**VFW Department of Maryland Buddy Poppy and Loyalty Day Q&A Contest**

**Instructions 2025-2026**

**Deadlines are as follows:**

**Early November** – Post level contests

**Mid-Late November** – District level contests

**1 December 2025-** District winner entry form with signature endorsements due to Department Youth Chairman: Must arrive to: Dr. Christine Sandoval, 1075 Loving Road, Severn, MD 21144 (443-223-8436) or christine.c.sandoval@gmail.com

**Early December 2025**: Department level contest; location and time TBD based on students’ schedules

**Contest Guidelines**

1. Posts must provide interested contestants the questions and answers at least one week prior to the contest
2. Student, Parent, Post, and District officials must sign the registration form (check status of contestant)
3. Contestants must be in high school; They will wear business attire: for males- dress slacks, long sleeve shirt, tie (jacket optional); for females (modest-knee length or longer) dress, skirt and blouse, or dress slacks and blouse.
4. Criteria for scoring for both tests: same five questions selected randomly for the contestants (max ten points for each question for a total of 50 points). Recitation of the poem ‘In Flanders Fields’ for Buddy Poppy and the Pledge of Allegiance for Loyalty Day use the following criteria (ten points each)- accuracy, poise, personality, appearance, and overall presentation (for another 50 points). Max score of 100.
5. Districts only need to submit via email two items for their District winners to Department:
6. The completed and signed participant entry form to [christine.c.sandoval@gmail.com](mailto:christine.c.sandoval@gmail.com) to register their winner for the Department contest, **and**
7. **This form** with the following information:

District #\_\_\_\_\_Commander name, phone, email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

District Auxiliary President, name, phone, email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

District Chairman name, phone, email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

District Auxiliary Chair, name, phone, email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Post #\_\_\_\_\_Commander name, phone, email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Post Auxiliary President, name, phone, email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Post Chairman name, phone, email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Post Auxiliary Chair, name, phone, email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Department 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Buddy Poppy and Loyalty Day Q&A contest winners will be recognized at the Annual Patriotic Awards Ceremony in January 2026.**