembrance.
Youth Activities—Include your local youth groups such as scouts and young marines at your Veterans Day events. A token of appreciation to them should include a "Buddy"® Poppy. You can also include them in all your projects mentioned above.

Included with my November promotion is the Buddy Poppy Order Form.
"It's not about the "Buddy"® Poppy inventory, what counts
is how the "Buddy"® Poppy is used to bring awareness
to our programs and our Veterans.



BUDDY POPPIES

Don't forget to order your Buddy Poppies! Please see the order form in this mailing. Payments should be sent directly to the VFW Department Headquarters.

Holidays such as, Veterans Day and the rest of the holiday season will be upon us so now is the time to start thinking how to use poppies as decorations. Wreaths for doors, handmade ornaments for the Christmas tree and graves are some ways to show that our loved ones are not forgotten. They also make a great fund-raiser!

This small but mighty flower does all this and more! Each and every one of us needs to educate ourselves, our Auxiliaries and our communities what this flower is all about. Learn more by visiting the VFW website: Buddy Poppy – VFW. Believe it or not this one little flower does so much for our organization.

OPERATION SECOND CHANCE
Helping Heroes Move On



Reminder: Each Auxiliary will be expected to submit reports each month! Use QR code below to access additional information!



Stock# 9800

Traditional

500 Poppies per Box

$135.00 Per Box



Stock# S9800

Silver 25th Anv.

500 Poppies per Box

$135.00 Per Box



Stock# G9800

Gold 50th Anv.

500 Poppies per Box

$135.00 Per Box



Stock# M9800

Diamond 75th Anv.

500 Poppies per Box

$135.00 Per Box



Stock# 9806

Tin Tab

500 Poppies per Box

$70.00 Per Box

Place Order by # of Boxws (500 per Box)

Enter QTY of Boxes	Enter QTY of Boxes	Enter QTY of Boxes	Enter QTY of Boxes	Enter QTY of Boxes
QTY 0	QTY 0	QTY 0	QTY 0	QTY 0
You Have Ordered	You Have Ordered	You Have Ordered	You Have Ordered	You Have Ordered
Poppies 0	Poppies 0	Poppies 0	Poppies 0	Poppies 0
Cost $0	Cost $0	Cost $0	Cost $0	Cost $0

MAILING INFORMATION (CAN NOT BE A PO BOX)

FNAME: _____

LNAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

POST # _____ **DISTRICT #** ☐

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Shipping & Handling				
$50.01	to	$100	$	10.95
$100.01	to	$200	$	15.95
$200.01	to	$300	$	29.95
$300.01	to	$400	$	34.95
$400.01	to	$500	$	39.95
$500.01	and	Over	$	69.95

		Cost
Buddy Poppy Cost	$	-
Shipping & Handling	$	-
Pay By Check	$	-

Mail Form and Check to:

Department of Maryland VFW

101 North Gay ST Room J

Baltimore Maryland 21202

Phone 410 752-6474

FAX 410 783-2939

E-mail goodstanding@vfwmd.org

Department of Maryland Buddy Poppy Order Form

"Buddy® Poppy" Program

2026 - 2027 Report Form

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Auxiliary _____District_____ Chairman_____Contact info_____

Report Period: From_____ To_____

This month - Hours_____ Projects Cost $_____ Mileage_____ Volunteers #_____

Did your Auxiliary hold a VFW "Buddy"® Poppy Drive this reporting period? _____Yes _____No

Number of VFW "Buddy"® Poppies that were distributed. #_____

Are you participating in the "Buddy"® Poppy Display Contest at Convention? _____Yes _____No

Other Buddy Poppy projects/activities? Briefly explain