

Quilts of Valor

Quilts of Valor is a national quilting effort. This effort has distributed more than 26,000 quilts since September 11, 2001 and the beginning of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover all service members and veterans touched by war with wartime quilts called Quilts of Valor. Quilts are received by men and women in all branches of the military.

Quilts of Valor do have some specific requirements.

Minimum quilt size: 50 X 60 inches

Maximum quilt size: 72 X 87 inches

Fabric is required to be 100% cotton.

Quilts must be quilted, not tied.

Most Quilts of Valor are often some combination of red, white, and blue although this is not a requirement; these quilts are distributed to adults so the size of the quilt and theme of the fabric are significant. Fabric for children is not appropriate.

Heart of Ohio Quilters' Guild Involvement in Quilts of Valor

Heart of Ohio Quilters' Guild began involvement in this project in 2005 and has stitched almost 100 quilts for this effort.

A committee receives fabric for this project donated by the guild's members. This committee prepares quilt top kits that are distributed to members who wish to stitch a top. Some guild members create their own quilt tops and provide their own fabric.

The committee then sends our quilt tops and backs to volunteer longarm quilters assigned by the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

Members then bind the quilts, launder them, and provide a label, a presentation case, and a letter from the guild that accompanies each quilt.

The Foundation assigns a final destination and the guild provides a budget that pays for shipping quilts of valor to their final destination.

For more information about this effort contact the Quilts of Valor website at qovf.org

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