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VFW Auxiliary

Programs

Update

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Agenda

- VOD & PP Themes
- VMS Impact
- “Buddy”® Poppy



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VOD & PP Themes

- Voice of Democracy
 - “Why My Vote Matters”
- Patriots Pen
 - “Why I Honor the American Flag”
 - We need Auxiliary help to fund the Freedoms Foundation trip. Talk to your VFW.



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VMS Impact

- Help A Hero Scholarship
 - 943 Scholarships Awarded
 - Over 4 Million Dollar Value
 - Sport Clips donated \$1.26 Million
 - **BIGGEST VSO SCHOLARSHIP IN THE WORLD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



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VMS Impact

UnMet Needs

Over 9 Million Dollars Valued in assistance to Veterans and their families



This year so far 2,334 cases for \$1.36 Million (250%)

Disaster specific 1361 cases \$572k

LIMIT Changed \$1500 December 12th

No Disaster Unmet Needs til fund is built up



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BUDDY POPPY



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HOME JOIN ASSISTANCE VFW IN D.C. NEWS & EVENTS CONTRIBUTE COMMUNITY



BUDDY POPPY

The VFW conducted its first poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official Memorial Day flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

During the 1923 encampment the VFW decided that VFW "Buddy"® Poppies would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. The next year, disabled veterans at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh assembled VFW Buddy Poppies. The design for "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time.

In February 1924, the VFW registered the name Buddy Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the VFW all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name Buddy Poppy.

Today, VFW Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the **VFW National Home For Children**.

IN FLANDER'S FIELD

by John McCrae

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 we pass to you to hold it high,
If ye sleep well with us, who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders Fields.



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robriggles This #MemorialDay, I'm proud to join @VFWHQ in honoring our fallen by wearing a #BuddyPoppy. #PoppyInMemory



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