



BUDDY POPPY / NATIONAL HOME

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It's hard to believe how quickly this year has gone. I hope everyone has been busy preparing their Buddy Poppy displays for judging at their District Spring Meetings that are coming up this month. Here are the three entry categories:

1. Category 1-Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign. This includes the following: Window, Booth, Parade, Poster Displays, Campaign Promotions, etc.

These displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and the wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy. At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form, color, with the label attached.

2. Category 2-Memorial or Inspirational Displays. This category includes the following: Wreaths, Memorial Tablets, Memorial Plaques, Patriotic or Devotional Themes.

Displays entered in this category must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy. At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form, color, with the label attached.

3. Category 3-Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies. Included in this category is Post Home Displays, Table Centerpieces, Corsages, Pictures, Plaques, Models, Scenes, Hats, Novelty Pieces etc. Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3. Again, at least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form, color, with the label attached.

A white card NO larger than 4x6 may accompany the display. Using BLACK ink you can write an explanation of the theme of your entry. You may want to include the number of poppies used. Your Post Number or Name, City or State (including the shape of your state) may NOT be visible on your entry. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Please Note: The VFW and Buddy Poppy logo and name is authorized to use, however, any use of non VFW trademarks or copyrighted material included on your display must have prior approval from the trademark or copyright holder.

First place entries on the District level, will advance to the Department level judging that will be done in June, at the Department Convention in Topeka.

NATIONAL HOME:

The Kansas Cottage at the National Home is needing our help. The repair fund is dwindling and they are in need of donations. If your Auxiliary would like to make a donation, please mail them to Department Treasurer Jeanette Cox, earmarked Kansas Cottage.

A group of twenty is planning to make the trip to the National Home on April 9th to deliver seeds and the guitars that have been so generously donated. We will share pictures of our travels next month.

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