

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families*

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## FROM THE 2025-2026 NATIONAL CHAIR OF THE POPPY PROGRAM

### How Can We Increase Poppy Distribution in Your Community

What do you do to promote Poppy distribution in your community? We want to know. Please share to our Facebook page

[American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program](#)



Photo Credit: Sandra Petermann, NW Poppy Chairman  
*Veterans Day 2025 we displayed poppies as we honored our Veterans.*

### POPPY COMMITTEE



### IT'S A POPPY CHALLENGE!

This month's content provided by Sandra Petermann, NW Division Poppy Chair

Department of Minnesota Poppy Chairman Hope Wilson challenged the ten districts to a **Poppy Making Challenge**. They went big and held their first of three Poppy Palooza! One of the units hosted a challenge for four hours. The unit provided lunch, played Trivia with prizes, and had a visit from the Poppy Lady who read her Poppy story. They had poppy rock painting and provided a photo booth. Thirty-eight members attended and were able to make almost 1000 poppies. They will be holding a second District Poppy Palooza in January and then again in March. (photo on page 2)

### Upcoming Dates:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Poppy Zoom-**  
March 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Poppy Zoom-**  
Pre-Con- date TBD

**Poppy Day –May 22, 2026**

**Poppy Posters Due to Division Chairman** (must comply with Dept Guidelines and Deadlines) - **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**





## MORE POPPIES

North Dakota Lake Region Health Unit had their first ever group staff community service meeting, where the North Dakota Department President Candace Berg, invited them to everyone poppies.

(photo below)



***We cherish too, the Poppy Red  
That grows on fields where  
valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.  
- Moina Michael***

### Department of Minnesota Poppy Palooza



### CRAFT PROJECT:

**Poppy Rocks painted in Red, White, and Blue with a poppy on top.**



### ***MISSION TRAINING & NATIONAL JUNIOR MEETINGS***

*Don't forget to register for yourself, your Juniors & your young SAL:*

January 31, 2026 – Las Vegas

January 31, 2026 – Indianapolis

February 7, 2026 – Atlanta

### National Poppy Program Awards

<https://www.legion-aux.org/member/awards/poppy-program-awards>

You can obtain additional information on the award below by going to the website above.

1. Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Poppy Program (per division)
2. Department Award: Best Department Poppy Program (per division)
3. Little Miss Poppy
4. Poppy Poster Contest