



POPPY OCTOBER 2026 DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

October is here and it seems like just last week we were submitting reports for recognition. The months of May, June, July, August, and September were filled with events where poppies could be utilized to remember and honor our veterans and active military.

In the upcoming months we have many events that are sacred to our country and veterans where we can distribute poppies. It is up to each Unit to choose which events they can support as many of the units have small or growing membership. Although the Poppy Program has several facets, units are encouraged to participate in what their membership allows.

This year we are encouraging units to be part of the Poppy Poster Program and making connections with teachers and schools. To assist with this effort, we are currently working on a Poppy Poster flier that can be given or posted at all schools in your area. This flier will explain the new enhancement of the \$200 for each state division winner. This flier will be posted to the website when completed and is to be printed on legal size paper. We will have these fliers at the Conference in November,

The Miss Poppy part of this program started in May right after reports to give the Juniors the necessary activities to participate a full year. For those that have just signed up Juniors please get them started so they can decide how much time they have available to spend on this part of the program, please ensure they are also completing those parts of the Junior Program associated with poppies. Although they cannot be considered for state or national award since they were not members by June 1st, they can learn what this part of the program is about.

The Poppy Program has several parts; making poppies for Unit use and other units, Miss Poppy for state and National recognition, Poppy Poster for unit , state and national recognition, a Special Hat Contest, and awards for Marie Cooney window or public display, Nina Kimball for community distribution of poppy information, Patriotic Display utilizing poppies in a display, Marie Townshend Memorial narrative about interest and activity during the year for Department Unit recognition, and the National Unit and Department recognition.

The Poppy Power Point is under revision with updated information and should be available shortly. The year-end report is also under revision.

For God and country.

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