



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Lori Thompson

The weather is heating up here in Colorado and I'm finding myself in my basement sewing room more and more, enjoying the cool space and creative time. I do enjoy the summer here, but I also love nesting in my sewing room and quilting on a really hot summer day. I also love researching ideas and supplies that inspire me to quilt. This made me think of the resources QOVF has to help make Quilts of Valor. I thought it would be a good opportunity to highlight some of those resources and programs.

Superior Threads Discount Program—Superior Threads offers QOVF members an opportunity to purchase thread in popular colors used for Quilts of Valor at a discount. Be sure to check out the article in this month's newsletter on how members can benefit from this partner discount. Jim and Joan Wobbleton, members of the Myrtle Beach Shorebirds QOV, volunteer and coordinate this program for QOVF and



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are a great resource for interested groups and members.

QOVF Quilt Business Members—There are over 80 quilt businesses across the US that are a part of QOVF's Shop Business Membership program. These shops support QOVF on a national level as well as supporting QOV groups in their community. I encourage you to check out our entire list of shop members on our [website](#). If there's a shop in your area, consider stopping in to shop or thank them for their support.

QOVF Vendor Program—Many of our QOV groups take advantage of QOVF's member discount with fabric and batting suppliers. For the past few years, Foust Textiles, Marshall Dry Goods, and Pellon have offered significant discounts to QOV groups. QOVF has a process to allow groups to buy from these companies with purchase orders. This allows groups to directly order from these companies and QOVF pays the companies directly to hopefully simplify the purchasing process. If your group is not ordering from these vendors, but would like to learn more, please check out information on setting up purchase orders with each company on the Member Dashboard.

Fabric, patterns, and supplies from QOVF Partners—Over the past few weeks, some of our quilt industry

partners have shared some new resources. Recently we partnered with the Fat Quarter Shop who offered the Liberty Box, which contained a pattern and supplies to start a Quilt of Valor. Part of the proceeds of the sale of the Liberty Box were donated back to QOVF. Quilting Daily offered some fun, free patterns to our members last month. Another partner, Fontana Originals, created new patterns for Quilts of Valor and shared them on Facebook Live with AccuQuilt. We shared info for the Liberty Box and Quilting Daily patterns through emails to our members and have more info about Fontana Originals in this month's newsletter.

I hope these resources will be helpful. I'm always open to learning about ideas and resources that you feel will support you best in creating Quilts of Valor and delivering our QOVF mission. It's always great to learn about fun, new quilting resources, too. If you have heard of a great pattern, notion, or resource that you think would help you or your group create Quilts of Valor, please let me know. Feel free to reach out to me with ideas and thoughts at executive.director@qovf.org and share more. I hope you all have a great summer and enjoy making some great quilts!

HONORING A SPECIAL WWII PILOT

by Kathy Millbrand, Group Leader
Sew Happy Scrappers, Southeast Michigan

July 2 was a great start to the 4th of July holiday weekend! Sew Happy Scrappers chapter in Michigan was honored to award a Quilt of Valor to a special woman. Ann H. served during World War II as an Air Force Pilot. She was also a part of the Intelligence Department during this time. Ann celebrated her 100th birthday in February. In connection with that special occasion, a friend who works at the Assisted Living Complex where Ann now resides thought how wonderful it would be for her to be awarded a quilt for her service recognizing her accomplishments.

Surrounded by her family, multiple staff members, and residents, we were able to award Ann this quilt. She was extremely excited and loved the "red, white and blue." One of the items she loved more than the quilt was the award certificate containing her name. Ann was already making plans to frame it and add it to her collection of pictures. This QOVF journey continues to show me that we meet the nicest people along the way!



WOMEN VETERAN'S GLAMPING COMES ALIVE

by JoAnn Bolduc,
Central Maine Coordinator

Quilts of Valor Maine has partnered with a relatively new nonprofit organization called Women Veteran's Glamping. These fine folks bring women veterans to enjoy a relaxing weekend in the beautiful Maine outdoors. JoAnn Bolduc, Central Maine Coordinator, is a three-time Glamping veteran and takes every opportunity to wrap her sister veterans in their "Ladies Star" quilts. Here's to Nichole Jordan, founder of Women Veteran's Glamping, and the opportunity to wrap more of our sisters.



FROM QOVF MARKETING

Memorable Moments Submissions

Help us build the QOVF scrapbook of Memorable Moments! Many of you who do awards have thank you notes that are just as memorable as a photograph and deserve to be shared, which is why we are continuing submissions for the [Memorable Moments](#) page. Within the member dashboard, there are four documents: Memorable Moment—Thank You Template 01, 02, 03, and 04. Pick your preferred style, fill in the information from the thank you, and send it to marketing@qovf.org. We will make sure it gets uploaded to the website.

Volunteer for the LongArmy

Are you a longarmer or know of one? Our requests for LongArmy Volunteers are increasing since National Sew Day and we're looking for additional help. If you can do one a quarter, one a month, or just one in a pinch, we would appreciate the additional help! Any questions, please contact marketing@QOVF.org. For more information visit our [website](#).

Need a new pattern?

Our friend, Mary Anne from [FontanaOriginals.com](#) is sharing two new patterns on her website. To find the patterns, go to [FontanaOriginals.com](#) and click on the QOV tab and then on PATTERNS.

More patterns to purchase are on her [Etsy page](#).

Quilt Partner Events

AccuQuilt: [Ongoing Events](#)

APQS Quilt Forever: [Ongoing Events](#)

American Quilter's Society
[Grand Rapids 2022—August 17-20, 2022](#)
[Des Moines 2022—September 14-17, 2022](#)

Sewing. Quilting. Needle Arts. [Original Sewing & Quilt Expo](#)
[Dallas-Irving, TX](#) | August 18-20, 2022
[Fredericksburg, VA](#) | Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2022
[Cincinnati-Sharonville, OH](#) |
Oct. 13-15, 2022
[Nashville-Lebanon, TN](#) |
Oct. 20-22, 2022
[Detroit-Novi, MI](#) | Nov. 10-12, 2022

I AM A QUILT OF VALOR

By Sherry Martin,
Garden City KS QOV & maker

I am a Quilt of Valor. I am presented either to a veteran who served in the past or an active-duty service member who is presently serving to protect this great nation, the United States of America. We enjoy freedom because of these brave men and women who serve in our military.

I began to come to life as an idea for a veteran. My maker made an appointment for an interview with my future owner, the veteran. My maker likes to make me, the quilt, about the future recipient. The veteran told the maker he had been a helicopter mechanic. He had a story about being told to get his toolbox and some parts to fix a helicopter and he was to go with them. He did the task only to find out once he got to the helicopter that needed to be repaired, the helicopter needed a whole new motor and not just repairs. My map in my center is there to remind my owner of the story.

The owner also asked my maker if she could put a picture of a 105mm cannon on me since the cannons were on all four corners of the compound where he was stationed. The story about the cannons is that when under attack

and the attackers were too close to the edge, they would have to use the rear cannons due to mechanical restrictions of the cannons. Mortars would fly over across the compound—a sound he will never forget. My maker advised the veteran she would see what she could do. Cannons are on my four corners.

My maker did research for patterns, photos, and fabrics. Some of the fabrics came from Defenders of Freedom by Paintbrush Studio fabrics. Finding photos of helicopters and 105mm

cannons became a challenge. My maker had to keep color in mind when finding the photos used with the helicopters. The cannons were a big challenge because they were directional. The barb wire was another challenge for the maker. Her local Quilt of Valor group was helpful with finding the barb wire fabric. My background fabric contains hand tools to represent my owner being a mechanic. My maker quilted me with helicopters flying.



HONORARY 300,000TH QUILT OF VALOR AWARDED TO WWII VETERAN

By Barbara Sherburne,
Atonement Cross-Piecers

The Atonement Cross-Piecers Quilt of Valor group was honored to award their honorary 300,000th Quilt of Valor to Leonard K. on March 13. The award ceremony, held in the community room at Leonard's apartment complex, was attended by more than 40 family members and friends. The quilt was

pieced by his niece, Dianne Skramstad. The award and his military service were featured on a TV segment by Kevin Wallevand of WDAY, the local ABC affiliate.

Leonard served in the United States Army during World War II, in the European theater. Drafted into the Army in 1943 at the age of 18, he worked in demolition with the 12541 Combat Engineers Battalion in England, France, and Belgium for a year and a half. He participated in the

“tail end” of the Battle of the Bulge before crossing the Rhine. Bombs had destroyed the Autobahn, so his unit built over it to keep it functional. He came home from Europe in April 1946, on one of the Victory Ships.

Leonard was raised in Fingal, a small town in North Dakota, and after the war he returned to ND where he worked for an electrical company in Cass County and Valley City in several capacities until his retirement. We thank Leonard for his service to our country!



THREAD SAVINGS OFFERED THROUGH SUPERIOR THREADS

By Jim and Joan Wobbleton

We all like to SAVE. Superior Threads has made available threads in popular colors for Quilts of Valor at a discounted price for QOVF members. To find out more information about the program and discounts, members

can log into the Member Dashboard at www.qovf.org. Information will be listed towards the top of the Member Dashboard.

QOVF and Superior Threads established a registration agreement that QOVF would register all members that requested to participate in the Superior Threads Discount Program. To register, please contact jandj.wobbleton@qovf.org, provide your address and phone number,

and they will register you with Crafts Americana (parent company for Superior Threads). Once registered, you will receive a contact phone number to place your order when you need thread. Remember, the savings provide you an opportunity to make more QOVs. We thank everyone for making QOVs to cover all veterans and military members “touched by war” with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.



Quilts Reported

2012: 6,169
2013: 12,314
2014: 17,373
2015: 18,772
2016: 19,051
2017: 24,123
2018: 30,745
2019: 33,375
2020: 23,356



2021: 30,428

2022: 21,116

Total: 315,804

(from date of first recorded award through 30 June 2022)



The mission of the Quilts of Valor® Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

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Treating people with respect • Promoting excellence • Valuing service over self • Being accountable



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