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NEWSLETTER

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The mission of this organization extends far beyond presenting a beautiful handmade quilt. Each quilt represents a heartfelt expression of gratitude and healing, honoring veterans and active service members touched by war. Every presentation also serves as an opportunity to preserve the legacy of military service and educate future generations about the sacrifices made to protect our nation and our freedoms.

When a Quilt of Valor® is awarded, the recipient's story often becomes part of the ceremony. These personal accounts transform historical events into living memories, allowing children, grandchildren, and community members to better understand the realities of military service. They learn that wars and conflicts are not simply chapters in history books but experiences that shaped the lives of ordinary men and women who answered an extraordinary call to serve.



The Quilts of Valor® mission reminds us that freedom carries a profound cost. Every stitch symbolizes appreciation for those who endured separation from loved ones, physical hardship, emotional wounds, and the lasting effects of service. Publicly recognizing veterans reinforces the understanding that the liberties we enjoy today were preserved through courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment.

As the generations who served in conflicts from World War II through today's military operations grow older, preserving their stories becomes increasingly important. Quilt presentations inspire conversations, encourage families to record cherished memories, and ensure that these experiences are passed on with honor and accuracy. In this way, each Quilt of Valor® becomes both a tribute and a teaching tool.

The legacy of the Quilts of Valor Foundation® is one of healing, remembrance, and education. By wrapping veterans in comfort and gratitude, we also wrap future generations in the knowledge of our nation's history and the enduring value of service. Through every quilt presented, we help ensure that the sacrifices made to defend our freedom are remembered, honored, and never taken for granted. Thank you for all you do to serve this mission!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kryste M Wallen'.

Kryste M. Wallen, Executive Director

Mark Your Calendars: QOVF Upcoming Events

Stay connected and get involved with these upcoming Quilts of Valor events:

November 2026 - QOVF Fall 2026 Online Quilt Auction. Additional details will be provided soon.

Call for Quilt Donations – QOVF Fall 2026 Online Quilt Auction

We are excited to invite you to consider donating a quilt to be included in the Second Annual Quilts of Valor Foundation Fall 2026 Online Quilt Auction, which will help generate essential funds for the continued work of Quilts of Valor Foundation.

If you are interested in creating or contributing a quilt for consideration, please submit a photograph by September 1, 2026 using this [Google Form](#). Photographs should be submitted in .jpeg format and titled with your last name followed by your first name (example: LastName_FirstName.jpeg). Please submit images at 300 DPI resolution only.

Submissions may include patriotic or non-patriotic quilts, as well as wall hangings, table runners, placemats, or baby quilts of any theme. By donating, you are not only sharing your talent with our community, but also helping ensure that we can continue honoring Service Members and Veterans through the healing power of Quilts of Valor.

We anticipate receiving many exceptional submissions for this special event. Whether you choose to donate a quilt you have already completed or create one specifically for this cause, your contribution will provide others with the meaningful opportunity to purchase a beautiful handmade quilt for themselves or their loved ones.

Please note: if the Auction Committee selects your donation for the Online Quilt Auction, the item must be mailed to the Winterset Office no later than October 1, 2026, and clearly marked “QOVF Fall 2026 Online Quilt Auction.”

Thank you for your support and generosity!



QOVF Quilt Auction 2025 Winner
“Starburst” by Diane Watters



From left to right: Janet R., Melvin, and Michelle C., all retirees of the United States Air Force.

Photo Submitted by Karen Trombley, Georgia State Coordinator

2026 Original Sewing & Quilt Expo

Don't miss these exciting opportunities to learn new techniques, shop the latest tools and fabrics, and be inspired!

Event Dates and Locations:

Dallas–Irving, TX | July 30–August 1

Kansas City–Overland Park, KS | August 6–8

Fredericksburg, VA | September 24–26

Nashville–Lebanon, TN | October 1–3

Cincinnati–Sharonville, OH | October 15–17

Detroit–Novi, MI | November 6–7

Click here: <https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events> for more information and to register.

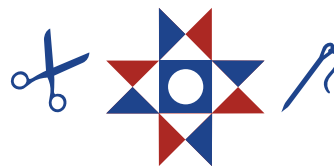


Pictured from left to right: Annette Kirk, 2025-2026 outgoing President of American Gold Star Mothers National Convention, AMN Carla W., U.S. Air Force, SPC Jeremiah B., U.S. Army, Cpl John H., U.S. Marine Corps, PO1 Evelyn B., U.S. Navy, Joyce Paulson, 2026-2027 President of American Gold Star Mothers National Convention.

American Gold Star Conference

Submitted by Tammy Arnold, Florida State Coordinator

On June 19, four veterans were awarded their Quilts of Valor during the American Gold Star Mothers National Convention in Tampa, Florida!



Block Drive 2026

Blocks are now going to Sherry Houser.

Please mail your blocks to:

5400 Park Place Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98503

If you have any questions while working on your blocks, please email blockdrive@govf.org

QOVF Shop Items Available for Purchase

Looking for meaningful ways to support the Quilts of Valor Foundation while enjoying exclusive products created for our members and supporters? Visit the [QOVF Shop](#) and explore these special offerings!

Exclusive QOVF x Authentically American Collection

Exclusive apparel and accessories from Authentically American, a veteran-owned, American-made apparel company.

Available items include:

- [QOVF Logo Baseball Cap](#)
- [Log Cabin Socks](#) featuring the 2025 QOVF Block of the Year.
- [Ohio Star Socks](#) featuring the 2024 QOVF Block of the Year.

Made in the USA from premium North Carolina cotton, these limited-edition socks celebrate quilting traditions while supporting the mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

All-Star Quilts of Valor, 2nd Edition: 37 Patriotic Patterns

This book features 37 patriotic quilt patterns from designers and provides quilters of all skill levels with the tools to create meaningful quilts honoring our nation's veterans and service members.



Pricing: **\$29.99 each.**

Shipping and handling: **\$7.95 per order.**

Purchase online [here!](#)

Members-Only Case Pricing

Books are also available to members by the case:

\$320.00 per case | 16 books per case

Perfect for group purchases, workshops, sew days, and educational events!



12 Quilts of Valor Pattern Pack by Villa Rosa Designs

Villa Rosa Designs created a collection of 12 patterns that align with Quilts of Valor standards, helping quilters create projects that are both beautiful and meaningful.

Purchase the pattern pack through the QOVF Shop [here!](#)

Quilts of Valor 2026 Challenge Coin

This meaningful keepsake displays the QOVF emblem on the front, while the back highlights the 2026 Echoes Block design with patriotic detail.



QOVF Shop Items Available for Purchase

Thank you for supporting the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Every purchase helps further our mission of covering service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Purchase Your QOVF Quilt Kit Today!

Each kit includes:

- QOVF/Northcott Semiquincentennial Quilt Panel.
- Pre-cut fabric pieces, packaged and labeled for easy assembly.
- All fabrics needed to complete the quilt top, including blocks and borders.
- Premium fabrics from the Northcott Stonehenge America250 fabric collection.

Please note: Backing and Binding are not included.

These kits are designed to help you create a beautiful quilt celebrating America's 250th anniversary while supporting the mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

[Friendship Star 1 Quilt Kit](#)

Support Quilts of Valor Foundation with Ship Thrifty

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and support the Quilts of Valor Foundation at the same time. Through this partnership, every time you purchase a shipping label through Ship Thrifty, 2% of your purchase will be donated to the Quilts of Valor Foundation to help further our mission of covering Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Whether you're shipping quilts, quilting supplies, or everyday packages, your shipments can make a difference.

Get started today: <https://app.shipthrift.com/rf/qovf>

Come Experience the Traveling QOV Exhibit at American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek 2026!

2 Stops Remaining!

- Grand Rapids, MI | August 19–22
- Columbus, OH | September 23–26.

This exhibit features 12 Quilts of Valor that are in our All-Star Quilts of Valor 2nd Edition and are available through the QOVF website along with QOVF/Northcott Semiquincentennial Quilt Panel featuring the Quilts of Valor Foundation logo.

Learn more here: <https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek>

Watch Quilts of Valor Presentation at AQS Paducah [Here!](#)



July Celebration

Submitted by Cindy Newland, member of Tyler Rose Quilters for Valor

The Tyler Rose Quilters for Valor from Tyler, Texas, are honored to display one of their quilts at the American Freedom Museum in Bullard throughout the month of July. Their own Betsy represented the group during the museum's Fourth of July celebration, showcasing both her flag and her quilt.



AccuQuilt GO!® 2026 Quilts of Valor Block

Create a bold, patriotic 12” quilt block with the GO! 2026 Quilts of Valor Block Pattern. Designed using the GO! Qube Mix & Match 12” Block and created in AccuQuilt, this pattern delivers precision cutting and easy assembly. It is perfect for QOV projects or patriotic quilts.

Download the free pattern here: [GO! 2026 Quilts of Valor Block Pattern](#)

Janome 3160QOV Quilts of Valor Edition Sewing Machine



The Janome 3160QOV Quilts of Valor Edition Sewing Machine was designed with quilters in mind and inspired by the mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. This

full-featured machine offers 60 built-in stitches, 6 one-step buttonholes, Janome's Superior Plus Feed System (SFS+), an automatic thread cutter, memorized needle up/down, speed control slider, and a convenient extension table—all in a lightweight machine that weighs just 12.6 pounds, making it ideal for classes, retreats, and sew days. It also includes a Quilting Attachment Kit.

Take advantage of this great option for your quilting projects and learn more about the Janome 3160QOV [here!](#)

Northcott Stonehenge - America 250 Collection

Northcott's Stonehenge America 250 collection is a patriotic fabric line that would make an exceptional Quilt of Valor. Designed by Linda Ludovico to commemorate America's 250th anniversary in 2026, the collection features rich red, beige, and navy tones combined with historical imagery including American flags, Independence Hall, vintage stamps, maps, excerpts from founding documents, and portraits of the Founding Fathers.

You can explore the collection and locate online or local retailers through Northcott's Product Finder [here!](#)

QOVF Member Only Offers

Specific information for these member-only specials is available when you sign in to the Member Dashboard and visit the Member-Only Specials or Member Information sections.

MJ Kinman: QOVF members receive an exclusive 20% discount on the Honor & Courage pattern and fabric bundle. This collaboration with MJ Kinman pays tribute to the many men and women awarded the Purple Heart. Originally introduced as Annie, in honor of the first woman to receive a Purple Heart, the pattern was later resized to meet Quilts of Valor® requirements.

Fons & Porter: QOVF members can subscribe to Love of Quilting magazine for just \$15, a savings of 75% the cover price.

Legit Kits: QOVF members receive an exclusive 10% discount Land of the Free pattern. The member discount coupon is valid through December 31, 2026.

Marshall Dry Goods, Foust Textiles, and Pellon: Special Quilts of Valor member pricing is available from Marshall Dry Goods, Foust Textiles, and Pellon. Specific ordering instructions and discount details are available in the Member Dashboard,

Fat Quarter Shop

Fat Quarter Shop is committed to serving the quilting community by providing a wide selection of high-quality quilting fabrics, patterns, notions, and inspiration. Through its ongoing support of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, Fat Quarter Shop helps quilters create meaningful quilts.

Looking for your next Quilt of Valor project? Fat Quarter Shop offers several free patriotic quilt patterns. [Explore and learn more here!](#)

MerryStockings Military Bears Kit Series

Celebrate service with the MerryStockings Military Bears Kit Collection, featuring six military branches: Navy, Coast Guard, Space Force, Marine Corps, Army, and Air Force.



Each kit includes: Stamped felt pattern, 5 mm cupped sequins, Beads, DMC embroidery floss, Needles, and Full-color instructions. When completed, each bear stands approximately 5 inches tall. Also add a personal touch by embroidering a service member's name on the back of the bear, creating a meaningful keepsake to honor their service. These keepsake bears make

thoughtful gifts for military families, veterans, active-duty service members, and patriotic crafters alike.

As an added bonus, MerryStockings donates \$2 from every Military Bear sold to the Quilts of Valor Foundation, helping support the mission of covering Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

[Visit](#) the collection!

Connecting Threads Quilts of Valor Thread Set and Traverse Quilt Kit

Create Quilt of Valor with exclusive products developed through our partnership with Connecting Threads. A portion of each sale helps support the mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Basics Traverse Quilts of Valor Red, White & Blue Cotton Quilt Kit: The Traverse Quilt Kit features a patriotic palette of red, white, and blue fabrics, making it an excellent choice for creating a Quilt of Valor. The Traverse quilt has become one of the most popular Quilts of Valor kits offered through Connecting Threads. [Purchase your quilt kit!](#)

Quilts of Valor Thread Set: Quilts of Valor Thread Set from Connecting Threads features high-quality cotton thread in patriotic colors, this set is ideal for piecing, quilting, and finishing your project. [Purchase your thread set!](#)

Quilts of Valor Patriotic Thread Sets from Superior Threads

Superior Threads Quilt of Valor thread collections are specially curated thread sets featuring red, white, and blue color-ways designed to complement Quilts of Valor projects while delivering the exceptional quality quilters have come to expect from Superior Threads.

[MasterPiece® Quilts of Valor 5-Spool Set:](#) The set includes five spools of patriotic-colored MasterPiece thread. MasterPiece is a premium 40 wt cottonized polyester thread known for its strength, low lint, and versatility.

[So Fine!® Quilts of Valor 5-Spool Set:](#) The set features five coordinating patriotic colors of Superior Threads' popular 50 wt polyester quilting thread.

Whether you're piecing a quilt top, adding custom quilting, or binding a finished Quilt of Valor, these patriotic thread sets provide beautiful color coordination and professional-quality results.

Learn more about the Quilts of Valor thread collections from Superior Threads [here!](#)

Remembrance Wreaths through Wreaths Across America

For more than 30 years, volunteers with Wreaths Across America have come together each December to place remembrance wreaths on the graves of our nation's veterans, ensuring their service and sacrifice are never forgotten.

National Wreaths Across America Day will be observed on Saturday, December 19, 2026. We invite you to help honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or attending a local ceremony with family and friends.

Learn more about the program and find participating locations [here!](#)

You can also sponsor remembrance wreaths through local Quilts of Valor groups participating in Wreaths Across America events. Many participating groups are listed on the Wreaths Across America [website](#).

Award Ceremony June 24, 2026

Submitted by Arlene Pulner, Member of Stars & Stripes FL

From a young age, Andrea T. was driven by two passions—flying and serving her country. She combined those dreams when she graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1988. Andrea made history as the only female Aircraft Commander in the 2d Airborne Command and Control Squadron. While her active-duty service did not include combat missions, she continues to serve those who have—supporting veterans through her dedicated involvement with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Today, Captain Andrea T. flies as an Airbus A330 International Captain for Delta Air Lines, operating long-haul routes across the globe. If you ever find yourself on a Delta flight and hear her name announced as your pilot, you can rest assured you're in the hands of a true American hero with a heart for service. It was my distinct honor to award Captain Andrea T. with her Quilt of Valor, symbolizing our deepest appreciation for her service, sacrifice and commitment to our nation.

The ceremony took place during the Patriotism Luncheon at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Annual Continental Congress in Washington D.C. on June 24, 2026 before an audience of more than 700 guests in attendance. The beautiful quilt, featuring the special QOV America 250 panel, was provided by Robin Harris, group leader of the Stars and Stripes FL.



Four Women Veterans Honored with Quilts of Valor on Women Veteran's Recognition Day.

Submitted by Kathey Bates, Group Leader of North Olympic Peninsula Quilts of Valor

On June 12th, Women Veterans Recognition Day, four women veterans were honored during a special celebration hosted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7498 in Port Hadlock, Washington. The event featured a display of women's military uniforms spanning from the Vietnam era to the present day, including both evening dress and camouflage attire. Each uniform was donated by a local woman veteran.



The ceremony, opened by VFW Post Commander Michael Gilmore, included military honors, service branch music, and remarks about the experiences of women in the armed forces. Post Member Christie A. shared that she was initially uncertain about the idea of recognizing women veterans, having spent much of her career striving to "fit in and be one of the guys." Her reflection resonated with attendees, highlighting a common experience among women who have served. Today, women are fully integrated into every specialty across the U.S. military.

Quilts of Valor were presented to four distinguished honorees:
Specialist Christie A., U.S. Army, veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom
Sergeant Tobey B., U.S. Army
Lieutenant Regena F., former Navy Nurse, Vietnam era
Senior Airman Julie R., U.S. Air Force

The quilts were made and awarded by members of North Olympic Peninsula Quilts of Valor, proud to represent the QOV group located furthest north and west in the lower 48 states. The ceremony's opening prayer and benediction were offered by Reverend Dale Kelley, who also shared lines from the poem "My Name is Old Glory," written in 1994 by U.S. Marine veteran Howard Schnauber, honoring our nation's flag.

Photograph was taken by Christopher Bates.

QOV's at Our State Capitol

Submitted by Becky Stewart, Group Leader of Lincoln QOV

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States, seventeen Quilts of Valor are proudly displayed throughout the Legislative Chambers of the Nebraska State Capitol during the month of July.

This special exhibit honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans while showcasing the craftsmanship, dedication, and heartfelt gratitude of Quilts of Valor Foundation volunteers.

Visitors to the Capitol are invited to view the display and reflect on the courage, commitment, and sacrifices of the men and women who served our nation.



Presentation at the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel in Virginia

Submitted by: Anne Glencer, Group Leader of the Stafford Piecemakers

The Stafford Piecemakers, Sew Much Kindness, and the NoVA Thimbles for Valor Chapters of Virginia joined together in May to honor nine veterans. The ceremony took place at the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel in Triangle, Virginia, located on the campus of the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

The following veterans were honored:

Master Sergeant Eric I., United States Army
Major John L., United States Air Force
Colonel Charles H., United States Army
Lieutenant Colonel Glendora S., United States Army
Sergeant Major. Donnell J., United States Army
Sergeant Collin B., United States Army
Colonel Melvin L., United States Army
Master Sergeant Mark F., United States Marine Corps
Sergeant Major Louie P. United States Army.



Stitchin' Witches Sewing Group

Submitted by Brenda Scinto, Group Leader of Stitchin Witches

The Stitchin Witches sewing group from Northeast Ohio had a busy June! We were excited to complete and begin presenting our Quilt of Valor panel quilts. Our first presentation took place at the Kirtland Kiwanis meeting on June 11 in Lake County where we were honored to present to three veterans: William R. (Army/Korean Conflict), Kurt Z. (Navy/Persian Gulf War) and Patrick D. (Navy, OEF/OIG). Group Members Dawn Bailey/ Brenda Scinto and Dawn Farrell/Lisa Demario.



Next, a single award presentation

was held at the Burton American Legion in Geauga County on June 23. Pam Hess was honored to present her quilt to Harry F. (Navy/Vietnam), with the assistance of Sandra McNees.

Lastly, a few of us gathered for a fun sew day where another beautiful panel quilt was completed by Lisa Demario, assisted by Pam Hess.

Thank You to Jim & Joan Wobbleton for ALL You've Done for QOV-MBSB!

Submitted by John Hameline and Marsha Wilmot, members of Myrtle Beach Shore Birds

On June 4, 2026, the QOV-Myrtle Beach Shore Birds (MBSB) gathered in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for a celebratory luncheon honoring Jim and Joan Wobbleton, who are stepping down after 16-years of dedicated leadership. During the event, Joan and Jim Wobbleton reflected on their time with QOV-MBSB and how their journey began. At the luncheon, Diane Ernst expressed her gratitude for being invited to join QOV-MBSB shortly after her husband, Richard, was awarded his Quilt of Valor. Kathleen Williams and many others offered words of appreciation for Jim and Joan's dedication, hard work, and countless volunteer hours throughout their tenure as custodians of one of the largest and most accomplished QOV groups in the nation.

After retiring in Maryland, Jim and Joan spent nearly seven years traveling the United States in their RV, visiting every state except Hawaii. Following their travel adventures, Joan, a retired nurse, and Jim, a retired U.S. Air Force Veteran, moved to Myrtle Beach. Joan joined the Grand Strand Quilt Guild, where she learned of a quilt retreat hosted by a Georgia group. There she met Susan Gordon, who was preparing to become the Executive Director of the Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF). Susan invited Joan and Jim to serve on the Foundation staff as Longarm/Topper Coordinators. Since then, they have worked closely with QOVF and helped establish the Myrtle Beach Shore Birds in 2010 as a 501 (c)(3) group under QOVF.

Once the QOV momentum began in Myrtle Beach, Jim and Joan developed a Policies & Procedures Manual for QOVF. Jim soon acquired a basic longarm machine and taught himself to quilt. Joan was touched by the Foundation's mission to make and present quilts to all veterans, finding, as a nurse, a meaningful way to offer healing through quilting. When asked what inspired them to continue their involvement with QOV, Jim and Joan replied, "Our Veterans deserve to be honored with these quilts - they signed their name on the dotted line and could at any time be thrust into harm's way."

Since 2010, Jim and Joan have overseen many stages of QOV quilt production and proudly note that the Myrtle Beach Shore Birds have created, completed, and presented almost 9,000 quilts. They have also participated in numerous QOV events and meetings nationwide. One memorable presentation Jim recalled took place at a local store in Myrtle Beach for an older veteran who was still working. Rather than a group ceremony, Jim coordinated with the veteran's employer and presented the quilt during store hours!

Over the years, this remarkable couple has collaborated with many vendors including John O. Foust of Foust Textiles in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Jim and Joan often traveled more than five hours to purchase fabric for quilt kits, benefiting from Foust's generous support and discounted materials.

As this chapter of leadership closes, Joan will continue to sew quilt tops, and Jim will continue longarming on his newer machine in its dedicated garage space.

When asked for their "What Words of Wisdom" for QOV and the Myrtle Beach Shorebirds, Jim and Joan offered a simple yet powerful reminder: "It's not about you, it's about the Veteran."

We extend our deepest gratitude to this wonderful and unique couple, who have lived, breathed, and exemplified the values and mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation and the Myrtle Beach Shore Birds.

QOVF Take 5 Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in the QOVF Take 5 Walk, Run, and Block event!

It was inspiring to see the many different ways our members embraced the event while supporting the Quilts of Valor Foundation mission.

Many groups shared their goals in celebration of America's 250th birthday. Others used Take 5 as an opportunity to continue their Catch-Up efforts by hosting group Sew Days. Some members completed a 5K walk or run, one member enjoyed a walk through a local farmers market, and another participated by swimming. QOVF Take 5 is a wonderful reminder that there are many ways to support our mission. Whether you walked, ran, sewed, swam, or gathered with members, every effort reflects the dedication, creativity, and commitment that make our QOVF community so special.

Thank you for taking part and for continuing our mission!

From QOVF Marketing



Eleri Kerian: Ran a 5k and helped a group of 4-H'ers make several blocks for our next QOV.



Gillian Goodman & Sadie: Sadie & I walked over 3 miles and I made 12 blocks.



Peggy Hartlein: Walked along the Pacific Ocean.



Jennifer Lewis: participated and made 25 (5 x 5) Echoes blocks.



Nancy LaBella



Betty Gould



Diane Banakas: Walked at the dam in Clay County, NC.

QOVF Take 5 Recap



Lisa Rolfe: Walked the walk and finished this QOV top.



Carol Swenson, Kinni Quilters Group Leader: Organized a machine binding workshop at a local quilting/longarming shop. We had 10 participants and completed 5 quilts, as well as getting 5 more with binding attached, ready to stitch.



Nancy Thomson, Group Leader Helping Hands of Delaware QOV and Board Member: Helping Hands of Delaware QOV along with Legacy QOV and Band of Sisters Group awarded Quilts of Valor to veterans who volunteer at the USO for the purpose of supporting the Dignified Transfer at Dover Air Force Base.

We also awarded CPT Jonduey G, Army and for his exemplary service at the Joint Personal Effects Depot, DAFB. And PO2 Larry L, Navy who has distinguished himself through his service at the Armed Forces Medical Examiners System, DAFB.



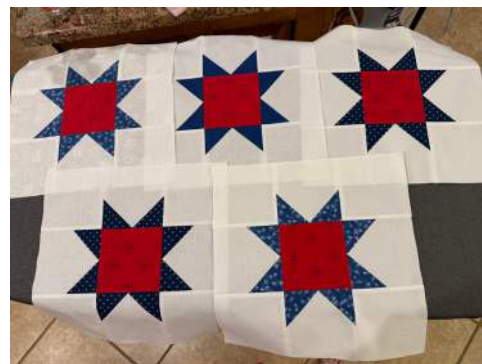
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Nancy P. Smith



Kathy Smith



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Mary Finley



Echoes of our Fathers



Barbara Sigmund



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Quilts Reported

	2020: 22,775
2012: 6,169	2021: 29,302
2013: 12,314	2022: 31,707
2014: 17,373	2023: 37,063
2015: 18,772	2024: 38,029
2016: 19,051	2025: 35,068
2017: 24,123	
2018: 30,745	
2019: 33,375	

Total: 450,952

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

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