

POPPY NOVEMBER 2026
DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA

Yes, November is almost here. If you have reviewed the items sent last month, you will notice the Power Point is updated and there is a flier for the Poppy Poster. The new year-end report form is also available.

Several Units are working diligently to produce poppies as is my home unit. We have several ladies working on poppies as therapy for being alone or dealing with loss or depression. I, myself, have started doing them again after many years of non-activity. I have changed my process to doing one part of the process at a time. I find it works for me to just concentrate on doing one thing over and over to become faster overall in the process. I found that changing from doing the stem then the petals and then the label was tedious. Yet when I cut the parts for the stem, then just did stems, and continued that way it works smoother and faster.

NOTE: Putting the labels on without separating the labels is so much easier and gives you a count of 10 so keeping track of how many you are putting together is easier also. Stand the label section on edge with the holes at the top edge and slide the poppy in and advance up the label packet. No counting to 25 as I was instructed years ago and ripping the labels apart. No packaging the poppies in 25. Keep the label packet together to ship and allow the receiving Unit to decide how they utilize them. When my home unit does our school resource fair, we separate 10 at a time and keep the rest together or we place them on a book marker to give out. The labels don't get folded or rolled up that way.

November 11th is Veterans Day. This is a great day to have events featuring the Poppy and ensuring the veterans receive a Poppy. Check out your local nursing home for veterans. So many of the veterans in nursing facilities have minimal visitors.

Start planning in November for an event for Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th. This is one of the important days that has been lost in the shuffle so to speak. We need to bring the focus back on this day to remind us of why we need to remember our past conflicts and lessons learned,

Looking forward to seeing you at Conference in November.

For God and country.

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