

Quilts of Valor Guidelines

Presentation by River Heritage Quilters' Guild

All quilts must abide by the guidelines of the Quilts of Valor Foundation and the River Heritage Quilters' Guild respectively, to be eligible for registration and presentation as a Quilt of Valor at our November meeting.

Any individual or groups, members or nonmembers of RHQG can make a qualifying Quilt of Valor (QOV) to be presented at the designated RHQG meeting as scheduled by the presiding board. Recipient need not be present, but should have representation at the meeting, if possible.

A free QOV label (which must be applied to the quilt for presentation) will be given to each person who presents a qualifying QOV top to a QOV committee member by our September meeting.

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 six inches wider and longer than the top if it is taken to a long-arm quilter.)
4. The batting should be a low-loft quality batting (cotton, 80/20, or poly from Pellon, Warm Company, Quilter's Dream or Hobb's).
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 QOVF.com website, Pinterest, or any appropriate pattern of your choice, including your own design. NO rag quilts or flag replicas are allowed.
7. Quilting should be hand (5-7 stitches per inch) or machine (8-12 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. The label is supplied by RHQG when the completed form is turned in and the quilt top is approved by a committee member by the September meeting of the presentation year. The label should be sewn to the back of the quilt.
9. A matching pillowcase should be made for your veteran's quilt.
10. Both the pillowcase and the quilt should be washed prior to presentation, using Color Catchers. Avoid scented products.
11. A QOV quilt should not have pet hair on it or smell of tobacco smoke.
12. A note of appreciation to accompany the quilt is recommended.

Quilts of Valor Presentation Form

(Complete and turn in to Donna Irwin by the September guild meeting.)

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

Quilter Phone Number:

Name of Veteran: _____

Service Branch of Military: _____

(US Navy, US Army, US Coast Guard, US Marines, US Air Force,
Reservists, National Guard)

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

Is veteran able to attend the presentation at our November meeting? _____

Please write 2-3 sentences about your QOV recipient (for us to read while
they are walking onto the stage):

Please follow the guidelines for QOV so the quilt can be registered with the
Quilts of Valor Foundation.