

February 2007 QOV Newsletter

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I am a little ashamed to share this with you given my position in our community but I am zero for ten. What does this mean? It means I have zero completed and sent qovs out of the ten I have committed to make this calendar year for the QOV Challenge. When I was coming up with a number for the QOV Challenge, the number ten popped right up. After thinking about it for a second or two, I knew why. You do too. We know that for every combat killed servicemember, there are between 10-15 wounded. So, let's do the math. Total number killed in Iraq/Afghanistan on Feb. 13, 2007-→3,484. That gives us a range between 34,840 and 52,260 wounded. That's a lot of wounded no matter how you slice it. If you are wondering about the value of such quilts, read an email a quilter just received from a marine CPL and his wife.

I received the quilt in the mail today, It's amazing thank you so much, words can't express how I feel it is nice to know that there are people who care about what I, and so many others have gone through, and are still going through. It means more than you know. My three year old son absolutely loves the quilt, as soon as I opened it he jumped in to it and covered up. Please tell Marsha thank you as well, her work is amazing, what a beautiful art. Thanks again, sincerely CPL R. H. R.

His wife wrote:

I am R's wife C., I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your kindness to my husband, we are both very grateful to know that there are people who care about what our service men and women are enduring day after day as this war rages on. Thank you again so much.

God bless you and your family, The R's.

So back to my zero for ten. My top #1 is at the longarmers and #2 is being cut out. I may be busy doing administrative stuff but there is absolutely no excuse for me not to make my ten quilts for our wounded, for we are a nation at war! Just imagine...if everyone on my mailing list (1,500) would make ten quilts, we'd have 15,000 for 2007. And, as an added incentive to make qovs this year, you will earn two free raffle tickets for two beautiful quilts that Marcia Stevens and her group are doing.

Finally, I am asking those in the qov community to put their completed qovs for 2007 after their name. What's your number?

Still at war; still quilting,
Catherine Roberts 0/10
Founder/Director QOV Foundation

Raffle Quilts!-->Marcia

Washington Post Article

Just in case you missed the Washington Post article, here is the link. It was well written and researched http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/01/30/AR2007013001871_2.html

You must register but it only takes a few moments and is worth the aggravation.

Web-Redo

The boys are working on our new site. June and I got a sneak preview and it looks "marvelous"! The roll out date should be the end of February.

QOV Store

We have new items for sale. The QOV bags are going like hotcakes. Carole in Maine is handling all the shipping which is a challenge because she recently had foot surgery. But she hobbles quite nicely to the Post Office to get your orders out in a timely fashion.

I apologize for the antiquatedness of our shopping cart. I am presently choosing to use the basic shopping cart from Google because it is FREE. No sur-charge which means all the monies go directly to the Foundation. As soon as I can update the cart to allow for multiple orders, I will. In the meantime, please have patience.

If you are having a show where you'd like to sell magnets/bags/pins, please contact me and we can discuss a discounted price.

Printing->Nancy

Donations->We are well on our way to paying for the web-redo and other items needed for the Foundation.

Fabric offer-> I have had an offer in the DC area of cotton fabric.

read the article in the Washington Post and the program sounds wonderful. I have quite a bit of cotton fabric and am ready to admit I will not use it in this lifetime. Is there a way I can donate it to people who would use it to make the quilts. I live in the DC suburbs in Maryland. Sometimes on my way home from work I see military "ambulance buses" carrying wounded who have arrived at Andrews AFB to Walter Reed or Bethesda hospitals for care. It

is just so sad. I really hope there is a way my fabric can be put to use.
Betsy Campana Anyone interested should contact: campanas@erols.com

Handsewing, Inklingo and QOVS

I love hand work, redwork and appliqué. So when I took a handsewing class taught by Linda Franz three years ago, I had no idea that those seeds would bear fruit now. Remember I told you about Janice, Nancy and Mary who went to an Illinois Federal Penitentiary to teach female inmates how to sew? They gave classes only taking the cut out block pieces, needles and thread. The women ended up making 9 completed hand sewn sampler quilts which were all hand quilted. These Quilts of Valor were sent to a women's program for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in New Mexico.

Janice's group inspired me to do the same. I am teaching two sewing classes. One class is with four women near my home and the other is at the Naval Academy where the mids are making a Quilt of Valor for one of their own ('05) who was seriously wounded in Iraq.

My teaching has all of a sudden been made 100% easier with Linda's new program Inklingo which allows you to print sewing seam lines on the wrong side of the fabric. If you are at all interested in hand sewing, I highly recommend you go to www.lindafranz.com. Linda has made two DVD's that give you step by step instructions on how to hand piece.

QOV DVD 2007

It happened when I least expected it. My windows computer crashed and I lost EVERYTHING. My backup hard drive also crashed. I had all your QOV images stored there. They are all in cyber heaven.

IF you want your qov on the QOV DVD 2007, please send your high resolution pixs to cath@qovf.org.

I apologize for the loss and aggravation of having to locate and resend. QOV DVD shld be out in March.

TAX TIME

You can take up to \$250 deductions without a receipt. Our EIN number is: EIN 20-2474691.

Pentagon Quilts

I have the Pentagon Quilts and will post them after my trip to the Pentagon which should be early March.

Getting Donations

Ladies and gentlemen. Don't be shy! Ask for what you need to make quality quilts. Quilt store fabric is expensive. Our servicemembers merit the best. Make a date to speak to your local rotary, Lions clubs. Take someone who has been to Iraq with you. If you don't know anyone, call your local military recruiter and they will get someone for you. I tell people I am merely an "Ed Sullivan" introducing the main event which is my combat warrior.

Also take along a TOP, batting and BACKING to explain exactly what a quilt is. Print a picture of a longarm machine with a quilt loaded. It will help immensely.

Finally

We are a nation at war. War ravages everyone involved. Again I recommend you read/listen to "Operation Homefront". Listen to this podcast from a military historian who embedded with the 3C marine squad in Fallujah. His book is "We Were One." My son who recently got out of the Army with an honorable discharge and purple heart was asked by a group of young middle class Americans, "Is it really as bad as the media says it is?". My son answered without missing a beat, "Yep. And, worse."

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