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Dexter, Missouri - Every year I can't wait to get my new Poppy and display it proudly on my rearview mirror! After a year it gets so sun bleached. Well tomorrow, Saturday, May 25th is the day.

The VFW will be located at the intersections of Wal-Mart, Cox Corner, Walnut/Vine passing out their Poppies and collecting donations for the local post between the hours of 8 and noon.

They use the money to help those Veterans in need. Please consider a donating to them.

Here is a little history from the VFW Organization website:

"Before Memorial Day in 1922, they conducted their first poppy distribution, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, as it remains today.

During their 1923 encampment, they decided that VFW "Buddy"® Poppies would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. The next year, disabled veterans at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh assembled VFW Buddy Poppies. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time.

In February 1924, they registered the name Buddy Poppy with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting their organization all trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. They've made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name Buddy Poppy.

Today, their Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals.

The VFW Buddy Poppy program provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home For Children. Show your support today. Host a Buddy Poppy drive in your town, or have your local government issue a special proclamation."

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