



HOW TO RECRUIT NEW POPPY MAKERS



Who Can Make Poppies:

The American Legion Auxiliary poppies are handmade by disabled or hospitalized veterans. In the event veterans are not available to make the poppies, then volunteers may be used. These volunteers may consist of active-duty military or American Legion Auxiliary members. Supplies to make poppies are provided for free by the American Legion Auxiliary department in which the poppies are being processed. Only veterans are paid a stipend for their work. Facilities that are likely to have these veterans include VA hospitals, outpatient clinics and state

veterans homes and offer great opportunities to recruit poppy makers.

- Many veterans can be recruited by hanging posters in Volunteer Services offices and on bulletin boards at the above-named facilities or by placing a notice on bulletin boards at military bases. Ask a staff member to be the contact person so that no one member's contact information is widely spread. You may also recruit veterans from your local chapter of Disabled American Veterans, nearby American Legion posts or AMVETS.
- Meet with the VA staff members who instruct creative arts and recreational therapy (creative arts therapists, recreational and occupational therapists or craft care specialists).
 - This is also an opportunity to get these veterans involved in a Veterans Creative Arts Festival, if the facility isn't already involved. If they do participate in VCAF, see if you can help.
- Check with your department headquarters before soliciting new poppy makers to ensure additional volunteers are needed and you do not infringe on your department's policies.

IMPORTANT NOTE: NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS AWARE THAT THE DEPARTMENTS OF MICHIGAN, OREGON, AND OHIO DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A PROCESS TO ACCEPT DISABLED VETERANS WHO ARE NOT HOSPITALIZED INTO THEIR POPPY-MAKING PROGRAM.

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**ATTENTION, DISABLED OR
HOSPITALIZED AMERICAN VETERANS:**



DO YOU WANT TO EARN
EXTRA MONEY?
MAKE MEMORIAL POPPIES
FOR

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