



# The Buddy Poppy Program

## 100% of Funds Raised Support Veteran-In-Need Programs

**HISTORY:** Since 1922, the VFW has distributed the red poppy flower, a symbol of the honored fallen veterans of World War I onward, to support Veterans in Need programs.



**COLLECTION:** Post 1177 conducts Buddy Poppy Fundraising Drives during Memorial Day and Veterans Day weekends. The Post accepts donations year round.

**FACT:** All Buddy Poppies are manufactured by disabled veterans who make them in remembrance of their comrades (“buddies”) who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

In Flanders Fields  
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.

