



Department of Arizona Poppy Year End Report 2025-2026

The Poppy Program continues to thrive across the state through the dedication, creativity, and service of our units. While each unit carries out the program in its own way, many contributions often go unreported. Arizona's 83 active Units continue to make a meaningful difference across our state. This year, 27 Units submitted reports, representing 33% of our Units statewide. While this reflects a decrease from last year, it also highlights an incredible opportunity for growth, renewed involvement, and stronger statewide participation. Only three Units submitted award narratives this year, reminding us that every report, every story, and every effort shared helps showcase the powerful impact our members make each and every day.

This year alone, units ordered 24,500 poppies, while many units proudly handcrafted an additional 32,150 poppies using 78 people to make this astounding amount. These remarkable efforts united senior and junior Auxiliary members, veterans, Sons of The American Legion members, and community volunteers, all working together to honor and support our veterans. Poppy distribution took place in many impactful ways, including collaborations with Junior ROTC students, junior members, and units staffing tables and booths outside local businesses to educate communities about the importance and meaning of the Poppy Program.

Units across the state demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the Poppy Program this year, reporting an impressive 2,530 hours of service. Through these remarkable efforts, an estimated 1,144 veterans and veteran families received meaningful assistance and compassionate support. The impact reached far beyond financial aid, with approximately \$15271.51 provided in direct assistance, along with meals, outreach, and vital services tailored to the unique needs of veterans within local communities.

This year, three Units proudly submitted Poppy Posters for judging, reflecting encouraging growth and renewed participation in this meaningful program. In addition, one Unit will be represented in the Miss Poppy competition, marking another positive step forward from last year.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who took the time to submit reports and narratives for the Poppy Program. Your dedication, compassion, and commitment to serving veterans and their families truly deserve to be recognized and celebrated. The work your Units are doing is making a meaningful impact in communities across our state, and your efforts continue to honor the true spirit of service.

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