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Hello Brothers and Sisters

We have had our Training Academies; it was great to see everyone who was able to attend. I hope that you came away with good information.

In 1924, the VFW registered the name “Buddy”® Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office. The “Buddy”® Poppy represents the blood shed by American military service members and reminds us of their sacrifices. The “Buddy”® Poppy is assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA medical facilities. Proceeds from the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy program: • Provide compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies. • Provide financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs.

- Partially supports the VFW National Home for Children.

Displays of the Buddy Poppy contests will be presented and judged in three categories: CATEGORY 2. Memorial or Inspirational Displays (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes) (a) Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy. (b) At least one (1) of the poppies used in the display must be in its original form and color, with a label attached.

“Honoring the Past while Embracing the Future”,
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