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IN FLANDERS FIELDS

by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields



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Poppy Days Are Here For a Reason

The red poppy has connected generations of veterans, service members and their families with civilians in remembering all those who have fallen. The VFW's "Buddy"® Poppy program has honored those who have sacrificed by raising millions of dollars to support veterans' well-being for over 75 years. The American Legion also participates in having their poppy sales as well. Keep a watch out for sales in your particular area; some will be this coming weekend and others over the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Buddy Poppy

Before Memorial Day in 1922, we conducted our first poppy distribution, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, as it remains today.

During our 1923 encampment, we decided that VFW "Buddy"® Poppies would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. The next year, disabled veterans at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh assembled VFW Buddy Poppies. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time.

In February 1924, we registered the name Buddy Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting our organization all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. We've made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name Buddy Poppy.

Today, our Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home For Children.

Secretary Perdue Announces Creation of Undersecretary for Trade Reorganization of USDA Elevates Rural Development as Department Priority



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue
Submitted by USDA

Cincinnati, OH – May 11, 2017 – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced the creation of an undersecretary for trade and foreign agricultural affairs in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), a recognition of the ever-increasing importance of international trade to American agriculture. Perdue made the announcement standing by barges filled with agricultural products along the banks of the Ohio River. As part of a reorganization of USDA, Perdue also announced the standing up of a newly-named Farm Production and Conservation mission area to have a customer focus and meet USDA constituents in the field. Finally, Perdue announced that the department's Rural Development agencies would be elevated to report directly to the secretary of agriculture in recognition of the need to help promote rural prosperity. **Continued on Pg. 22**



The American Legion Poppy (L), VFW Buddy Poppy (R)

Six Interesting Facts About The Poppy Provided by the American Legion

As we celebrate Memorial Day in May, many Americans often wear a poppy to honor our military service members. Here are a few facts you may not have known about the small red flower.

1. After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed to soils in red poppy World War I France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble that resulted from the war. The red flowers also were commonly seen around the gravesites of fallen service members.
2. In 1918, Moina Michael popularized the idea of wearing a poppy flower in memory of the war dead. She was moved by Lt. Col. McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields," when she wrote the following response: "... the blood of heroes never dies, But lends a luster to the red Of the flower that blooms above the dead In Flanders Field." Michael later started a campaign to adopt the poppy as the national symbol of sacrifice.
3. On Remembrance Day, a national holiday in France and Belgium, the poppy is often worn to symbolize the sacrifices made by service members around the world during World War I.
4. The American Legion Auxiliary, the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, passes out paper poppies on Memorial Day and throughout the year to raise funds for veterans. The red poppies serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by fallen service members. The poppies also are sometimes worn on Veterans Day.
5. Poppies have a long history of being used to honor the dead, with them having roots in Greek and Roman mythology.
6. The poppy is the official state flower of California.



In Observance of Memorial Day

The Hub office will be closed Monday, May 29, 2017.
Deadline for the June 1, 2017 issue will be Thursday, May 25 at 12 noon.

Friday, May 19, 2017

Eric Phillips 29th Anniversary Classic-
American Power Sports of Findlay
& Sandusky Night
FAST 410 Sprints, UMP Late Models
FAST 305 Sprints Presented by
Gressman Powersports
Gates Open: 5 p.m. - Racing: 7:45 p.m.

