

Central Division Poppy Newsletter



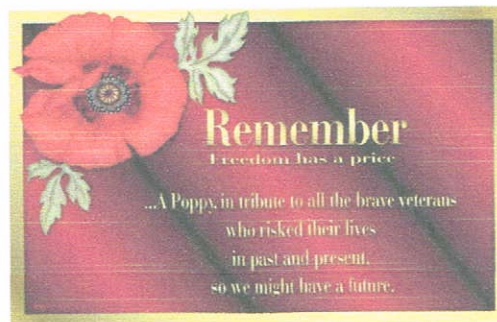
Greetings from Central Division Poppy Chairman

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Wow—time is flying by and it will be soon time to do the reporting of all of the activities that the units and Departments have done this year. But do not quit yet promoting Poppy. Memorial Day is right around the corner and this is the time to offer the Poppy in memory of those who have sacrificed their lives for this great country.

This is also the time that if you have a Miss Poppy that you educate her on the meaning of the Poppy and plan her events for the rest of the year. Please remember to tell her that we do not sell Poppies but offer them for a small donation.



Here is a sample Poppy proclamation that you can have your local government officials prepare for your units and also Miss Poppy scrapbooks:

WHEREAS, America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers;

WHEREAS, Millions who have answered the call to arms have died on the field of battle;

WHEREAS, A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war;

WHEREAS, The red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Auxiliary has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower;

THEREFORE, I (full name) (title), of the (city, town, country, state) do hereby proclaim this (date)th day of (month), (year), as POPPY DAY and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of (city, town, county, state) this (date)th day of (month), (year).



Fruit poppy

Arrange pieces of a selection of these fruits to form a red poppy:

RED PETALS	Red apple (skinside up), watermelon, raspberries, sliced strawberries
BLACK CENTER	Blackberry, black cherry, blueberry, black currant, dried prune, dark brown date, dark brown dried fig
GREEN STEM	Kiwi fruit, green melon (outer part), pear (skinside up), avocado (outer part - but avocado may darken in a short amount of time)
GREEN LEAVES	Mint, parsley



American Legion Auxiliary Public Service Announcement

Street Address, City, State ZIP Code

www.ALAforVeterans.org (and your unit's website, if available)

Contact: [PR Chairman], [PR Chairman's Phone Number]; [PR Chairman's e-mail Address] for
[Department President's Name]

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (20 SECONDS)

WHO: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #

WHAT: POPPY DAY

WHEN: [XXXX list a.m./p.m.]

WHERE: XXXXX

Honor their past sacrifices and contribute to the continuing needs of our veterans on [DATE], at [LOCATION] when members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit # distribute bright red poppies. The poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars. For more information, call [preferably a number where a media representative can reach you during day and evening hours].

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I hope that I have brought you some ideas for your units for Poppies. There is a large amount of information on the websites for the Poppies and I encourage all of the Units to take advantage of the many ideas to promote the Poppy. Remember this is the Memorial Flower for the veterans.

So we have been busy in the Central Division and I encourage the other Central Division States to also share their ideas for the Poppy. Please share this information with your unit members and I hope they have other ideas for the Poppy Program.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at gweniesue@yahoo.com or cell 419-494-9408.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

-Lt. Col. John McCrae