

POPPY Nov. Dept. Conference 2022

Hello Everyone,

Year end reports are due to me by May 1st. I need to know what your Unit did to promote, educate, distribute poppies. Also, what did your Unit do with the money to assist veterans, were you able/ needed to assist your own Post members?

Poppy Posters: deadline to be received by me is no later than April 21, 2023. I will send my mailing address in the monthly bulletin prior to that. These must be sent or hand delivered to me. Do not leave them at Dept. office without prior arrangement with Secretary Barbara or President Barbara White. I live near the Southern boarder so I can not stop by the Dept. office to pick them up. Please be sure your entries are as per the rules on the website or I am required to disqualify them. The names etc must be legible on the back. I will have judges assist me from units that do not have entries. I then send the winners for each class to the Division Chairman. She then selects from all states that sent entries in our Division one entry from each class to submit to National competition.

Something new is that the Division Poster winner will receive a \$50.00 check along with their citation and also there will be a \$50.00 donation in their name to the Children of Warriors Presidential Scholarship.

Poppy money can be used to provide school supplies such as poster board and drawing materials for the Poppy Poster Contest. This may encourage your school to participate.

A suggestion: You may be able to hang your posters not sent in on a wall in your Post. Send a photo to the teacher to show the students and make them all feel a winner.

Miss Poppy Contest: Miss Poppy is a time honored tradition that goes back to the mid /late 1950's. She is a great way to help us, to help your Unit promote what the poppy program is. We all know that children & puppies are the best attention getters in public places. People see Miss Poppies in their Poppy costume and want to hear what children have to say. Teach them about the poppy program and how to spread the word where ever they go. If you don't have a Miss Poppy, it isn't too late to start. Be sure to take lots of photos and enter your Miss Poppy's scrapbook in the Dept. / National contest. One Dept. winner will be sent to National contest. Deadline for entry is April 21st.

There are several other Department awards I encourage you to participate in. You can find them on the Dept. website.

You can also join the Poppy face book page at www.facebook.com/groups/ALAPoppy to see what others around the country are doing to promote the Poppy program and share what you are doing.

My email address is on my monthly bulletin. Please contact me for any questions you have.

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