

BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM

2026-2027

Buddy Poppy Display Contest - To meet the National Criteria

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

Buddy Poppy purchases above last years total: Cut off is April 1, 2027.

Buddy Poppy purchases will be based on the Department of Kansas reports; Cut off date is April 1, 2027.

MAIL REPORTS TO: Casey Fitzgerald, Buddy Poppy Chairman
VFW Department of Kansas
1706 Avenue A
Dodge City, Kansas 67801
(620) 682-3833
Vfwvet4vets@gmail.com

GOALS FOR 2026-2027: 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, 2027

AWARDS

Possible 7 Certificates for 100% or above by each District
1 framed certificate for largest percentage increase by Districts

BUDGET FOR 2026-2027
\$150.00

BUDDY POPPY YEAR-END REPORT 2026-2027
(Submit NLT April 30, 2027)

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 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 a 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 a 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 a label attached.

(2) Buddy Poppy display entries must be constructed using Buddy Poppies purchased through the VFW Store. Authorized styles include the legacy and tin tab poppies.

(3) Departments are authorized one per category. The only displays that will be judged will be the displays provided on a list by Department to National Headquarters Programs office by 1 July 2026 with their completed entry form. Any displays brought to convention that are not on the list will not be judged.

(4) The National Programs Staff will have no responsibility in setting up, taking down or returning displays. Power will only be provided for displays that have provided prior notice for need by 1 July 2026.

(5) Displays shall be set up in space provided in the convention facility. Prior to setting up the display, the responsible person must check in with the Buddy Poppy desk and verify contact information on their entry form. **(Please be advised, all displays must be removed by noon on Tuesday, July 28th, or it will be disposed of by convention center personnel.)**

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8) NOTE: 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

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

NOTE

The Department Adjutant will notify the Programs office via email at mspencer@vfw.org, in writing, by **July 1, 2025** of the Posts/ Auxiliaries 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 Staff cannot guarantee against theft of personal items placed on 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 Buddy Poppy displays.

Thank you and good luck!

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