



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA POPPY PROGRAM



May 2022 Bulletin

Dear Poppy Bouquets and Poppy Seeds,

I am writing this on Wednesday, April 27 because we have some very important deadlines coming up in just a few days.

District End of Year Poppy Reports are due Friday, May 1. As of today, I have received five.

Poppy Poster Contest – VERY Important Reminder: The deadline for me to receive winning posters from Districts is **May 12**. Unfortunately, I will not be able to accept any posters received later than the 12th. It was recently brought to my attention that Department winners in all seven categories need to be submitted to the National Western Division Chairman no later than May 15. *That gives me 2 days to organize and judge all posters!* (My judges are ready!) Please pass the word that you need all posters into you by your deadlines so you can help me meet mine. I would have nightmares if any child's hard work is left behind.

Miss Poppy and Little Miss Poppy scrapbook first place winners are due in just a couple of days, **May 1st**. As of today, I have not received a single scrapbook.

Financial Reports are not due until June 1. Friday, May 1, is the beginning of Poppy Month and May 27 is National Poppy Day. What are your plans for Poppy Month? How are you going to offer poppies for donations? If you are unsure of how to promote the Poppy Program, you can find previous bulletins on the Department website along with other information. Check last month's bulletin and click on the *2022 Poppy Toolkit*.

Some units have sent in their Poppy Financial Reports already. This is perplexing since it isn't even May yet. I know the deadline for submitting your Financial Reports is tight (after May 27th and before June 1), but we should be working for donations all through May. We count on you to help our Veterans, and this is a major source of providing that needed help.

Are you wearing your red poppy? When you are asked about it, explain why you are wearing it, and you might even receive one more donation.

Honor the Fallen, Support the Living

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