



Poppy Usage Contest

Citations will be presented at the pre-convention district caucuses to units describing how they used the poppy throughout the year.

- Centerpieces, wreaths, and corsages, along with photos of projects that promote poppy usage throughout the year are included in this contest.
- Ms. Poppy Queen or Sr. Poppy Queen winners may also be reported under this category.
- Submit photos (8" x 10") photo with a narrative description of each of your projects or displays to the Department Poppy Chairman throughout the year but final due date for consideration in the Poppy Usage Contest is May 15, 2012

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- Label each photo with the unit name and number, address and name of the person(s) responsible for creating the project.
- The Unit Annual Poppy Report, photos and information about how your unit used the Memorial Poppy throughout the year will be used to determine units to be recognized with a citation.
- Since there will not be a National Poppy Contest held at the National Awareness Assembly this year, the 2011-2012 Poppy Usage Contest voting will take place within the Department with proceeds to be donated to the National Creative Arts Festival.
- Competition will begin at the unit level with voting ballots to be offered for a \$1.00 donation. Members of the American Legion Family and the community are eligible to vote.
- Districts wishing to hold a Poppy Usage Contest should encourage their units to bring their entries or photos of the entries, to the spring meetings for members to vote for a \$1.00 ballot donation.
- All proceeds will be donated to the National Creative Arts Festival. Money collected by units or districts should be sent to Department using the 'Poppy Usage Contest Form' that will be sent in the unit mailing and is also available on the Department website.
- The unit raising the most funds for the National Creative Arts Festival will be recognized at Department Convention and given a citation.
- Winning entries may also be displayed at the Department Convention.