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From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director
Re: **Weekly Briefing 04-30-2021**

With **Poppy Day** coming up soon, there were some questions floating around about the appropriate use of Poppy Funds. This is a complicated subject so I asked the National Judge Advocate, our Counsel General to weigh in. Here's his response:

"Good Morning - you had two questions regarding poppy funds:

1. Can we use Poppy funds to set up a scholarship for a veteran or his immediate family?

Answer: Yes, the ALA resolution #3 concerning Poppies in resolve #2 allows for the welfare of the family - My opinion is that I believe a scholarship is for the welfare of the family and therefore allowed.

2. Can we give a cash donation to another non-profit to use for an appropriate use if we have a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) specifying the use?

Answer: Yes, as long as the MOU is specifically written to address the use of the funds and has an internal check in place ensuring that the funds are actually used in the specific manner agreed upon in the MOU."

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Please send this information to all your unit members so everyone has the most up-to-date information. Thanks for your help on this!

Join us on Monday, May 3 at Noon Eastern for a kickoff to National Poppy Day®!
How to join:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/alaforveterans>
2. A few minutes before noon, scroll down the page to see the first post. It should say "ALA National Headquarters plans to go live."
3. You should see a video of poppies at about 11:50 a.m. If you do not see it, please refresh your page. We are setting up this pre-video as a way for you to



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- make sure you are in the right place and check your audio before we begin the program.
4. Enjoy the program!

This video will be available on Facebook later and on YouTube.
We will also share it again on National Poppy Day – May 28.

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