



PROMOTIONAL FOR DECEMBER

Hello to All;

Holidays are here are we are cooking and shopping and all getting ready for the Holiday's, boy this year has gone by so quickly, don't you agree.

As the poppy has a common symbol that has been used to represent everything from, peace to death and even simple sleep. Since ancient times poppies placed on tombstones represent eternal sleep, additionally, poppies are used as a symbol around the world to remember those who died in military service. "Lest we Forget" Poppies are significant because of cultural interpretation that these flowers promise resurrection, red poppies flowers strongly became a symbol of remembrance because of Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae and American professor Moina Michael. McCrae was a poet and soldier during World War 1 and is best known for his war memorial poem in Flanders Fields. In this Poem McCrae referred to the red poppies that grew over the graves of the fallen soldiers and started the remembrance symbolism of the red poppy flowers, After the conclusion on the world War 1 in 1918 Moina Michael wrote a response poem we shall keep the faith that officially declared that red poppies flowers world be a year round honor for the soldiers who had died in combat.

Today the memory of the poppy has become the world's most recognized memorial symbols for fallen soldiers. This has continued till today. As I conclude my promotion this month as your out shopping, how about purchasing a special gift for a friend that includes a poppy, or maybe the poem or the book written by Moina Michael as a gift for a young child.

Again, let's not forget to continually think about the many ways we can distribute our poppies to our communities.

Happy Holidays from my family to yours

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