



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



Promotional July 2026

VFW Auxiliary National Ambassador - Donna Marie King

VFW State Auxiliary President - Michelle Dennisson

VFW State Auxiliary Secretary - Betty Decker

Welcome to the 2026-2027 year!

Congratulations to the new slate of officers and chairmen! It is nice to see new members in the chairmanship positions! Let's make it a great year!

My name is Dominique C. Garcia, I am your department Buddy Poppy chairman for the 2026-2027 year. I am not creative but I have always loved seeing the Buddy Poppy displays at the National Convention. We have been lucky and had a 1st place winner from New Mexico, so I hope we can get many displays at the Department Convention and then on to National.

Goals:

- Education on the Buddy Poppy
- Buddy Poppy Distribution
- Buddy Poppy Display Contest

Remember there are two styles of the Buddy Poppy:

- Traditional flower Poppy
- Tin Poppy

Awards:

- Citation and \$25 to one VFW Auxiliary in each conference for the most outstanding activity and/or event to educate their community about the VFW Buddy Poppy

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

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