

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota
Department Report - Poppies Program
2020-2021 Mid-Year Report**

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The 2020-2021 administrative year including the poppy program was kicked off with a unit mailing that was distributed to Unit Presidents across the state of North Dakota.

The following items were included along with the Department Poppy Program Work Outline, a copy of the Poppy Coloring Book and the rules, outline, and timeline for the 2020-2021 Poppy Contest. I requested that poppy posters be made by the students and scanned to me by email for judging. This seemed to be the most efficient and safest method for all concerned.

North Dakota units responded to our call to order poppies even with the pandemic still spreading across the state. North Dakota has one Poppy Assembler who resides at the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon, ND. Units have ordered nearly 18,000 small poppies and 1,000 large poppies with the hope they will be able to distribute them in May.

I am proud to be the Poppy Chairman and am encouraged by the wonderful response to the Poppy Program by North Dakota units.