



DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

POPPY YEAR END REPORT 2024-2025

Although all units work the Poppy Program in their own way, most do not report their activity under this program. 20,300 poppies were distributed in state to the Units this year. Several Units made poppies this year and some have assistance with making and distributing poppies from Girl Scout Troops

Arizona has 86 active Units with 40 submitting reports which is an increase of seven (7) from last year and seven (7) submitting narratives for awards which is the same as last year.

The reports represent less than 50% reporting by units. Due to mailing the reports instead of email, reports were accepted until May 10th to allow for slow delivery.

Two Units sent in Posters for judging, This is an increase of one Unit from previous years. Two units who do not submit Posters have agreed to judge them.

In checking with the Junior Chair no Miss Poppy Books were submitted this year at the Junior Convention although reports reflect Units have Miss Poppy Juniors. No Miss Poppy Books were received last year at convention. Unit 115's Little Miss Poppy was featured in the May 2025 American Legion Auxiliary magazine edition. Awesome!

Units reported an estimated 3448 hours working the poppy program this year. An estimated 701 veterans or veteran families were assisted. Some of the assistance provided was in kind work or donations of goods rather than money

Unit 2 was awarded the National Unit Award last year from the Western Division. Great job! Arizona Department was awarded the National Department Award from Western Division. In consultation with a Unit 41 member, the Department Award shall be given to Unit 41 to display to honor PDP Josephine Herrera. Unit 86 had two posters that received national recognition.

This year a Poppy Power Point was created so information about Poppy and all the National and Department Awards could be reviewed from one document to save Unit members the hassle of locating the information from several computer sites.

A poppy hat contest was started last year after members asked for a contest for that purpose. Although there were not a lot of entries, Units had a chance to see what could be done and hopefully more Units will join in this year.

I thank the Units for their dedication in working this program this year.

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