

Quilts for Our Heroes

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Overview of the QOV Process

Bare Bones Table of Requirements

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	Do	DO Not
Fabric	Use high quality 100% cotton quilting weight fabric appropriate for an adult.	Use sheets, thin, stiff, or scratchy fabric.
Pattern	Many free patterns are available on our website and on the web.	Make rag quilts Make a wholecloth QOV unless you are a professional quality quilter.
Size	Top: Width 55" to 72" by length 65" to 90" Backing 3 to 4 inches larger on all four sides.	Make quilt top less than minimum or more than maximum.
Binding	Use straight cut or bias double fold binding; join binding pieces with diagonal seams. Apply neatly by hand or machine.	Fold over backing and use as binding or zig-zag binding in place.
Quilting	Machine or hand quilting in an appropriate design. (free hand, pantograph, or computer guided patriotic or generic designs) Balanced stitches of uniform size (8-12 stitches per inch) Low-loft quality batting. (Cotton, 80/20, or poly from Pellon, Warm Company; Quilter's Dream, Hobbs)	Tie Do only stitch in the ditch on a domestic machine or use giant meander Use high-loft batting
Label	Must include Quilt of Valor, blank for name of recipient. Should include names of piecer and quilter.	Include advertising, political or religious messages.
Journal	Write a note to the recipient.	Include advertising, political or religious messages.
Washing	Wash your quilt after it is quilted and bound. Use a Color Catcher in the machine.	Use scented laundry products. Send a quilt covered in pet hair.
Presentation Case	Make a coordinating pillowcase or bag in which to place your QOV.	Send your quilt without a presentation case.

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The QOV Team

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Iraq Stats:
Killed: **4,482**

Wounded: **Many**

Afghanistan Stats:

Killed: **1,830**

Wounded: **Many**

Quilts Awarded 53
This Week: Quilts Awarded
This Month: 1607

Total Quilts Awarded: 57665

Team Member	Role/Responsibility
<p style="text-align: center;">Quilt-topper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select suitable pattern and fabric for your Wounded Warrior. • Piece top that will be at its finished size at least 55" x 65". • Use 100% good quality cotton fabric, preferably quilt shop fabric. • Use good quality fabric for backing. Should exceed at least 3" on all sides. (This is a total of 6-8" wider and 6-8" longer.) • When ready for your top to be quilted, fill out Request Longarmer Form • Once your partner is assigned, communicate with them. • Be courteous and send top/backing in a timely fashion. • Longarmer will determine who will do binding, label, presentation case, etc.
<p style="text-align: center;">Longarmer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join the volunteer longarmer's list to quilt a QOV • Let longarm coordinator know you are available to quilt • When you get your partner, let them know what you need and are willing to do; i.e., will bind, will not bind, will make presentation case, etc. • Turn-around time is 30 days. • If you have a problem finishing the quilting, let partner know. Don't be shy about this point.
<p style="text-align: center;">Longarm Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will assign a longarmer to the quilt-topper. • Will facilitate communication if there is a need
<p style="text-align: center;">Final Destination Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will provide a final destination for the finished QOV based on needs. • Will try and accommodate wishes of QOV team as far as branch, location, etc. • Needs from Points of Contact supercede QOV team's request...that is the QOV team needs to trust the Destination Coordinator to triage their QOV to the most needy.