

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Illinois
Senior Poppy Contests and Rules 2017 - 2018

All entries MUST be judged at the Unit level EXCEPT POPPY POEM: All first place entries from EACH Unit are to be brought to the Department Convention – NO DISTRICT ELIMINATION !!!

*****ONLY Official Illinois Poppies are to be used with the paper tags removed*****

Entries are to be brought to Department Convention and turned in to the Poppy display room by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

AWARDS will be given for each contest as follows:
1st Place \$10.00 2nd Place \$6.00 3rd Place \$4.00

Add an index card to each entry. On the **inside** of the card, print the name of the contest, contestant's name, and home address, and 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 and scotch tape the opening so that no one will be able to read the contestants' name. Attach securely with string to the entry. ONLY Official Illinois Poppies are to be used with the paper tags removed.

Poppy Corsage Contest

1. All corsages must contain no more than 12 poppies.

Poppy Tray Favors

1. A **minimum of 5** official Illinois Poppies are to be used.
2. NO glass or metal containers.

Poppy Floral Arrangement Contest

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 (i.e. wall hanging, table centerpiece, fireplace basket, foyer, kitchen, holiday, etc.).
2. A minimum of 50 and not more than 150 official Illinois Poppies shall be used in each arrangement.

Poppy Apparel Contest

1. You may use any type of clothing or accessory (i.e. polo shirt, T-shirt, sweatshirt, jacket, skirt, belt, bag, pants, hat, 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.

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, 2018, to Barbara Ziegenweide, 317 Merchants Ave., #6, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, 53538.