



American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program

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Every year, we receive many questions about proper use of poppy funds. The following is a quick reference of what is and is not allowable.

Poppy funds CAN be used:

1. For rehabilitation of all veterans honorably discharged from US Armed Forces after April 6, 1917.
2. For the welfare of families of veterans honorably discharged from U.S. armed forces after April 6, 1917.
3. For the rehabilitation of hospitalized military service personnel returning home and awaiting discharge who require treatment in service hospitals.
4. For transportation expenses of volunteer hospital workers and the purchase of volunteer hospital workers' uniforms, if a department of the American Legion Auxiliary so desires.

Poppy funds CANNOT be used:

1. For any community service project that is not strictly for the veteran or the welfare of his/her family.
2. As an investment to bring profit to the unit.
3. For active-duty military programs.
4. For POW/MIA programs.
5. For Gold Star Mother memberships.
6. For Auxiliary Emergency Fund.
7. For making contributions to charities or research foundations.
8. Girls State fees.
9. General fund contributions.
10. Post or unit beautification projects.
11. General maintenance.
12. Shipping items to active-duty military.
13. Flagpole for ceremonies.
14. For scholarships where the eligibility does not specify veterans or their children.
15. Josh Dog projects.

Please consult the Auxiliary Unit Handbook for additional information about the Poppy Program.