



## Thank You Volunteers 2021 Poppy Fund Campaign

With the 2021 Poppy Campaign almost completed, it is time to reflect on how the campaign went this year. First and foremost, our volunteers were outstanding, they contributed over 867 hours. Their dedication and enthusiasm were amazing, and I want to say Thank You sincerely, for all your hard work and for helping me get through this. The Poppy campaign is truly a two-week marathon and my small group of volunteers helped me get to the finish line. We only had seventy-six people volunteer out of 1222 card carrying members, which means only 6% of our membership did 100% of the work for Kingsway Legion. With over two hundred positions needing to be filled, people signed up numerous times so we could get the job done. After reviewing my records, I see that at least fifteen people volunteered for positions that totaled fifteen or more individual hours. Well, done group, you did an amazing job.

The Poppy Office in the Kingsway branch was highly successful again this year. We received more than two hundred calls and estimate Over 20,000 Poppies were distributed via phone requests. Another key component of the Poppy office is relaying requests from the public to other branches of the Greater Edmonton Poppy Fund group. The Poppy office is also processing donations received through mail, phone and in person. Trese has done an amazing job ensuring everyone is working together and kept informed.

When the Edmonton Oilers informed us on short notice that they would like us to set up a poppy table for the three home games during the Poppy Campaign Trese was the one who took charge and organized the volunteers from all the branches.

I would also like to Thank our front office staff for helping us out, Flo, Michael, Tammy, Ashley, and Bill O'Brien. You folks are amazing. I also need to Thank Vicky Torrie for taking the initiative to accept donations for various Poppy items during the Sunday farmer's market. Fantastic job Vicky.

At the end of every campaign, we wind up with several large green bags of loose poppies. I am talking about 60 to 80 thousand Poppies. Leroy and Eleanor Macintosh quietly take the poppies home, sort and bag them into groups of 100 & 200. I truly admire your patience and perseverance. Thank you so much, Leroy and Eleanor for taking on this important task year after year.

The 2021 Kingsway Poppy Campaign was a success because of our wonderful volunteers, thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedules to honour our Veterans.

I look forward to working with everyone during the 2022 campaign.

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