

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF  
ARIZONA CONVENTION JUNE 25-28, 2026  
RESOLUTION**

SUBMITTED BY:     Cindy Queen, Rose Ficklin    

SUBJECT:     Poppy Mandate    

DATE:     May 28, 2026    

Resolution No.     R7-1      
*(Assigned by Resolutions Committee)*

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WHEREAS, The Department of Arizona Policies and Procedures Manual states under "Poppy Making" on page 49

*--"The Department President no longer appoints 'poppy making' chairmen as in the past. All materials for making poppies are administered through Department Headquarters. All Unit Poppy Orders will be to the Department Executive Director of Operations by September 30. Each order must be accompanied with a check to cover cost of supplies.*

*--Poppies can be made by any Veteran; at home, at the Post Home, Nursing Home, in Senior Centers as long as it is the Veteran who receives the pay for making them. All payments to veterans for making poppies will be made from the main Department account and all accounting of such payments will be done by Department. (2017)*

*--As of 2013, when demand exceeded what veterans can supply, anyone can make poppies. They may even be commercially produced, however, only veterans may be paid for making the poppies. If poppies are not made by veterans, the traditional tag must be altered or a new tag created so donors are not misinformed.*

*--All Poppies MUST be made and in the Unit's possession no later than May 1. (2001)(2002) After the deadline (September 30), should a Unit want to order poppies, they should check with the Department Executive Director of Operations as they will know if there are extra poppies, or if some can be secured for the Unit.*

*--It is recommended by the National organization that "Poppy Week" beginning the Saturday preceding Memorial Day be the scheduled time for distribution with the exception of those Units who by reason of competition or other good reason cannot hold their distribution that week.*

*--Resolved: Cost of poppies will be determined each year by the Finance Committee and approved in the Department Budget at Convention. (97) (At Convention 2023 cost of poppies was set at \$15.00 per 100 beginning in 2024-2025.)*

*--Resolved: Unless a Unit orders a minimum order of one hundred (100) poppies each year, it shall be eliminated from all competition for awards and citations for that year, exclusive of membership awards and citations. (81)*

*--Ten percent (10%) of NET Poppy proceeds will be sent to the Department Executive Director of Operations as soon after Unit Poppy Distribution as possible."; and*

WHEREAS, The above system is confusing to administer, is not producing the desired effect, and is causing increasing turmoil; and

WHEREAS, Units should feel free to purchase poppies all year long; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, To replace the above policy with the following titled "Poppy Making and Purchase":

*--The Department President no longer appoints 'poppy making' chairmen as in the past. All materials for making poppies are administered through Department Headquarters.*

*--Each order for constructed poppies or poppy kits must be accompanied by payment to cover cost and shipping if shipping is requested by the purchaser.*

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*--Poppies may be ordered at any time during the year. 1. Poppies ordered between Department Convention in June and Department Conference in November will be available at Department Conference unless arrangements have been made to pick them up at Headquarters or pay shipping to have them mailed. 2. Poppies ordered between Department Conference in November and the next succeeding Convention must either be picked up at Headquarters or shipping must be paid for mailing.*

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*--It is recommended by the National organization that "Poppy Week" beginning the Saturday preceding Memorial Day be the scheduled time for distribution with the exception of those Units who by reason of competition or other good reason cannot hold their distribution that week.*

*--In lieu of all previous requirements for poppy purchase by Units in order to be eligible for awards OR requirements to submit 10% of NET distribution profits to Department there will be a new Poppy Mandate of \$30.00 per Unit payable at the time of all other Department Mandates and subject to the same rules and regulations as all other Department Mandates.*