

## **60<sup>th</sup> Annual Buddy Poppy King And Queen Essay Contest**

Veterans of Foreign War programs generate public awareness about the VFW, generate local news, and show local veterans that we are a vibrant, active veterans' organization in their community. The **VFW Buddy Poppy Program** is just one of our many community programs.

For more than 97 years, the **Veterans of Foreign Wars Buddy Poppy Program** has raised millions of dollars in support of the veterans' welfare and the well-being of their dependents. The **Buddy Poppy King and Queen** contest is a long-standing tradition of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of North Carolina and Auxiliary. The effort and importance associated with reviving and continuing this program cannot be understated.

All Posts/Auxiliaries are encouraged to take the time to learn more about the program and create a post **Buddy Poppy King and Queen Committee** to build enthusiasm for this program. There is a two-fold importance to **Buddy Poppies**. It's truly all about veterans helping our veterans and living up to our motto of "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living." Each Post and Auxiliary should think about sponsoring a post **Buddy Poppy King and Queen Contest**. This promotion allows an opportunity to teach our youth about the importance of the **Buddy Poppy** and also helps with public awareness of the **VFW Buddy Poppy**.

The **Buddy Poppy King and Queen Contest** is open to all girls and boys between the ages of 10 - 12.

The Entrant from your Post/Auxiliary should write a handwritten essay entitled "**What is the purpose of the "Buddy" ® Poppy and how has it impacted your life**" and should be involved in the distribution of the Poppies. In addition, each entrant needs to attach a 4" x 6" picture of themselves and should be actively involved in patriotic and community activities. Entries should be received by Department Chairman by **September 6, 2019**. The winners will be recognized at the Fall Council of Administration meeting and will receive a monetary award.

What better way to "Serve from the Heart for Our Veterans" than to participate in a program where the donations received serve one of this country's most noble resources, the millions of men and women who served and fought for our freedom. A **Buddy Poppy King and Queen Contest** will definitely "**Create a Recipe for Success**" for your Post/Auxiliary!

*For assistance, additional information and submission of nominations, contact:*

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(pictured 2016 VFW Buddy Poppy Queen McKenna Coley  
with 2016/17 VFW Department of NC Commander Doug Blevins)





## 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Buddy Poppy King/Queen Contest Application 2019

### **Sponsors Information**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Post/Auxiliary information and Address:

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Post/Auxiliary Contact Name and phone #:

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### **Contestant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardians Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**List the Contestants participation in the Buddy Poppy Program (attach additional paper if needed):**

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**List the Contestants participation in Patriotic and Community Activities (attach additional paper if needed):**

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*Post Buddy Poppy Chairman*

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*Post Commander*

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*Auxiliary Buddy Poppy Chairman*

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*Auxiliary President*

**NOTE: Application MUST be attached with essay entry. Please See Cover Sheet for NEW essay topic.**