

POPPY REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
November 2025

Thank you to all the members for your continued support of this program. In 2023 I took over for Josephine Herrera and put in half a year. Your reports and narratives assisted with putting together the narrative to National for the Department Award which was accepted as a winner. I proudly displayed that plaque from November through June, and asked Patsy Lugo to accept that National Department Plaque and display it at Unit 41.

Yeah!! In 2023-2024 Unit 1 William Bloys won the National Unit Award. Unit 86 had two Poppy Poster National winners. Good Job!!

This year (2024-2025) a power point was placed on the website to assist with this program placing all the national and department awards in one place with other pertinent poppy information. Hopefully this helped those working on this program this year. Unfortunately, the year that started out great had to depend on the initiative and perseverance of the Unit memberships to continue as life had many challenges for me to get through.

A review of the reports provided shows Units worked diligently throughout the year on this program and aided many veterans through monetary donations and in-kind services. There were more units making their own poppies.

Seven Units provided narratives this year. A lot of information was gathered from those narratives and the Unit reports for the submission of the National Department Award. One Unit was chosen for the National Unit Award.

Yeah!!! Arizona did it again!! National Unit winner is Unit 86 Heber Overgaard. Arizona is the National Department winner again!!! Who would have guessed we could do it two years in a row. Kudos, and many thanks to all of you! All I did was compile the information based on what National was asking to be in the report. Units pat yourself on the back, you did all the work.

The Poppy Poster part of this program increased by one Unit, with four Posters sent for national consideration. Unit 86 had three Posters and Unit 32 had one Poster. Shocker!! Unit 32 received a National Poppy Poster Award! Unfortunately, 86 did not place this year.

Again, there were no books sent in from Miss Poppy Juniors for consideration.

My report of the stats for this program was submitted for the Book of Reports.

CONVENTION AWARDS

Marie Townshend Plaque winner – **Unit 86 Carol Stant**
Runner Up – **Unit 35 Stacy Riebold**

Marie Cooney Memorial Plaque winner – **Unit 86 Carol Stant**
Runner up – **Unit 62 Jean Ellison**

Nita Kimball Community Poppy Awareness Award winner – **Unit 24 Linda Vanik**

Patriotic Poppy Decoration Plaque winner – **Unit 44**
Runner Up – **Unit 39**

Poster Contest Winner – **Unit 86 for classes I, II, III Carol Stant**
Unit 32 class VI Janice Smith

Little Miss Poppy Winner – **No entries submitted**

Special Hat contest winners

Silly/Funny winner – **Unit 25**

Bling winner – **Unit 86**
2nd **Unit 25**

Elegant winner – **Unit 19**

Job Specific winner – **Unit 86**

UPDATE: Current information concerning the Poster Contest and will be on the website, and at Conference.

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