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### **POPPY**

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Please take note that there is an updated copy of Plaques and Awards enclosed in this mailing. There is a change in the Poppy Poster requirements. The requirements no longer state any reference to using the Christian Cross and the Star of David. Also clarified is that all posters will be mailed to me, not to the Department, by May 5, 2018. See the attachment for my address which is on the original and the current copy.

Another change is that the National level is not having a Miss Poppy contest this year for the 13-18 years of age. National is having the Little Miss Poppy Contest for 6-12 years of age. The Department of Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary does want to recognize the hard work of all 13-18 year old young ladies that have been working hard this past year putting together their scrap books and writing their narrative, etc. So at the July Department Convention there will be Little Miss Poppy and Miss Poppy contests as well as the Poppy Centerpiece, Poppy Corsage and Poppy Education Board contests. Remember to use at least one poppy with the white tag removed. Use Department President Donna's theme, "Lighting Veteran's Paths" and entries must have a white envelope under your creation. Do not attach the envelope. Inside the envelope include your name, your Unit number and District. Please print clearly. The lighthouse is President Donna's symbol and may also be included.

Poppy Days are upon us. Please publish a thank you in your local news paper and maybe even include the good works you put those donations toward. Remind our communities that the federal government does not give our veterans everything that they need and that the American Legion Auxiliary is here to help our veterans, active duty military and their families. Remembering that if all conflicts ended today our veterans will still need the American Legion Auxiliary for at least 60 more years. Keeping our vision and our mission, here's to our next 100 years!

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