

FOR QUILTS OF VALOR



Please join us and the ladies from the Quilter's at Heart Quilt Guild! Several quilters will be on hand during the day to answer question about quilting or how to become a part of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED! 25 quilts will be on display throughout the grand foyer and on the 2nd floor for your viewing pleasure! (The quilts are not for sale.)

The event is hosted by:



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Catherine Roberts began the Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) from her sewing room in Seaford, Delaware. Her son Nathanael's year-long deployment to Iraq provided the initial inspiration, and her desire to see that returning warriors were welcomed home with the love and gratitude they deserved, provided the rest.

She hit upon the idea that linking quilt-toppers with machine quilters in a national effort could achieve her goal of covering all returning service men and women touched by war. These wartime quilts, called Quilts of Valor (QOV), would be a tangible reminder of an American's appreciation and gratitude. Since 2003, QOVF has become a national grassroots community service effort, connecting the home-front with our wounded combat warriors and veterans.

QOV's are stitched with love, prayers and healing thoughts. Combat troops who have been wounded or touched by war are awarded this tangible token of appreciation that unequivocally says, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor."

A Quilt of Valor is a generous lap-sized quilt (minimum of 55 X 65) made by a quilt-topper (the piecer) of quality fabrics and beautifully quilted by a longarmer. After it has been bound, washed, labeled and wrapped in a presentation case, it is ready to be awarded. Quilts are awarded at many different levels: they may go to military hospitals where Chaplains award them to service members; there may be presentations of QOV's to entire service units returning from combat deployments; they may be awarded at VA's or presented individually. But no matter how a Quilt of Valor is given, the impact it delivers is unequivocal.

As one recipient said "My quilt isn't another military medal to be placed in a box and sit on my shelf. I was moved to tears." – SSgt RC, US Army, Iraq '05

Just how much of an impact has the Quilts of Valor Foundation made? As of May 2012 there have been over 65,000 quilts awarded to service members/veterans. So the answer to "Why Quilts of Valor?" Is this: It is a wonderful form of National Service and anyone can do it! National Service starts at home. Make a Quilt of Valor! For more information visit our website. www.QOVF.org.