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Program Goals

Tis The Season!!



Happy Holidays! I cannot believe the year has gone by so fast, and it is that time of the year when the Christmas holiday is upon us. The Buddy"® Poppy can be a small-but amazing decoration and be used so many ways to transform the classic red flower into festive seasonal décor to catch those wondering eyes. These small decorative pieces can be used as centerpieces for your dining table floral arrangement, holiday wreaths for windows and front doors, hand-made ornaments for the Christmas tree, silverware holders for napkins to serve at your holiday party and even used as serving trays to display your food items and serve your delicious desserts and specialty drinks. Your Auxiliary and Post can bring joy by adopting a military family and being their secret Santa by providing Christmas gifts as donations to a veteran family. Also, you can provide a presentation during story telling after Christmas dinner as this memorial flower brings a sense of comfort to so many veterans and their families and provides relief knowing they are not forgotten.

Be sure to hold your buddy poppy joint drives with your Post to educate our veterans, families and members of the community and display and share the Buddy"® Poppy program materials to educate them on the history of the Buddy"® Poppy and why this little red flower is important and mean so much to our organization. Remember, the Buddy"® Poppy makes a great fundraiser. Together we all can make a difference!!

Please continue to share your great ideas for the upcoming Department Buddy Poppy Convention Contest -- more details and rules will be shared later.



Wishing you all, our Veterans and military families a wonderful, safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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