

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Although most Post Chairmen should have contacted the schools and youth organizations with our scholarship programs in the spring, late August is the perfect time to reconnect with the teachers and youth leaders to remind them of our programs and the deadlines in November. The "It's About Service Chairman's Guide" – which has historically contained all the different VFW Programs information in one manual, has been discontinued, and in its place, the VFW Programs office has designed five (5) separate chairman's manuals for each Program area. These manuals are:

- 1.) Scholarships (with Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award information.)
- 2.) Youth Activities (includes Cadet Recognition Programs, NRA, Sons of the VFW and Scouting information.)
- 3.) Community Activities (includes Citizenship Education, Flag Etiquette, Volunteerism, Loyalty Day, Community Service Programs and Awards information.)
- 4.) Safety (includes the Law Enforcement/Fire/EMT Public Servant Awards and Recognition Awards information.)
- 5.) Buddy Poppy.

Each manual can be found online at [http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org/default.asp?category\\_id=324](http://www.vfwdepartmentresources.org/default.asp?category_id=324)

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## RECOGNITION: National Awards

**Congratulations to the VFW  
National Scout of the Year  
Award winners for 2009-2010:**

**First Place** \$5,000 scholarship:  
Robert Morgan, **Department of  
California**

**Second Place** \$3,000 scholarship:  
Thomas Price, **Department of  
Colorado**

**Third Place** \$1,000 scholarship:  
Jonathon Yarde, **Department of  
Indiana.**

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## BUDDY POPPY:

### Buddy Poppy Distribution Totals.

Distribution of poppies for the 2009 – 2010 year almost reached the goal of surpassing the previous year's total, however, it fell short by 268,500. Veterans Day Total - \$6,067,500, Memorial Day Total - \$5,855,000 with a combined total of \$11,922,500. (Amounts arrived at an estimated \$1.00 per poppy purchased.)

Minnesota led the nation with 875,500. Fifteen Departments met or surpassed their previous year's total Buddy Poppy Distribution.

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## SPECIAL INTEREST NOTES:

**Important Dates:** VFW National Convention in Indianapolis

VFW Programs Workshop of Interest

**PLEASE CHECK SCHEDULE FOR ROOM INFORMATION:**

**Tuesday, Aug. 24 1:00 p.m. "The Successful Post"**