



To All Sisters and Brothers.

Happy New Year May 2024 Bring you Happiness, Peace and Health.

I hope all have ended their year with many good intentions and well wishes for our Veterans, and let's all Officially say Goodbye to 2023!!!

Did you know that VFW conducted its first poppy distribution before Memorial Day of 1922?

Making it the first Veterans organization to organize a nationwide distribution, neat huh??

The Poppy has been a part of this organization for many, many years, so by now we should all know what

It is and what to do with our poppy. But did you know that are poppies are assembled by disabled and needy veterans, who provide them for financial assistance?

In Malta under member resources, you will find tons of information regarding the poppy, and many items that could be used to distribute, or to educate.

How about maybe when the children get back to school see if you can reach out to a school and work with a classroom have them draw poppies cards, or poppy placemats that you could give to Nursing homes and ask if they can place them on the trays of the Veterans. Or get a class to make poppies. If you look on google there are lots of patterns for children to make poppies. Using pipe cleaners, and crept paper, get on and look at the many ways they can make poppies.

Or poppy is a pretty little red flower with a tremendous amount of meaning for all of us to share with others and distribute.

So, whenever you are having a function of any kind don't forget to put out those poppies and poppy cans.

Let us not forget that we as volunteers are all devoting our time and even money to such a worthy cause

OUR VETERANS!!!!!!!!!!

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