



Department Of North Carolina

Poppy Mid-Year Report

Ladies of the Auxiliary Department of North Carolina,

My name is Bambi Riggsbee-Smith and I am your Poppy Chairwoman for 2018- 2019.

As we go to midterm reports, I apologize for not having contacted you earlier but I assure you that you and the Poppies have never been far from my mind.

1. Has your Unit ordered poppies? If so, how many?
2. If your Unit has not ordered poppies, why not?
3. Has your Unit used poppies to raise funds for veterans? If you have, how have you done so?
4. What are some ways that you distribute poppies?
5. Are you happy with the quality of our poppies?
6. We recently experience a price increase from our supplier, the Dept of Indiana. We will be raising our prices to 25 cents/each (\$25/100). Will this impact your ordering habit?
7. What suggestions to you have for North Carolina to have a more robust Poppy Program.

Sue Gooch, our Southern Division Poppy Chairwoman has said that we are looking for an American Legion Auxiliary 'poppy moment'. That is a concept near and dear to my heart. I am all about the teaching moment. With that in mind, as your poppies were mailed out, you should have gotten a printout with six facts about poppies and a poem.

- Does your unit have any ideas for Mid-Winter Conference competition? Please let me know if you do.
- I do believe anything that gives us more reasons to talk about the Poppy and what it represents is a good thing. What have you done?

As you can see above, I would be open to any 'teaching moment' in a heartbeat. But I'm sure there are many things others can think of. I realize Mid-Year reports are due on the 15th. Please send your ideas with them, if you have them.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year,

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