



2020 Buddy Poppy Program

Comrades,

Our current situation of self-quarantine has seriously curtailed our ability to operate as we have in the past. I have spoken with comrades throughout the Department and I want to pass on an idea for conducting a short-term Buddy Poppy campaign.

It was suggested that we arrange boxes that permit the distribution of Buddy Poppies and the collection of donation monies without a VFW member being present. Possible locations are gas stations, food stores, manufacturing plants and other businesses that are open for business. We need to ask the owners to allow us to drop off the boxes, restock poppies, and collect donation money.

It is unlikely that we will be able to hold Memorial Day campaigns, but our posts can begin to plan a long-range program that will include Labor Day and Veteran's Day festivities. **Share your ideas with us and let me or one of your State Line Officers know what you are doing.** If you have not done so, order your Buddy Poppies now.

Keep the faith. This virus will eventually be conquered, and we will be back to doing regular VFW business.

Stay safe as you are needed to continue advocating for all veterans,

John R. Wrinkle
State Commander