

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Illinois
Senior Poppy Contests and Rules 2018-2019

All entries must be judged at the Unit level EXCEPT POPPY POEM AND POPPY HAT (See below). ONLY Official Illinois Poppies are to be used with the paper tags removed. Awards will be given for each contest as follows: **1st Place \$10.00 2nd Place \$6.00 3rd Place \$4.00**

Each entry must have an index card attached with the following required information:

- On the **inside** of the card, print the name of the contest (i.e.: Corsage, Tray Favors, Apparel, etc.), contestant's name, home address, Unit and District numbers.
- Fold the card in half and punch a hole at the top right-hand corner.
- On the **outside** of the folded index card **print** the name of the contest (i.e.: Corsage, Tray Favors, Apparel, etc.) and scotch tape the opening so that no one will be able to read the contestants' name. Attach securely with string to the entry.

Poppy Corsage Contest

1. All corsages must contain no more than 12 poppies.
2. The winning unit Poppy Corsage should be brought to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy display room by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

Poppy Tray Favors

1. A **minimum of 5** official Illinois Poppies are to be used.
2. NO glass or metal containers.
3. The winning unit Poppy Tray Favors should be brought to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy display room by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

*****CHANGED***Poppy Floral Arrangement Contest-Hanging Non-Holiday**

1. The floral arrangement should be made so it can be used in an appropriate setting. It should be done in good taste with the focal point being directed towards the Poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible as long as it can be hung on the wall or from the ceiling.
2. A minimum of 50 and not more than 150 official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.
3. The winning unit Poppy Floral Arrangement Hanging Non-Holiday should be brought to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy display room by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

*****CHANGED***Poppy Floral Arrangement Contest-Table-Non-Holiday**

1. The floral arrangement should be made so it can be used in an appropriate setting. It should be done in good taste with the focal point being directed towards the Poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible as long as it can sit to be displayed and NOT hung.
2. A minimum of 50 and not more than 150 official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.
3. The winning unit Poppy Floral Arrangement Table Non-Holiday should be brought to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy display room by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

*****NEW***Poppy Floral Arrangement Contest-Holiday Hanging**

1. The floral arrangement should be made so it can be used in an appropriate setting. It should be done in good taste with the focal point being directed towards the Poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible as long as it can be hung on the wall or from the ceiling and represents any holiday of your choice.
2. A minimum of 50 and not more than 150 official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.
3. The winning unit Poppy Floral Arrangement Holiday Hanging-should be brought to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy display room by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

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*****NEW***Poppy Floral Arrangement Contest-Holiday Table**

1. The floral arrangement should be made so it can be used in an appropriate setting. It should be done in good taste with the focal point being directed towards the Poppy. Any type of floral arrangement is eligible as long as it can sit to be displayed and NOT hung and represents any holiday of your choice.
2. A minimum of 50 and not more than 150 official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.
1. The winning unit Poppy Floral Arrangement-Holiday table-should be brought to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy display room by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

*****CHANGED***Poppy Apparel Contest-anything EXCEPT Hat**

1. You may use any type of clothing or accessory (i.e. polo shirt, T-shirt, sweatshirt, jacket, skirt, belt, bag, pants, etc.).
2. Must be decorated in good taste with the focal point being directed toward the official Illinois Poppy.
3. The design may be put on with paint, embroidery, cutouts, beads, sequins, etc.
4. The winning unit Poppy Apparel-Non-Hat should be brought to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy display room by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

Poppy Poem Contest ALL entries sent to Dept Chairman, NO UNIT ELIMINATION

1. All entries sent to the Department Chairman. There is no Unit or District elimination.
2. The poem is to be written by an American Legion Auxiliary member.
3. Subject must be about the "little red Poppy", which grew in France at Flanders Field and is reproduced by Disabled Veterans and volunteers.
4. Contest is open to all kinds of verse. Poems should be a minimum of 12 lines and not more than 30 lines.
5. The words 'Buddy Poppy' or 'buy' cannot be used in the poem.
6. The poem is eligible only if it has not been entered in any other competitions.
7. Under the poem, on the same sheet of paper, must appear the member's name, address, Unit name and number, District number, and be identified as Senior entry.
8. Send a copy of your poem postmarked by April 14, 2019, to Michelle L Woodburn; 201 S Maple St, El Paso, IL 61738; 812-305-2164; michellewoodburn@gmail.com

*****NEW***Poppy Hat**

1. You may use any type of hat or headwear.
2. Must be decorated in good taste with the focal point being directed toward the official Illinois Poppy.
3. The design may be put on with paint, embroidery, cutouts, beads, sequins, etc.
4. The winning unit Poppy Hat should be brought to the District Convention and turned in to the District Poppy Chairman for judging. The winning district Poppy Hat should be brought to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy Hat table outside the convention hall doors by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.
5. All District winning hats will be voted on by the convention body for a "People's Choice" award. Tickets will be \$1 per person and only 1 ticket per person is allowed. All proceeds will go to the VA Facilities fund per President Deb. Voting will occur before and after lunch, and after the closing of General Session on Thursday, as well as before opening session on Friday morning. Voting will be closed when the session reconvenes on Friday morning.
6. At the end of the Poppy report, a Fashion show of the hats will be presented to the convention body. The models will be your District Presidents and the winner of the People's Choice Award will be announced at the end of the fashion show, along with the total amount collected during the voting process.