



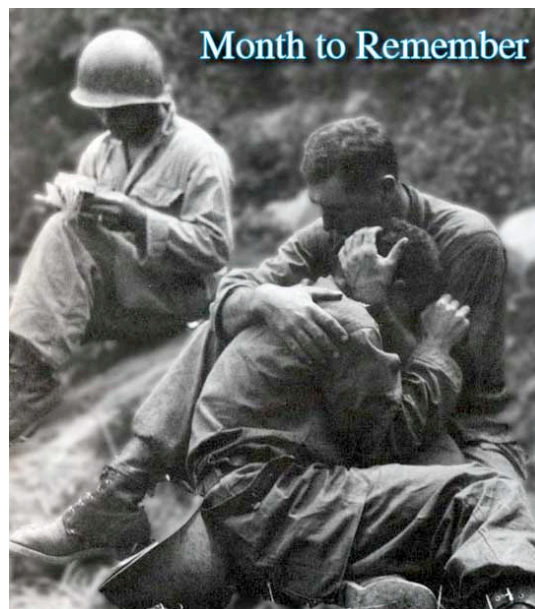
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In War, Everyday is Memorial Day

Those of you who have been with the Quilts of Valor Foundation know Memorial Day is everyday. It is good for the country as a whole to stop and reflect on the *real* meaning of this day and what it truly represents.

The quoteable I have chosen is a recent email from the spouse of a returning soldier from the 82nd Airborne. She wrote asking if there was a POC (point of contact) because if there wasn't one, she wanted do it. Her description of why she wanted to be this POC compelled me to want to cover every single deployed servicemember.

The image that follows was taken during the Korean War. Soldier is being comforted by a buddy after he lost his friend. The corpsmen in the background is filling out the paperwork. To me, this picture and the quoteable keep me going no matter what.



Quoteable

My name is SA. I was wondering if you already have a POC (point of contact) for Fort Bragg at Womack Army Medical. If so, will you please pass along my contact information or his or hers to me. If not, I would like to volunteer to start this program for the 82nd. You see, the entire Division has just returned, including my husband, and many of them are in deep mourning. They lost a great many men last year, and the hurt is apparent in their eyes. All over the post, there are men in wheelchairs or on crutches. As the spouse of someone who came through the fire, I have a deep need to be involved and thank these men and women. I pray that there is some way I can help. I am also a quilter, and began my first QOV yesterday. Thank you for your time!

SA

In Closing

Your involvement in covering our war wounded with your wartime quilts is key in their long road to recovery. We know Memorial Day is everyday. Pass the word along!

Still at war; still quilting,



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