

QUILTS OF VALOR GUIDELINES
for Presentation by River Heritage Quilt Guild

All quilts presented through the guild must abide by the guidelines of the Quilts of Valor Foundation and the River Heritage Quilt Guild respectively, to be eligible for registration and presentation as a Quilt of Valor.

Any individual or groups, members or nonmembers of RHQG can make **qualifying** Quilts of Valor (QOV) to be presented throughout the year or **ONE** QOV at the designated RHQG presentation meeting as scheduled by the presiding board.

Quilt presentations made throughout the year may also be announced at the November meeting with the quilt-makers' and the recipient's information.

A maximum of ten quilts will be presented at the November meeting on a first come, first serve basis for **qualifying quilts only**. Between June 1 and the October RHQG guild meeting, quilt tops or completed quilts must be approved in person by a QOV committee member (Mary Green, Donna Irwin, Karla Kiefner). Quiltmakers must agree to abide by **all** the QOV and RHQG guidelines for finished quilts.

Each quilt must be made according to these standards to be presented/recognized through RHQG:

1. The quilts must be made of 100% cotton, adult appropriate fabric. **NO metallic** fabrics are allowed on a QOV.
2. The minimum completed size allowed is 55 by 65 inches. The maximum size is 72 by 90 inches. **The recommended size is 60 by 80 inches.**
3. Backing should be 100% cotton. **No sheets** are allowed. (The backing should be 6 inches wider and longer than the top if taken to professional long-arm quilter.)
4. The batting should be a low-loft quality batting (Cotton, 80/20 or ply from Pellon, Warm Company, Quilter's Dream or Hobbs).
5. Binding should be double-fold, straight, or bias cut, and joined with diagonal piecing. Apply binding to the front of the quilt by machine, then turn the binding to the back and hand stitch. **No machine turned bindings allowed.**
6. Some recommended patterns are available on the [RHQG Quilt of Valor page](#) or you may choose from designs on the [QOV organization's pattern page](#), [Pinterest](#), or any appropriate pattern of your choice or you may design your own pattern. **No rag quilts or flag replicas are allowed.**
7. Quilting should be hand (5 to 7 stitches per inch) or machine (8 to 12 stitches per inch), uniform size, free hand, pantograph, or computer-guided patriotic or general designs. No tied, only stitched in the ditch, or giant meandering quilting is allowed.
8. Each QOV requires a label to be sewn on the back. A free RHQG (optional) can be supplied after the quilt is approved. (If applying label prior to quilting, check with your quilter for their guidelines regarding the placement of the label.)
9. Quilt-maker **must** wash the quilt prior to presentation, using Color Catchers. Avoid scented products. Do not present a quilt covered in pet hair or smelling of tobacco smoke.
10. QOV shall not have pet hair on them or smell of tobacco smoke.
11. Registration and review of quilt top must be completed by the October meeting to be eligible for presentation in November.

Note: No registration will be accepted for quilt presentation

a) after the maximum of ten have been accepted.

b) after the October guild meeting

c) if quilt does not meet size, fabric, label, washing instruction, and other requirements.

Quilts of Valor Presentation Registration

(Must be completed and turned in to committee by the October guild meeting)

Name(s) of Quilt-maker(s):

Quilt-maker Contact Phone #: _____

Relationship to Recipient: _____

Name of Quilt Recipient: _____

Service Branch of Military: _____

Years of Service: _____

Location of Service: _____

Additional information regarding recipient's service: _____

Has the recipient received a Quilt of Valor in the past? _____