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### Creating Quilts:

Extension Staff created statewide guidelines for the challenge program. Guidelines from the national Quilts of Valor® website were included in the Nebraska 4-H guidelines (which also included some history so youth/families would understand the QOV mission). It was stressed that QOVs honor military personnel who protect our freedoms, so the best quality workmanship and materials should be used.

### 4-H Quilts of Valor were made by:

- Individual 4-H members; each made one quilt or more at home.
- Teams of youth working together to make blocks for one quilt in a 4-H workshop setting with adult supervision/guidance.
- 4-H adult volunteers made quilts at home and donated toward the effort (those are not judged at fairs, but accepted)
- Multi-generational family members working together to make quilt(s)

### Documentation of the Quilts of Valor Project:

- 4-Hers/Volunteers took digital pictures of youth working on quilts.
- Extension staff collected digital pictures through emails and used a free computer software program to create visual documentation that can be shown at a variety of events including at county/state fairs.
- National QOV also asked to see pictorial/video documentation of youth creating quilts and the finished product.
- TV stations and newspapers interviewed youth about their projects which were published/aired.

### County/State Fair Judging & QOV Display:

- Local Extension staff developed and then through the years, followed State Fair guidelines to be able to enter the quilts in the county & State Fair.
- In Nebraska, Quilts of Valor® were entered at county/state fairs within the guidelines of Nebraska 4-H projects.