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Cherry County 4-H
Quilts of Valor



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August 6, 2024
6:30 PM CST

What is a Quilt of Valor?

It is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."

History

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq. According to Catherine: *The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing.*

The model appeared simple: have a volunteer team who would donate their time and materials to make a quilt. One person would piece the top and the other would quilt it. I saw the name for this special quilt: it was Quilt of Valor, a QOV.

The rest is history! Citizens all across the country have been creating and awarding beautiful patriotic quilts to show gratitude for the sacrifices made by our military members past and present. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are donated annually to help purchase fabric and supplies. Some quilters award the quilts directly to Veterans they know, others donate the quilts to be awarded at Veteran hospitals and other locations.

- Cherry County has awarded 126 quilts to date.
- The National QOV Foundation has awarded nearly 400,000 quilts.

Dear Quilts of Valor Recipient,

Cherry County 4-H formally invites you to the Quilts of Valor presentation, along with any friends and family you would like to share this special day with!

Cherry County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
August 6th, 2024 at 6:30 PM CST

Quilts of Valor will be presented in conjunction with the 4-H Fashion Show.

Please arrive by 6:15 PM as we would like to take a group photo before the Ceremony. If you need any special accommodations, please contact the Extension Office at (402) 376-1850 or tell your 4-H'er and arrangements will be made for you.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

The Quilts of Valor 4-H'er