

The Oklahoma Poppy Mission Outreach

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 for veterans, military, and their families.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Oklahoma's objective is 100 % Unit participation in poppy program activities.

**Gotta Brag a little by:
Letting us know what you're doing &
how it is going! Be proud to report your
Unit's Poppy projects in the Unit's
Impact Report then get it to the ALA
Department of Oklahoma.**

Let's Get it done!

Each Unit in Oklahoma increasing awareness in their local communities, schools, businesses, city government, churches and other non-profit groups regarding the Poppy Program.

Host a Poppy Poster Contest at your local schools then submit them to their District's Poppy Poster Contest.

TBD Prizes for the Districts who submits entries for Poppy Posters contest to the Department Chair for judging.



Fun Ideas to think about for your Unit Poppy Project

- Talk with school administrators, counselors, English teachers, History teachers, & coaches.
- Talk with Native American Tribal officials.
- Use a community service project which educates about the Poppy. (Butterfly Sanctuary)
- Host Poppy Popcorn Day at your local schools.
- Ask if your Unit can host an Americanism & Poppy Education the week before Veterans Day (Provide the information to the teachers. They will ♥ it!
- English teachers will love the poem
- History teachers love the story
- Art teachers will love the posters
- Band teachers love patriotic music
- Students can write essays about America, the history of the Flanders Fields Poppy Poem, learning Americanism music and making Poppy Posters.
- Host a 5K Poppy Run aka "RUN FOR THE POPPIES"
- Adopt a Veteran for Christmas.
- Use the Poppy Program activities to help recruit members to the American Legion Family.
- Make Poppy Posters into placemats and share with local day care centers.
- Give Poppy Posters to businesses for display.

Important Dates:

May 23, 2025 is National Poppy Day, But you can make any day your Poppy Day and host events.

Award Due Dates: Poppy posters, awards and Little Miss Poppy winners are due to the Chair by April 1, 2025

Report Due Dates: Unit End of the Year Report due by April 15, 2024

Motto: Serving Those Who Served

- Each Unit is required to establish a Poppy Fund in which ALL Poppy donations are to be used only to assist active military members, veterans, & their families.
- Units may have one account but must maintain records designating two separate funds namely a General Fund and a Poppy Fund.