

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT NORTH CAROLINA  
BUDDY POPPY KING AND QUEEN

***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 100 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 Poppy. 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 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 9 - 12.

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 contest information, please see the Rules for the Contestant (2024-2025).

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**Rules for contest (2024-2025)**

1. Contest is open to all boys and girls, ages 9 thru 12 (by 1 January 2025.)
2. Each Post and/or Auxiliary's sponsoring a Buddy Poppy Contestant should supply the following information on the application:
  - a. Contestant's full name & age
  - b. Contestant's Parent/Guardian name, address, and phone number.
  - c. Contestant name of school.
  - d. Sponsoring Post/Auxiliary name, number, and contact information.
  - e. District number of the sponsoring Post/Auxiliary.
  - f. Recent photograph of contestant (Put contestants name on the back of photo. Do not attach photo to entry. Photo will be removed prior to judging).
  - g. Contestant's participation in the Buddy Poppy program.
  - h. Contestant's participation in patriotic, and community activities.
  - i. Original Application with signatures.
3. Contestants should be judged on the following:
  - a. Essay Topic
  - b. Penmanship
  - c. Patriotic Activities
  - d. Community Service
4. In the Contestant's own handwriting a detailed essay about, **"The "Buddy Poppy", Honors the Dead, by Helping the Living, please explain what this means to you & how you represent this in your life."**
5. Any use of A.I. assistance in the creation of an essay is **forbidden**.
6. Post/Auxiliary entries should arrive to the Department Chairperson's by Wednesday, January 9, 2025. Entries arriving after that date may not be considered for the competition. Each Post /Auxiliary should have a Buddy Poppy Contestant entry. A boy and/or girl (King and Queen) entry forms' will be judged on the Department level.
7. Department winners of the King/Queen Contest will receive the Title of Buddy Poppy King/Queen, crowns, and a monetary award. This will be presented at the Winter Council of Administration in February 2025.
8. The Department will furnish, one (1) night hotel stay (host hotel) and Three (3) banquet tickets to the Winter Council meeting for the Department winners and their Parents/Guardian.
  - a. If the family wishes to purchase additional banquet tickets in advance, for other siblings or family members, they can be pre-paid only in advance through the Department Quartermaster, for \$50 each. (Dept QM Office: 919.828.5058)
9. Winners will be notified by the Department Buddy Poppy Chairperson.

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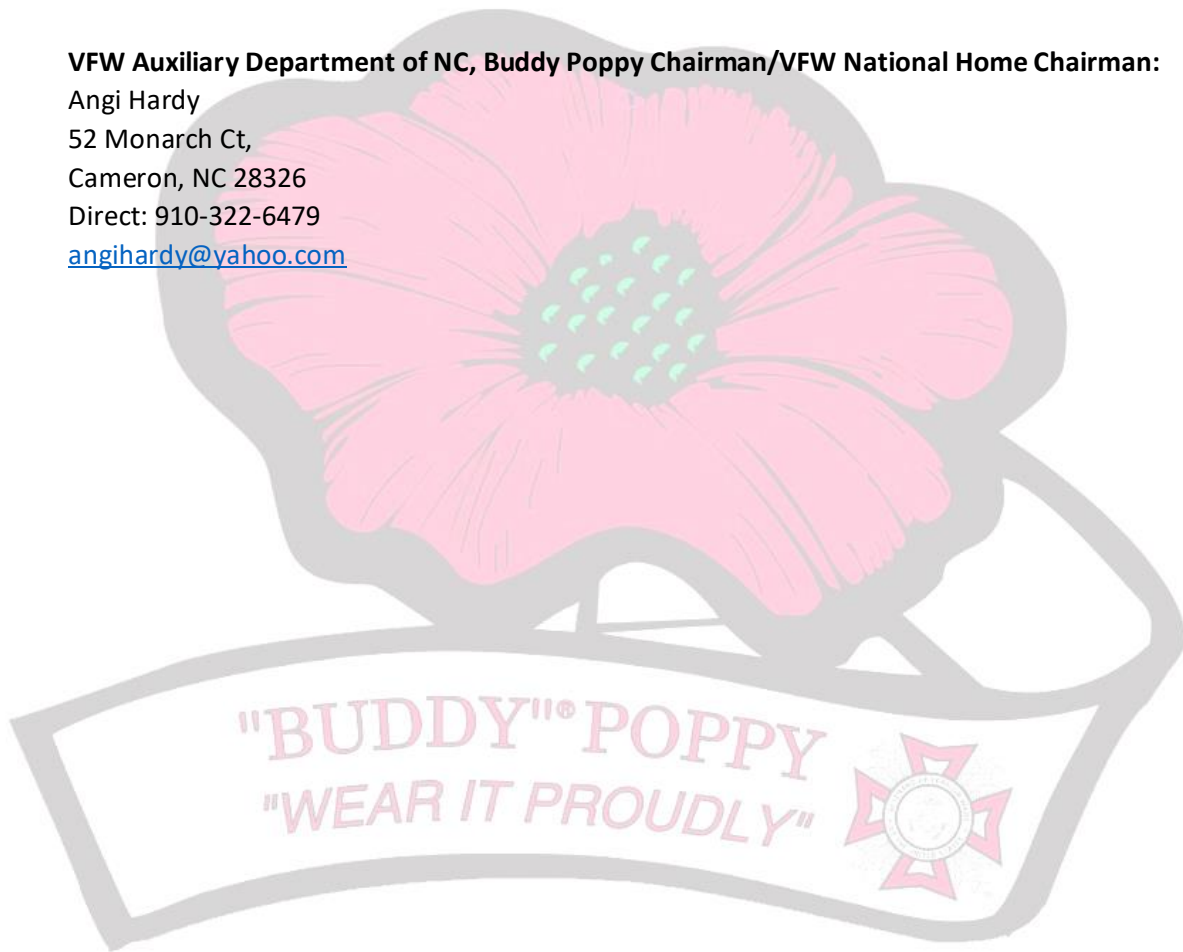
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**Application 2024-2025**

**Please Print Clearly**

**Sponsors Information:**

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

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

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

Post/Aux Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contestants Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

List the Contestants participation in the Buddy Poppy Program (Use Additional Paper if Needed):

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List the Contestants participation in the Patriotic and Community Activities (Use Additional Paper if Needed):

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Note: Application must be completely filled out. Must include essay entry and photo. Please see Rules for Contest for essay topic.

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Post Commander Name & Signature:

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Auxiliary President Name & Signature:

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VFW Buddy Poppy Chairman Name & Signature:

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VFW AUX Buddy Poppy Chairman Name & Signature:

