

Department of PA VFW Buddy Poppy Program Contest

All Poppy Displays from the Post or Auxiliary will be judged in all categories at their District Convention.

All Posts or Auxiliaries will bring their poppies display to their respective District Convention to be judged in all three (3) categories.

All 1st place District winners in each category will advance to the Department Judging. All of the displays will be judge on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) is entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of Poppies used.

There will be three (3) Categories:

Category 1. Public Promotion of Poppy Campaign.

Category 2. Memorial or Inspirational Displays.

Category 3. Artistic or Decorative Use of Poppies.

At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Any display not meeting the qualifications for Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3. At least one Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

DEPARTMENT DISPLAY CONTEST RULES

A Buddy Poppy Display Contest will be held at the annual Department Convention.

1. National Convention Buddy Poppy Display guidelines will be adhered to for the Department Contest.
2. The display area will be announced.
3. The Post or Auxiliary must have purchased Poppies during the current year to be eligible to enter the contest (prior years' purchases may also be used).
4. All displays must have an official display entry form filled out completely. Entry forms will be provided to entries at the Department Convention or by contacting the Department Chairman prior to Convention.
5. All displays must have been assigned a category by the sponsoring Post or Auxiliary. Displays will not be judged if not categorized.
6. The judging will be completed in a closed forum.
7. There will be five (5) judges, two each selected by the VFW and Auxiliary Department Chairman. The Chairperson will select the fifth judge.
8. Judging will take place on Friday after the Patriotic Rally.
9. Contest winners will be announced on Saturday prior to the nomination of officers.
10. The Department will not transport any displays to or from any convention.
11. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place in each category.
12. All displays **MUST** be set up prior to the opening of the VFW Friday morning business session.
13. Displays placing 1st or 2nd in the Department Contest are eligible to advance to the National Contest. The Post or the VFW Auxiliary must notify the Department Adjutant in writing by June 30 if they are attending.