



# Poppy Program

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*Our Department of Washington has exhausted the stockpile of Poppies made by home care and hospitalized veterans. I am now asking that Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and Legionnaires begin making Poppies to rebuild our supply of ready-made Poppies.*

*There are several Units and Posts that have made Poppies in the last couple of years for their own organizations, it comes to nowhere near the tens of thousands needed to supply the state. Units #0003 and #0082 get a group of Auxiliary members together monthly to make the small "Crape paper" flowers, spend time swapping recipes, sharing stories of Poppy Days from the past and updating friends on the grandchildren. All the while accomplishing two very important things, Poppy Assembly and getting to know each other a little better, making the Unit a closer-knit family.*

*The Department office still has a few kits left to purchase. Each kit makes 1,000 poppies, there is also a small supply of Memorial labels. The Poppy Kits were purchased several years ago and are being sold to Units at \$75.00 each. Regardless of the route you chose to go buy from Department or from the Legion's Emblem Sales the time spent making Poppies is well worth the effort.*

*To all the new members in the state who have experienced a Veteran's Day or Memorial Day Distribution period we say, "Thank You". Remember we never use the words "for sale or sell". We distribute poppies for the purpose of honoring those who served, those serving today and for those who have moved into Post and Unit Everlasting.*

*The poppy order form is on the Auxiliary's web page, <https://walegion-aux.org>. When the screen comes up go to "More" in the upper right-hand corner, click on more to get the forms window to open, scroll down to Poppy, click and the form pops in. Print it, fill out and mail in with a payment for the # of Poppies you want. The deadline for ordering is normally 1 November. Poppy making class available on "Youtube".*