

## UNDER OUR WINGS® QUILTS OF VALOR®



Our Mission: to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

- ★ A Quilt of Valor says, "Thank you for your service and your sacrifice."
- ★ Under Our Wings is designed to honor Service Members and Veterans touched by war by providing your community the opportunity to learn the art and skill of quilting.
- ★ UOW primarily focuses on America's youth. We do this through Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts, 4-H, 4-H Military Partnership, Church Youth Groups or seniors in high school as examples. While our focus is on the young, we welcome any group that wants a community service project honoring our military.
- ★ In addition to providing a community service, participants learn about different Service Members and Veterans in their communities touched by war.
- ★ Guided by experienced Under Our Wings mentors, beginning quilters will make their own Quilts of Valor for Service Members or Veterans in their community. Witnessing *The Moment* a Service Member or Veteran is wrapped in their Quilt of Valor makes an impact on everyone at the award ceremony. It is also an additional honor and privilege an Under Our Wings members receives.



For more information on how to create an Under Our Wings® program in your community visit:

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## MENTOR PROGRAM

The Under Our Wings® Mentor Program encourages adults and young people with quilting experience to volunteer tor for a National Service Project. While guiding the team members in the skill and art of quilting, everyone involved will learn more about Veterans and Service Members in their community. Civic or youth organizations such as Scouting, 4-H and church groups are great ways to Mentor and create an UOW program.

## As a Mentor you will:

- ★ Identify a group to mentor;
- ★ Set up sew days;
- ★ Help source sewing machines and quilting supplies;
- ★ Assist in selecting patterns, fabric or kits;
- ★ Guide group through the cutting and sewing process;
- ★ Arrange for a longarmer to quilt tops;
- ★ Work with the group to identify Veterans or Service Members to receive the awards;
- **★** Coordinate award ceremony with group and recipients.

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