

STATE of MICHIGAN VFW
2025-2026 BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM

ORDERING BUDDY POPPIES:

Buddy Poppies may be ordered at any time during the year. For anticipated distribution during traditional Buddy Poppy days in May, Posts are encouraged to submit their orders to State Headquarters at least six weeks prior to your planned Buddy Poppy event.

During 2025-2026 Posts may purchase two versions of the Buddy Poppy: the Traditional artificial flower and the new Tin Tab Buddy Poppy. There are separate order forms for each version. You must place your order using the proper form. Order forms may be found on the State website on the Buddy Poppy Program page and on the Forms and Guides page under Resources.

All Buddy Poppy orders must be made to State Headquarters and include a properly completed order form with payment in full. Headquarters staff are responsible to place the order to the VFW Store who will ship the order to the address of the Post member placing the order. PO Boxes are not authorized for shipment. Auxiliary members may place orders to VFW State Headquarters using their home address as well. The order form must identify the member as an Auxiliary member.

DISTRICT AND POST CHAIRMEN RESPONSIBILITIES AND AWARDS:

District Chairmen should present their program at the first District meeting. Make sure each Post in the District has appointed a Post Buddy Poppy Chairman. Challenge them to buy more than they did the previous year. Remind them that all Buddy Poppy donations received are to be placed into the Post Relief Fund and used for that purpose only. Emphasize to all your Comrades that they are helping Veterans by purchasing the poppies and by seeking donations for them. Buying and collecting donations for Buddy Poppies puts our motto of "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS" into full practice. Note: National also allows the use of Scouts and other youth groups to collect Buddy Poppy donations for Posts. The basic fundraising dates for Buddy Poppies are May 7, 8 and 9, 2026, however, you can fundraise all throughout the year.

Districts who have 100% of their Posts purchasing a minimum of 500 Buddy Poppies will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the State Commander at the 2026 State Convention.

Posts who order at least 500 more Buddy Poppies this year than the prior year will receive a Citation at the 2026 State Convention. The Post member in each of the four membership divisions who collects the largest amount of donations during the year from May 31, 2025 to May 15, 2026 will receive a Plaque. The name of the fundraiser and the amount collected are to be verified in writing by the Post Commander or Post Quartermaster and are to be received by the State Buddy Poppy Director no later than May 20, 2026.

Membership Divisions:

- I 10 to 65 members
- II 66 to 125 members
- III 126 to 225 members
- IV 226 members and over

If have any questions concerning the Buddy Poppy program, or if you would like me to attend your Post or District meeting to discuss the program, please contact me at the number below.

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