

BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM

2025-2026

Buddy Poppy Display Contest - To meet the National Criteria

1. Public Promotion
2. Memorial or Inspirational
3. Artistic or Decorative

A National Award/Certificate will be issued to one Post and one Auxiliary, that has the best Buddy Poppy Program for Kansas.

To be eligible you must submit a report describing your activities in Category 1-2-3 above.

Buddy Poppy purchases above last years total: Cut off is April 1, 2026.

Buddy Poppy purchases will be based on the Department of Kansas reports; Cut off date is April 1, 2026.

MAIL REPORTS TO: Bill Gale, Buddy Poppy Chairman
VFW Department of Kansas
5020 S West St.
Wichita, Kansas 67217
(316) 619-4827
Mrbillg50@cox.net

GOALS FOR 2025-2026: DISTRICTS WILL BE 100%, EVERY POST WILL PURCHASE THREE BUDDY POPPIES PER MEMBER **WITH A CAP OF 500.**

- Hold campaigns in Community at Post and District meetings
- All the Districts; have a Contest Display. You must meet the National Criteria
- Enter your top winners at Department; 4 winners at Department can go on to National
- Send all your reports to above address by April 30, 2026

AWARDS

National Folder and Certificate for Outstanding Post Program. (Purchases and Activities)

Possible 7 Certificates for 100% or above by each District

1 framed certificate for largest percentage increase by Districts

National Award: Districts with Five Post or more above 100% and their District

above last years quota. The District Buddy Poppy Chairman for VFW and Auxiliary will receive a lapel pin

BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

\$150.00

BUDDY POPPY YEAR-END REPORT 2025-2026
(Submit NLT April 30, 2026)

Post # _____ City/Town _____ District # _____

1. Number of Campaigns held _____

Youth and other groups recruited to help, if any (please list)

2. Did you enter the District Display Contest? _____

3. How were Poppies used throughout the year?

4. Total # of Poppies used this year _____

5. Please include any other information on back or on additional sheets

Post Commander

Post Chairman

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LEGACY & TIN BUDDY POPPY FORM

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM

Date of this Order _____

Post or Auxiliary No. _____

City _____

MAIL TO & PAYABLE TO:

Department of Kansas VFW
PO Box 1008
Topeka, KS 66601-1008

Date of Poppy Sale _____

DUE TO HIGH POSTAGE COSTS THE MINIMUM

order for **Legacy POPPIES** for a Post is **100**, and only in increments of 100, but, if you order in increments of 500 the cost will be much less. (SEE REVERSE FOR PRICE TABLE PER HUNDRED)

ALL ORDERS MUST GO THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE POST!!!!
AUXILIARIES MUST PLACE ORDERS THROUGH THEIR POST IF ORDERING 500 & OVER!!!!

Total amount of order \$ _____

of poppies ordered _____

Amount included with order (ck # _____) \$ _____

Legacy _____

Balance Due\$ _____

Tin _____ INCREMENTS OF 500 ONLY

--- Allow at least 4 weeks for delivery ---

IF NOT PREPAID: Orders RECEIVED with NO DATE OF SALE are DUE UPON RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT.
Orders RECEIVED WITH a SALE DATE are DUE 10 DAYS AFTER SALE!

PLEASE PRINT: COMPLETE SHIPPING OR MAILING ADDRESS (NO PO BOXES)

SHIP TO _____ POST/AUX # _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

NOTE: Orders 500 or MORE, UPS will NOT DELIVER to P.O. BOXES

ORDERED BY _____ VFW POST # _____ YOUR VFW.MEMBERSHIP # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ DAYTIME PHONE # (____) _____

ALL POPPY SUPPLIES ARE ORDERED FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS EMBLEM & SUPPLY CATALOG

FOR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY

Date Dept Shipped _____ # Shipped _____ Date on Computer _____

Date Ordered Natl _____ # Ordered _____ Inventory _____

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Buddy Poppy Price Table
(Shipping included in the prices below
based on National's Shipping Charges per \$ amount)

# of Poppies	Price
100	\$ 35.00
200	\$ 70.00
300	\$105.00
400	\$140.00
500	\$150.00
600	\$185.00
700	\$220.00
800	\$255.00
900	\$280.00
1000	\$290.00
1100	\$325.00
1200	\$360.00
1300	\$395.00
1400	\$430.00
1500	\$420.00
1600	\$455.00
1700	\$490.00
1800	\$525.00
1900	\$560.00
2000	\$550.00
2100	\$585.00
2200	\$620.00
2300	\$655.00
2400	\$690.00
2500	\$710.00
3000	\$825.00
4000	\$1085.00
5000	\$1335.00
6000	\$1585.00

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT
“BUDDY”® POPPY PROGRAM**

NATIONAL CONVENTION BUDDY POPPY DISPLAY CONTEST

These guidelines have been designed to place emphasis on the purpose and effectiveness of the displays. It is suggested and recommended that Department (State) contests rule be established in a like form.

RULES

- (1) Displays will be presented and judged in three categories:

CATEGORY 1. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

- (a) Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy.
- (b) At least one (1) of the poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 2. Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes)

- (a) Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.
- (b) At least one (1) of the poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 3. Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies (Post Home displays, table center- pieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

- (a) Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.
 - (b) At least one (1) of the poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.
- (2) Departments purchasing over 250,000 poppies will be allowed two (2) displays in **each** of the three (3) categories for the National Display Contest all others will be allowed one (1) display in each of the three (3) categories, no deviations.
- (3) The National Programs Committee shall have no responsibility in setting up, taking down or returning displays.

- (4) Displays shall be set up in space provided in the convention facility. Prior to setting up the display, the responsible person must register with the Buddy Poppy desk and complete an entry form (unless one was forwarded earlier, approved by Department) which will show the category of competition, the number of poppies used, the purpose of the display, the Post and/or Auxiliary number and location, and the name of the person who will dismantle and remove the display at the close of the convention.
(Please be advised, all displays must be removed by noon on Wednesday, or it will be disposed of by convention center personnel.)
- (5) Displays may or may not be accompanied by a white card, not to exceed 4 inches by 6 inches in size, on which an explanation of the theme for the display or other information of interest to the viewers or the judges, should be written in black ink.
- (6) Post name, number, city or state (including the shape of your state) may **not** be visible on the displays. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- (7) (NEW) Any use of non-VFW trademarks or copyrighted material on your display must have prior approval from the trademark or copyright holder. These include, but are not limited to, names, logos, audio/visual graphics, images and/or props. The VFW and Buddy Poppy logo and name is authorized but use of any outside organization trademark or copyrighted material and/or logos must have prior approval through their respective organization.

JUDGING

Judging of displays will be based on effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of poppies used. Judging will be completed Monday evening and the winning displays will have the appropriate ribbons placed on the display on Tuesday morning.

PRIZES

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each of the three categories and will be mailed to the winning Department's adjutant after convention.

NOTE

The Department adjutant will have to notify the Programs Director, in writing, by **June 30** of the Posts that will represent the Department in each category. This will allow us the time necessary to ensure each entry has sufficient space to set up at the National Convention.

Please be advised, the Programs Committee cannot guarantee against theft of personal items placed on the displays. The exhibit hall is secured at night and monitored by security guards: however, they monitor a large area and are not assigned to one specific area. We strongly discourage using items of sentimental value, items of value or items considered to be irreplaceable on the Buddy Poppy displays.

Entry Forms available from National and Department Headquarters. Thank you and good luck!
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