

OKLAHOMA'S POPPY OUTREACH MISSION

The purpose of Oklahoma's Poppy Program is to educate ALA membership and the public on the significance of the poppy and the program's financial benefit of veterans, military, and their families.

All other Auxiliary programs embodies the purpose statement of the Poppy Outreach Mission. It is the essence of who the American Legion Auxiliary is and unites us as a group, a society of people dedicated to serving those who fought and those who gave their all for our way of life. Please review the following information hopefully this will assist you in your journey of remembrance.

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If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for everything you do.

Sincerely,
Angie Wagstaff
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First District Vice-President
Department of Oklahoma Poppy Chair

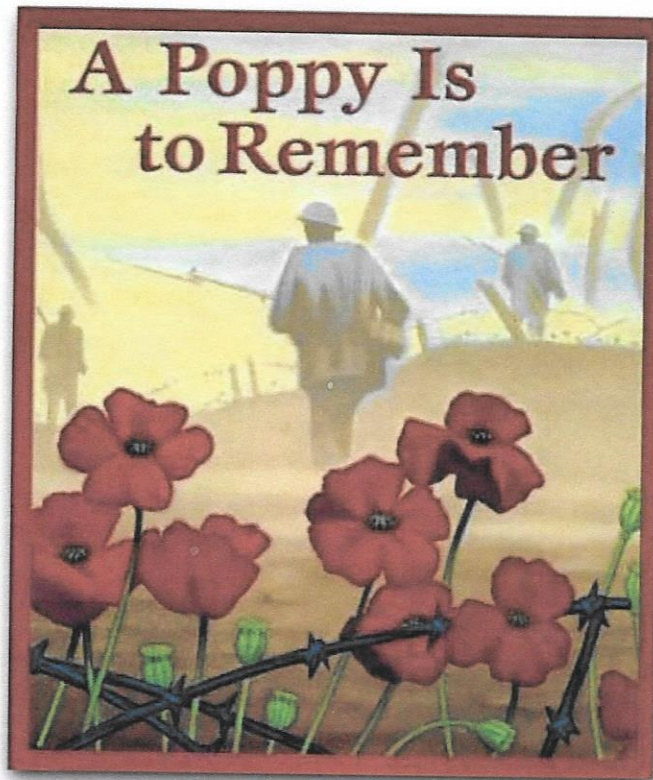
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Important Dates

Oklahoma Poppy Outreach Mission	Deadline
Department of Oklahoma Poppy Poster Contest District entries due	Mid-Winter Conference or mail in: 30 March 2025
Department of Oklahoma Poppy Flower Arrangements Contest due	Mid-Winter Conference & Winners announced
UNIT END OF THE YEAR REPORT	APRIL 1 st 2025
ALA Department of OK Poppy Posters winners will be announced at Summer State Convention 2025	
District prize winners to be awarded during Summer State Convention 2025	



Poppy Poster Ideas, Suggestions & Designs

Units are supposed to sponsor contests in their local schools. However when schools do not conduct these activities, Units can include Juniors or other youth groups such as FFA, 4H, Boys & Girls Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA kids, and / or Home School kids. Most of our Units are in rural communities, engaging with other youth organizations broadens our ability to teach the next generation of young Americans our history.

You can look online to get ideas but may not copy.

We would like to suggest for **Units to turn in their Poppy Posters during Mid-Winter Conference**. This will help reduce the cost of postage. **After Mid-Winter Conference Units will have to mail their entries to Department Poppy Chair prior to March 30.**

Send Posters to:

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1st District Vice-President

ALA Dept. of Oklahoma Poppy Outreach Mission Chair

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Poppy Poster Contest Rules

Units shall sponsor contests in local schools. When schools do not conduct activities, other youth groups — including Junior members — may participate under direct supervision of the unit.

Contest Classes

- Class I: Grades 2 and 3
- Class II: Grades 4 and 5
- Class III: Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV: Grades 8 and 9
- Class V: Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI: Grade 12
- Class VII: Students with special needs defined as:
 - a. Those in special education classes.
 - b. A student recommended for special education classes but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or various other factors.
 - c. A child identified as having a disability, but not in a special education class due to lack of facilities; identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.

Poppy Poster Requirements

1. Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Articles “a”, “and,” “an”, “the” are not to be counted as words. The words “buddy” and “buy” cannot be used.
2. The words “American Legion Auxiliary” must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
3. Each poster must include a red poppy.
4. The department shall determine the closing date of the unit contest. The poster shall be on 11x14” poster board. (Drawing paper will not be accepted).
5. The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
6. Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
 - 50% - poster appeal (layout, message, originality)
 - 40% - artistic ability (design and color)
 - 10% - neatness
7. Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils, and markers.
8. Written in ink on the back of the poster (not attached) shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age, and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
9. Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary. Through submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted and agree to have their names and artwork published for commercial use without additional compensation or permission.

10. The poster shall be the work of only one individual.
11. The label "In Memoriam" from the veteran-made poppy may not be used.

Poppy Poster Contest Judging and Awards

1. Each department shall establish its own procedure for judging.
2. A citation will be given for the most outstanding poster in each classification within the five divisions.
3. Unit members should follow deadlines and process for the department. All department entries are due to the division chairman by June 1.
4. While ALA representatives will do their best to return all posters, it is not guaranteed. We recommend participants take a picture or scan their poster for their records.
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POPPY POSTER CONTEST COVER SHEET

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors a Poppy Poster Contest for students in grades 2-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into seven classes. One award in each of the seven classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at www.ALAforVeterans.org after national convention.

Poster Classes:

Class	Grade Level
I	2 and 3
II	4 and 5
III	6 and 7
IV	8 and 9
V	10 and 11
VI	12
VII	Students with special needs

Class competing in: _____

Sponsoring ALA unit: _____

Due date for student to return to ALA unit: _____

To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:

Student Name: _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____

City/State of School: _____

Parent or Teacher Name and Signature: _____

Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: _____

Signature of Unit Poppy Chairman/President: _____

Unit winner due to Department on: _____ Department: _____

Signature of Department Chairman: _____

Department winner due to National Poppy Division Chairman by June 1



POPPY FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CONTEST

Unit Poppy Chairs please remember to bring your Poppy entries to be judged at the Mid-Winter State Convention. The categories are: Religious Arrangement, General Arrangement, and Corsage. Details on the Contest are listed below. Be creative and have fun. We will be spotlighting your poppy arrangements. Everyone has a Poppy story. We are looking forward in hearing how your Unit's Poppy Funds are helping veterans and their families. You can use this to assist with Public Relations in your communities. Additional plus is doing Poppy Projects for veterans, active military and their families help to recruit new members.

ALA DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA RULES FOR POPPY JUDGING

- Categories:**
1. Religious Arrangement
 2. General Arrangement
 3. Corsage

Rules: *Poppies can be any style desired*

A Unit may enter as many arrangements and/or corsages as desired at the District level.

The American Flag may be used in an arrangement, but it MUST be the highest point of the arrangement and the Flag itself must not touch any other part of the arrangement.

If a Cross is used in a religious arrangement, the arrangement MUST also include a Star of David.

Artificial greenery and Baby's breath may be used in an arrangement and/or corsage but NO OTHER flowers may be used.

Nothing commercial or disrespectful will be allowed. All arrangements and/or corsages must be in good taste.

Arrangements may be made to be placed on a table or to hang on the wall.

Each Unit or District can award prizes at their own discretion, but only the First (1st) place winners from each District in each category should be taken to the Department Convention in July to be judged at the Department level.

At the District level, First (1st), Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) places will be awarded in each category.

Little Miss Poppy (Ages 6-12)

NEW FOR 2023-2024 – Little Miss Poppy award submissions are now electronic to address postage and material cost considerations. Please refer to the rules below for submission requirements and deadline information.

1. Participant must be between 6 and 12 years of age as of June 1 and be a junior member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary.
2. Promotional activity of the poppy story must occur through The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the community during the timespan of May 1 of the current year to April 30 of the following year.
3. For National Little Miss Poppy consideration, participant must submit a Little Miss Poppy award electronic application with supporting documentation.
4. All entries are due by 5 p.m. on June 1.
5. In addition to the information on the award application, please include documentation on the criteria below. Accepted formats are Word document, Google Slides, or .pdf. PowerPoint presentations may also be uploaded via Googles Slides. For more information on Google Slides, please visit <https://www.google.com/slides/about/>.
6. Criteria for judging Little Miss Poppy entries:
7. The memorial poppy must be visible in all promotion and publicity submitted.
8. There is no specific dress code or dress color for Little Miss Poppy.
9. Promotion of the Poppy Program: What did you share and do?
10. Publicity of poppy activities (newspapers, radio/TV, etc.).
11. Submitted file must include the following information (both pictures and descriptions)
12. What I learned during my time as Little Miss Poppy?
13. How I shared the story of the poppy with my community?
14. What does the poppy mean to me?
15. What activities did I attend to promote the poppy and its meaning?
16. Age-appropriate originality with considerations for neatness and creativity.
17. The Little Miss Poppy (age 6-12) winner may be invited to the ALA National Convention immediately following her selection, and if she so chooses, will travel at her own expense.

The winner of the National Little Miss Poppy contest will receive a citation plaque.

How to Make Felt Poppies

These cute flowers are super easy to make, and they're a great gift to give with an invitation to your Garden Getaway retreat. Or use them on a headband, as a bow on a gift—wherever you need a little pizzazz!

Supplies:

- red felt for the Poppy
- ½ to 1 inch buttons
- hot glue gun
- clothes pins
- scissors
- 1" pin back

Instructions:

1. Take your felt and cut out 6 circles that are the same size (about 3 inches) and 1 smaller circle (about 2 inches) It works best to use something like a jar or a cup to trace the shape of a circle on your felt before cutting!
2. Take one felt circle and fold in half. While holding the felt in half, apply a drop of hot glue to the inside center and pinch with a clothes pin.
3. Keep holding the half circle and fold forward one third, then add another drop of glue in the corner and pinch together.
4. Flip the circle around and fold the opposite side of the felt toward the back and glue. If you look from the top, it should form an "S" shape.
5. Repeat steps #1-4 to make 6 petals total.
6. Place each petal on top of the smaller felt circle so it looks like a flower. Once they are placed, glue each petal to the smaller circle.
7. Take a button and glue it down in the center.
8. Put hot glue on back of 1" pin back and place on the back of the flower.
9. Let cool.

Enjoy!





Crepe Poppy Flowers

Materials

1. Crepe paper: 1 roll of each (Green, Black & Red) \$1.00 @ Walmart
2. Green Cloth Stem Wire or stiff green floral wire
3. Green floral tape (try to match with the same color of green cloth stem wire.)
4. scissors

Instructions:

- + Cut 2 inch piece of black crepe paper.
- + Cut 6 inch piece of red crepe paper.
- + Cut floral wire 6 inches this can be adjusted depending on what you're making.
- + Take black crepe paper fold on to floral wire leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ inch exposed then lightly glue around floral wire and continue to wrap the black crepe paper in place around wire.
- + Apply Red crepe paper on top of black folding & wrapping tightly as you go around.
- + Secure with floral green tape on the bottom of the Poppy Flower.

Apply Memorandum under Poppy Flower.



The Poppy Corsage

What You Need:

- Ribbon with stars
- Yellow ribbon
- Black ribbon
- Glue stick
- Hot glue gun
- Poppy
- Safety pin

Instructions:

1. Count 13 stars on ribbon and cut at angles on the ends
2. Twist and hot glue together
3. Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ inch yellow ribbon
4. Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ inch black ribbon
5. Use the glue stick to attach black ribbon on top of yellow ribbon
6. Twist and hot glue together
7. Cut down top of poppy
8. Fluff up the poppy and hot glue on top of other ribbons
9. Attach a safety pin

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POPPY COOKIES

Ingredients:

1 Cup	Butter — Room Temperature
$\frac{2}{3}$ Cup	Sugar
3	Egg Yolks
$\frac{1}{2}$ Teaspoon	Salt
1 Teaspoon	Almond Flavoring (Or Other Of Your Choice)
$2\frac{1}{2}$ Cups	Flour
	Generous Squirt Red Gel Food Coloring (or not then use icing)

Instructions:

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Thoroughly mix first 5 ingredients, then add gel food coloring to achieve the desired color. Add and mix flour in increments. Using about $\frac{1}{4}$ of dough at a time, force dough through a cookie press onto ungreased cookie sheet using a wreath-shaped insert. Using a bit of extra dough, fill in the center of the wreath. Bake 7 to 10 minutes until set but not brown.

Cool completely. Decorate center by placing a drop of corn syrup in the center and sprinkling with black decorator sugar.

Place in 2"x2" cellophane bag, fold over, and staple to an ALA poppy bookmark
Apply a generous squirt red gel food coloring or use red icing and

