

Quilting Sisters QOV Policy

QOV – “Quilts of Valor” (also known within The Quilting Sisters Guild as AHQ - “American Hero Quilts”) - created for current military member or veteran. Size recommended 60”x80”; minimum 55”x65”, recommended maximum 72”x90”. If you are sending the quilt to one of our long armers the backing needs to be 4” to 5” larger on all 4 sides. Use high quality 100% cotton quilting weight fabric appropriate for an adult. Apply binding by hand or machine. Machine or hand quilt; DO NOT TIE. Use low-loft quality batting. Wash your quilt after it is quilted and bound. While red, white, and blue are preferred by many that receive QOV, other colors may be used. Examples: Purple for Purple Heart recipients and multiple colors in addition to red, white and blue for those who may be sensitive to a daily reminder of their service.

“The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.”

As a guild we accomplish this by making tops during our monthly workdays and by individual members making appropriate quilt tops or blocks with their own materials. Once the tops are complete the Guild has a supply of backing and batting for use to complete the quilt. If you have made a top on your own, you may request batting and backing or supply it yourself. Quilt kits made up of tops, backing and batting are then picked up by one of our longarmers or if done individually, by the guild member finishing their own quilt. Once the quilting is done, the next step is binding which may be done by the longarmer or another volunteer. The quilt must be washed by the person binding the quilt or the Group Leader who will assign the quilt to a nominated service member or veteran. Once the quilt has been assigned a label will be made and sewn to the quilt which includes the recipients name, years of service, branch of service logo, the QOV logo, the makers of the top and the quilters names, along with a message of thanks.

All potential recipients of a QOV must be nominated through the QOV website by a family member/friend or QOV committee member. If the nominee resides out of our area, they may be nominated through the QOV website and be assigned to a group near where they live.