



NEWSLETTER

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As the summer comes to a close I am busy traveling throughout the country to represent our foundation at events. This adventure continues to be both humbling and inspiring. From celebrating the incredible accomplishments of our blue-ribbon winner at the Tennessee State Fair, for recognition of their America 250 quilt panel project, to experiencing the overwhelming outpouring of support for our mission at the National American Legion Conference in Louisville. Every event reminds me why this work matters so deeply. Along the way, I had the privilege of meeting so many gracious Service Members and Veterans who have taken the time to thank us for the quilts we provide. Their words of appreciation are incredibly meaningful, yet I often find myself reminding them that we are the ones who should be saying thank you. We can never fully repay the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms, our families, and our country. Each quilt is an expression of gratitude for an immeasurable sacrifice. Meeting these heroes face-to-face and hearing their stories makes our mission even more personal. As I continue touring and attending events, I am reminded that our organization is blessed to serve those who have given so much—and that the greatest privilege is simply having the opportunity to say, “Thank you.” It is my humble honor to continue serving this mission along side all of you, your contributions are greatly appreciated by the Foundation and those we serve.



Kryste M Wallen

Kryste M. Wallen, Executive Director

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

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. More information will be available in October.

January 2027 - Block of the Year Announcement

February 2027 - QOVF National Sew Day

Call for Quilt Donations – QOVF Fall 2026 Online Quilt Auction November 16-21, 2026

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.”



QOVF Quilt Auction 2025 Submission

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Quilts of Valor Award Ceremony at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art

Submitted by Lisa Meier, Group Leader of Bella Vista Calico Cut-Ups

On July 25, thirteen veterans were honored at an Award Ceremony held at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. The ceremony, attended by nearly 100 people, coincided with the closing of the “Common Threads: American 250” installation at the Museum. This event was full of “firsts” for the Bella Vista Calico Cut-Ups Quilts of Valor Group.



The first “first” was that all thirteen veterans honored were connected to members of Calico Cut-Ups. It was the largest group we’ve gathered for an award ceremony. Many guild members nominated loved ones, making it especially meaningful to bring everyone together for this occasion. Our veterans represented the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines, with service years spanning 1963–2006. Each was excited and proud to see their unique quilt.

This was also the first time that most recipients were draped by their loved one. The emotion was visible on every face, both veterans and family members, as this personal honor deepened the ceremony’s significance. It added to the special feeling of the ceremony because we are all closely connected with each other through our membership and volunteerism.

Another first was hosting the event at Crystal Bridges Museum. As part of the Common Threads exhibit, noted textile artist Basil Kincaid collaborated with the Museum to include artwork by Arkansas students. The students decorated 5-inch blocks that were then sewn and quilted by quilters-in-residence inside the exhibition gallery. Calico Cut-Ups members were heavily involved, and that partnership inspired the idea to hold a Quilts of Valor Ceremony on the exhibit’s final day. This collaboration will likely become an annual tradition, and we look forward to sharing the experience with more deserving veterans.

Calico Cut-Ups’ home is St. Theodore’s Episcopal Church, and this was the first time Fr. Brandon Hudson from St. Theodore’s offered a deeply felt invocation to bless the veterans. He assured us it would not be his last time, as he was profoundly moved by the ceremony.

From the opening presentation of the flag by American Legion Post #341, through the music, the reading of the Quilts of Valor mission by Area Coordinator Susan Richmond, the draping of the veterans, Fr. Brandon’s blessing, and the retiring of the flag, the ceremony was filled with beauty, meaning, and care. One member summed it up perfectly: “As soon as you walked into the room, you could feel the love.”



103-Year Old Navy Veteran awarded QOV

Submitted By Sandra Lazaroff, Group Leader of Front Range QOV and CO State Coordinator

While Colorado celebrated its 150th Birthday, Front Range Quilts of Valor, set aside some time for a special QOV award. A group of family, friends and even people she had never met, joined us to award a 103 y/o (she turned 104 on August 25) Navy veteran her Quilt of Valor. Vicki served in the US Navy as a Counter Intelligence agent from 1944-1946 and reached the rank of E5, was awarded a QOV made specifically for her. The design featured the Celebrate 250 commemorative panel, surrounded by Navy fabric and her favorite color, red.



Although Vicki's military service was brief, her life has been rich and full. She spent many years as a TWA stewardess, meeting countless famous and influential people along the way. Later that evening, additional events were held to celebrate this extraordinary woman, but all who attended her Quilt of Valor award ceremony were deeply moved by her story and accomplishments across more than a century of life.

QOV Summer Sew Day

Submitted by Robin Phifer, member of Harvey's Sisterhood of Valor Quilts

Harvey's Sisterhood of Valor Quilts held a Summer Sew Day on Saturday, August 15, in the Quilted Twins Sewing Room, with all six members and seven guests in attendance. Together, the group created seven quilts for future QOV awards, using patterns from Lisa Sutherland's book, "Patriotic M&M&M Quilts: Mix, Match, & More" and 6 1/2 inch squares. It was a fun and productive day.



A Heartfelt Thank You Message

Submitted by Deanna Davis, Group Leader
of Pope County Patriot Stitchers

On Saturday, June 13, the Pope County Patriot Stitchers held a Block Sew Day and presented Quilts of Valor to five veterans on our list. As each veteran and their family arrived, many may not have realized just how these quilts are made. For several, the experience brought back memories of watching women in their own families quilting. One veteran enjoyed our enthusiasm so much that they entertained us while we sewed! Later, we received a letter of thanks that perfectly captures why we do what we do and reminds us how meaningful these moments are for both recipients and volunteers alike. Stitch on, everyone!



“On Saturday, 13 June 2026, I attended a ceremony organized by the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The purpose of the ceremony was very simple and straightforward. They just wanted to give quilts to a few local military veterans. These were no ordinary quilts! They were not mass produced, with computer generated patterns and then factory machined as part of an assembly line process. Instead, each quilt was uniquely one of a kind, with its own individual character and personality. These quilts were all handmade on individually owned sewing machines by members of the Pope County Patriot Stitchers and/or by members of the Quilt of Valor Foundation who are dedicated to the common goal of providing a quilt of top-notch quality to veterans. The levels of initiative, perseverance, patience and professionalism shown by these people are awesome and inspiring. And the quilts are absolutely beautiful!!

I was fortunate to be one of the recipients of a personalized Quilt of Valor during the ceremony. My presence in that group was made possible by the efforts of my beloved sister, Shirley Henderson, who championed my case with members of the Foundation. My service as a United States Marine during two assignments to the Republic of Vietnam qualified me to be included in the presentation ceremony. At the ceremony, I was honored (and humbled) by the presence of my sister and her husband, and several kinsfolk (and their assorted spouses), who gave up their time and traveled many miles to attend the ceremony. I was further delighted to receive messages of love and support from other kinsfolk, during and after the presentation.

All during the ceremony, I kept wondering if the folks there would be amused by one simple fact: Generally speaking, while I was in Vietnam doing the deeds for which I was now being feted, I was usually quite literally shaking in my boots at the time.

Happy 250th Birthday, America!!”

America 250 ~ Quilts of Valor

Submitted by Joan Schwerin, Group Leader of Central MA Quilts of Valor

Central MA Quilts of Valor celebrated America 250 with a Quilts of Valor ceremony held where our nation's revolutionary story began – Concord, Massachusetts. On Sunday, June 14, 2026, eight Quilts of Valor were presented at the Mass. National Guard Museum and Archives, former home to the Concord Armory where generations of patriots trained to defend our country's democracy.



The impetus and planning for this celebration started a year earlier with an invitation to our group from the Concord 250 Committee. As part of Concord's commemoration of the nation's founding, it invited Central MA Quilts of Valor to participate in Quilts 250 ~ Stitching in the Spirit of Democracy, a quilt show held at Concord Academy in March 2025. (see Threads April 2025)



Over the two-day quilt show, we awarded four Quilts of Valor.

In addition to presenting quilts, we offered blank signature blocks, each with a space to write a message by hand. This activity gave the community a simple, yet personal way to take part in the tribute to our nation's history, in the same spirit that commemorative quilts have done for generations.

We promised the participants at the block signings that we would return to Concord with finished quilts. And we did. From the 250 signature blocks collected, we assembled 13 Quilts of Valor. While all the quilts may look similar each one is unique and includes a numbered legacy block identifying it as a "Concord 250 ~ Quilts 250, Central MA Quilts of Valor, # of 13" quilt. At the June 14th award Ceremony, we presented 7 of the 13 quilts. In addition, we presented our group's Quilts of Valor 250th commemorative panel quilt depicting the signing of the Declaration of Independence to Lt. Col. Geoffrey I. (ret.), director of the museum.



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.



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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!](#)

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!](#)

QOVF Member Only Specials

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.

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,

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!](#)

Partners Corner

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!](#)

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](#).

AZ Piecemakers Award

Submitted by Denise Snedeker, member of Arizona Piecemakers

Arizona Piecemakers had the opportunity to hold a Quilt of Valor award ceremony for eight employees of the U-Haul Corporate Headquarters in Tempe, Arizona. Each recipient was nominated by their retired colleague, Gailene Burrows, in recognition of their military service and dedication.



Left to right: Eric D., David N., Jeremy D., Adrian S., Crystal B., Don P., Steven S. and Zjohn Q.

Front Range QOV Helps Celebrate Colorado's 150th Birthday

Submitted By Sandra Lazaroff, Group Leader of Front Range QOV and CO State Coordinator

In late November/early December 2025, Front Range QOV team member Carolyn M. was approached and asked if our QOVF group could create a quilt to: celebrate Colorado's 150th anniversary, celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, and commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11... hence the quilt's title: *Celememorate*.

The organizer of Colorado's 150th Birthday Celebration (August 1) developed the concept and design idea for a commemorative quilt, and a local printing service volunteered to create the county templates. In January 2026, work began—most of it completed by Carolyn M., with early assistance from Mary D. and me. Mary contacted an embroidery service that generously donated the embroidery work, and the final stitch was placed on June 25.

The finished quilt, measuring 106" × 108", was so intricate it couldn't be created in sections and assembled later. Except for minimal help from Mary and me, Carolyn completed nearly all of the work herself—piecing, quilting on her domestic machine, and binding the entire quilt. The official unveiling took place during the weekend of August 1, when Colorado celebrated its 150th birthday. The quilt was displayed for three days at a facility at Centennial Airport. It is now on its way to the Colorado State Capitol, where it will remain for the rest of the 2026 celebration year before being permanently displayed at History Colorado.



Left to right: Front Range QOV Team Members Mary D., Carolyn M. & Sandy L.

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

1 Stop Remaining!

- Experience the traveling QOV exhibit at the last show of American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek 2026 in Columbus, OH on 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 AQS Quilts of Valor Playlist [Here!](#)

QOV Press Release | Alicia B.

Submitted by Debbie Hudepohl, member of Grateful Quilters of Ohio

Petty Officer 2 Alicia B. of Mansfield, Ohio was presented a Quilt of Valor on July 6, 2026 from the Grateful Quilters of Ohio group. Her daughter and her parents shared the moment with her.

Alicia served in the U.S. Navy from 1999-2006 during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. She served in the VF-31 Squadron aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln from 1999-2003. During that time she was an F-14D plane captain and was responsible for launching and recovering F-14D planes. From October 2003 to December 2006 she served in the Commander Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic Fleet and was responsible for manpower and training readiness.

Operation Enduring Freedom began primarily in Afghanistan, as part of the U.S. response to the September 11 attacks and the broader Global War on Terror. Operation Iraqi Freedom focused on military operations in Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power and stabilize the region. Both operations involved active combat, peacekeeping, and support missions, and they are considered part of the post-9/11 military era.



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:

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.

Photo Submitted by Suzanne DiCarlo, Texas State Coordinator

Rachel & Raul R. wrapped by Jennie & Marty Reese, North Texas District Coordinators during the Original Sewing & Quilting Expo in Dallas - Irving, TX.

Quilts of Valor on Display at the Daniel Boone Regional Library

Submitted by Debby Duermeyer, member of Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor

Our chapter was invited by Melissa Applegate, Regent of the Columbia, MO DAR Chapter and a QOVF member, to provide quilts for display at the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia during July and August.

As part of her Regent's project, Melissa organized programs to honor America's history through reading, books, and displays that celebrate patriots and veterans. Sixteen quilts were selected for the exhibit. Lauren Williams, Adult & Community Services Manager at the library, coordinated the display, which generated tremendous interest from visitors. Throughout the exhibition, our chapter gained new volunteers and nominations, reflecting the community's growing enthusiasm for the Quilts of Valor mission.



QOV Press Release | Ken C.

Submitted by Debbie Hudepohl, member of Grateful Quilters of Ohio

SPC4 Kenneth C. of Mansfield, Ohio was presented a Quilt of Valor on July 8, 2026 by the Grateful Quilters of Ohio group. Ken served in the U.S. Army from 1970–1972 during the Vietnam War. He was part of the 300th Military Police Company in South Vietnam, which participated in fifteen campaigns during the Vietnam era. His duties with the 18th Military Police Brigade included detention, combat, law enforcement, convoy escorts, and security details.

While performing his duties one day, Ken was riding in a jeep with his comrades when the vehicle flipped over. He was ejected and suffered an injury and concussion, resulting in a three-day stay in the evacuation hospital. Within a week, he was back on assignment with his unit. After completing his service with the MP Company, Ken joined the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division, known as the Screaming Eagles. Stationed in Da Nang, his tours took him throughout central and northern Vietnam, where he gained significant skills as a rifleman in the infantry platoon.

Ken was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal for his service. Prior to his enlistment, Ken worked as a machinist and was able to apply those skills during his military service. Following an honorable discharge, he returned to his career as a machinist and tool-and-die maker, working for Taylor Metal Company and Thermodysc Company before retiring.

Reflections of a Group Leader

Submitted by Carolyn Foust, Happy Valley Quilts of Valor Group Leader

After ten years being involved as a Quilts of Valor Foundation Group Leader, I've been doing a lot of thinking about this organization and my involvement in it. What drew me to it? What keeps me involved? What does my work mean to others? I'd like to share my reflections with you.

Who knew that when my husband and I were introduced to Quilts of Valor, that it would be an amazing opportunity for us to grow, make new friends, meet amazing veterans and feel so fulfilled. Who knew that we would meet and be mentored by the Myrtle Beach Shorebirds' long-time group leaders, Jim and Joan, and become amazingly close friends with them and so many others. Who knew that part of our basement



would become the "QOV Room", stacked to the ceiling with fabric, patterns, kits, and completed QOV's. Who knew that our group would outgrow our home for group "sewing days" and need to move to our local Lions Club so that our group could meet monthly to make quilts. Who knew that the biographies of the veterans we read at our ceremonies would touch our hearts so deeply.

As a group leader, I have the pleasure of working with both new and accomplished quilters. We meet monthly for sewing days which have been described as "Organized Chaos". Some members focus on cutting or piecing, some

press, some hand sew bindings, one tends to our membership and lunch details, and one helps me keep the money straight. There's our "super topper" and a "super longarmer" who consistently outpace the rest of us in the number of QOV's they turn in. However, everyone in our group touches the quilts in some way. We feel very blessed that we can repay veterans in this small way for their service.

I have watched members demonstrate kindness in teaching techniques to one another and laughing together when something went wrong. I have watched ladies who were afraid to say much of anything in public become very competent QOV ceremony emcee's. I have been amazed at how proud they are of one another when we "show 'n tell" the diverse and absolutely beautiful QOV's that they have created. I have seen friendships grow, and patterns, even recipes exchanged. I've seen tears in their eyes as I read aloud the thank you cards that we receive from QOV recipients.

We make Quilts of Valor to honor our veterans' service and sacrifice. That sounds so noble and right. However, until you get to meet the veteran in person, wrap them with a QOV and read a biography about their service, you never get the real understanding of their sacrifice. We awarded one veteran who survived the Battle of the Bulge, a USAF officer who was working at the Pentagon on September 11th, one who flew hundreds of sorties over Vietnam, the list goes on. There was a young veteran whose mother nominated him to receive a QOV. He was unable to have any unknown person in his home, or to leave his home to be a part of society due to severe PTSD. We presented the mother with the QOV outside her front door so that she could wrap him with it at "an appropriate time". Then there was an Army soldier, on active duty who drove 10 hours, one way, to be at a QOV ceremony where his father was being awarded a QOV.

There was an Army reservist who sacrificed years of weekends and summer vacations to be ready for active

duty: he served three tours: one in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. His 26 years of sacrifice, and that of his family touched our hearts. There was a 92-year-old WWII veteran and survivor of a concentration camp who shared his story, his medals and even his concentration camp dog tags with us. We met a purple heart Vietnam helicopter pilot who was shot down multiple times while trying to bring out the wounded. He said after his QOV was awarded, “It only took 50 years for someone to thank me for my service”.

With each QOV we award to a veteran, we gain a stronger understanding of the” WHY” we make and award Quilts of Valor. It’s because of their dedication, commitment and sacrifice that we continue to have our freedom.

- Happy Valley Quilts of Valor is based in Centre Hall, Centre County, Pennsylvania. Our group was established in 2015. Currently we have 72 members. We have been privileged to wrap over 1000 veterans with their QOV’s.



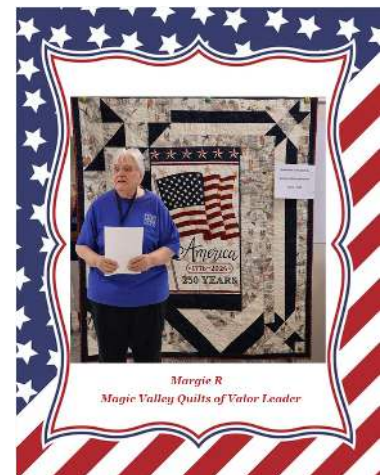
Magic Valley Quilts of Valor Veteran’s Appreciation Day

Submitted by Louise Miller, member of Magic Valley Quilts of Valor

Magic Valley Quilts of Valor has been an active group since 2005. Our group of about 35 volunteers awards quilts to veterans across eight counties in south-central Idaho. On July 2, 2026, we hosted a Veterans Appreciation Day to celebrate America’s 250th birthday and express our gratitude to local veterans. With the entire community joining in to promote the event—through posters, local magazines, reader boards, newsletters, social media, television and radio stations, and mailings—and with many veteran service providers participating in the open house, the day was a tremendous success!

Many quilts were on display for the public to enjoy, service providers offered small gifts, and veterans truly felt the love and appreciation from the community. This event was made possible through the generous support of the Twin Falls County Commissioners and numerous local businesses that donated funds and goods. We are deeply grateful for these partnerships.

Five Quilts of Valor were awarded during the ceremony, which began with a lively selection of patriotic music performed on fiddles by the Sticks and Strings duet. After the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the granddaughter of a QOV recipient, Chaplain Major John Martinez delivered an inspiring keynote address. The Magic Valley Quilts of Valor extends its gratitude to our veterans, their families, and the community who support them!



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Quilts Reported

	2021: 29,302
2012: 6,169	2022: 31,707
2013: 12,314	2023: 37,063
2014: 17,373	2024: 38,029
2015: 18,772	2025: 35,068
2016: 19,051	2026: 18,221+
2017: 24,123	
2018: 30,745	
2019: 33,375	
2020: 22,775	

Total: 454,200+

(from date of first recorded
award through July 31, 2026)

QOVF Core Values

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

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