

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

What Poppy Funds CANNOT be used for?

These are an example of what Poppy Funds cannot be used for:

Investments, including Certificates of Deposit. Deceased Veterans or families of deceased veterans.

ALA Girls State or Girls Nation.

Commercial property.

Improvements, including Legion Post homes.

Items or improvements that will also be used by non-veterans.



POPPY COMMITTEE



Chair - Karen Toll



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2025 - 2026



Central Division - Donna Ray



Auxiliary



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Southern Division - Pearl Gordon



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Poppies and Honor Flight

What can poppy funds be used for in regard to Honor Flight?

FOR VETERAN PARTICIPANTS' WELFARE AND REHAB:

- Wheelchair-Accessible Busses
- Food and Nutrition
- Oxygen
- Wheelchairs
- Medical Teams on Flight

FOR COMPANION GUARDIANS:

- Airfare to Accompany the Veteran on the Trip
- Food and Nutrition
- Hotel Accommodations to remain with the Veteran
- Guardian Training and Associated Needs to Execute the task.
- When required- Transportation to the Airport with the veteran

Upcoming Dates:
Veterans Day November 11

2nd Quarterly Poppy Zoom
December 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm

3rd Quarterly Poppy Zoom-
March 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm

4th 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 1st, 2026



Member Spotlight

The Department of West Virginia held a Poppy Painting Party at their Department Workshop. The paintings will be taken to four nearby VA Hospitals and a Fisher Home. What a great way to remind the residents and visitors of the VA that we remember, and we care! What a great idea.

Here's another thought:

These beautiful paintings could also be raffled or sold with donations going to your Poppy Program. Charge an entry, serve snacks, and sell the beautiful paintings. Your members will appreciate it and your Poppy Funds will increase! Tell us what you do to increase your Poppy Funds and what do with your Poppy Funds.

Share to Facebook: [American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program](#)



Department of West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary Member with Poppies Painted at Department Convention

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](#)

CRAFT PROJECT:



MISSION TRAINING & NATIONAL JUNIOR MEETINGS

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

November 15, 2025 -Albany
November 15, 2025 – Minneapolis
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