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Poppy

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Spring is here and along with sunshine flowers appear. Plant a Poppy in memory of someone you have known. Units remember to send out Poppies to your local community to churches, businesses and newspapers. Send a letter and a Poppy to the Mayor in your city. Keep those baskets of Poppies in your Post and hand them out to anyone you meet. Memorial cards can help our Poppy program by displaying them in your Post Home. You can order them through Emblem Sales or make your own. Make sure there is Poppy on each card, printed or a real Poppy. Our Veterans appreciate what we do for them and we appreciate the Veterans who make the Poppies for us. Don't forget to include our Juniors in any Poppy activity. Have your Juniors make cards and give them with a Poppy to the Veterans in local nursing homes. Make sure you let everyone know that is helping with your Poppy distribution that we give our Poppies, we do not sell them. Handing out a Poppy to someone without asking for money makes that person think about the Auxiliary and Veterans. Remember you will get more donations with a smile.

Friday, May 24th is National Poppy Day. Make it a special day and go out and distribute Poppies to everyone you see. I have seen more Poppies on members this year at meetings, rallies, conventions. They are wearing corsages and have our Poppies on their purses. Keep a bunch of Poppies in your car so you have the chance to hand them out.

Like most of you I have been busy with Auxiliary reports for the last few weeks. Each month the Auxiliary is busy one way or another helping our Veterans and our own Post Homes. I am proud of being an Auxiliary member and Very Proud of each and every one of you. The Sun might not always shine outside, however the Auxiliary shines within.

Remember with all that you have to do stop and make some time for you.

God Bless,

Shaaron Barnes
Department Poppy Chairman