

**Department of Georgia VFW Auxiliary**  
**“Buddy Poppy” VFW National Home For Children**

**June 2020**

It's the month for getting started and with the COVID-10 it's a time of staying at home and social distancing between people to stay well and safe. We have the “Buddy Poppy” to remember our Veterans in hospitals and homes and their families. Also it supports the VFW National Home for Children and their families. The “Buddy” Poppy is the official flower of the VFW since 1922. It represents the blood shed by American service members. Brothers and sisters this first promotional I am challenging all of you to make Georgia shine this year. Let's get busy and do those “Buddy” Poppy drives to support our Veterans. Start at your Post. Set up a table and order pamphlets at ([vfwnationalhome.org](http://vfwnationalhome.org)) and get the Post to participate too.

Sample I am doing for July 4<sup>th</sup> I'm using snack size zip lock bags and putting a “Buddy” Poppy in it and add a 3X5 ½ inch paper with red or blue marker and put a Thank you or your Post/Auxiliary information and/or make a copy of Flanders Field inside. Then put them in a gallon size bag with one Lysol wipe and seal and hand out with gloves on. Ask your members who do not go out to buy 2 for \$1.00 thinking of you cards and have them sign some along with their children's or grands names and send them to the VFW National Children's Home.

Make your signs and posters for your “Buddy” Poppy display table (can enter one in October). For the “Buddy” Poppy contest in Category 1-Public Promotions, make “Buddy” Poppy hats, gloves, headbands, wreaths, etc. to wear at your booth to be noticed. Then enter them (best one) in Category 3-Decorative or Artistic. Then let's fill up our Department hall or room to show your creativity with extras (so many have never seen before). Prizes given.

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