



Buddy Poppy

My name is Theodora “Theresa” Montague. I joined the VFW Auxiliary in 1982 under my father, Thomas L. Cayruth Sr., a World War II veteran, and Life Member of Post 4242. I am now a Life Member of Auxiliary 4262 and the National Home.

I have served six terms as Auxiliary President, two years as District 2 President in the 1980s, and as Department President for 2017–2018. I also served as Department President for the American Legion and have held several chairmanships at all levels.

I have two daughters who are also Auxiliary members, along with five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two of my granddaughters are veterans.

My hobbies include fishing and gardening.

My goal for this program year is to raise public awareness of the Buddy Poppy as the flower of remembrance for our everyday heroes. It is my hope to assist all South Carolina Auxiliaries to be successful in this program. I look forward to collaborating with you this year and welcome your suggestions.