

Draft Letter

Dear American Legion Auxiliary Members,

As we look ahead to America's 250th birthday, we are reminded of the long and often difficult journey that has shaped our nation. Few symbols capture that journey—and the sacrifices behind it—more powerfully than the red poppy.

For more than a century, the poppy has stood as a tribute to American service members who gave their lives in defense of freedom. Its bright red petals remind us of the cost of war, the resilience of those who serve, and the promise that their sacrifice will never be forgotten. Today, the poppy continues to honor all who have fallen, including the American service members whose lives have been lost in recent conflicts involving Iran. Their memory lives on in the values they defended and in the communities that continue to support their families and fellow service members.

As we approach this historic milestone—America's 250th year—we have an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to those who wear the uniform and those who have borne the burden of service. In that spirit, we invite you to make a contribution in honor of our nation's semiquincentennial. Your generosity helps ensure that veterans, active-duty military, and their families receive the support, care, and recognition they deserve.

May the poppy remind us not only of sacrifice, but also of our shared responsibility to uphold the legacy of those who served.

With gratitude for all you do,

[Your Name]

[Your Title / Unit]