



**VFWA NEW MEXICO
BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM
Dominique Garcia Program Chair 2026-2027**



Promotional August 2026

**VFW Auxiliary National Ambassador - Donna Marie King
VFW State Auxiliary President - Michelle Dennisson
VFW State Auxiliary Secretary - Betty Decker**

August is here, children are back in school and this Auxiliary year has officially started!

**We are at National Convention waiting to hear and learn about this years programs and goals.
There are many creative Buddy Poppy Displays here.**

Start thinking about Buddy Poppy drives- they go hand in hand with membership drives... When you hand out a membership application give them a Buddy Poppy and take a minute to explain what it is.

There are many ways to decorate and use the Buddy Poppy. Be creative and think outside the box.

- Wrap them around silverware**
- Around a lollie pop**
- Pen or pencil**
- Create centerpieces with them**
- Corsages**

Think about how you can share the history of the Buddy Poppy within your community or even just within your post and auxiliary. Some members may not know the history.

Don't forget we have Department training in Las Cruces September 19th at VFW Post 6917. More information is to come. But remember this is open to ALL members, the more the merrier.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.

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