



## **Guidelines for Making Quilts of Valor for the 2021 Quilts of Valor Quilt Show at Quilters' Day Out March 13, 2021**

Thank you for participating in our first Quilts of Valor Quilt Show. Showing support for our veterans and fellow quilters by giving quilts to the QOV Foundation is a great honor.

To assure acceptance of your quilt in the show, please follow these guidelines carefully. More information about QOV can be found at their website [www.QOVF.org](http://www.QOVF.org). If you choose a recipient, they must be on the QOVF waiting list. To nominate someone, go to [www.QOVF.org](http://www.QOVF.org). The turn around time for the State Coordinator to get the nomination is just a few days. Your nominated recipient will receive your quilt.

Kentucky's waiting list is comparatively better than some other states—and the national average—but we are still seeing to the 2018-19 nominees. Let's do our very best to do what we can to continue the healing and comforting that comes from a quilt.

The Quilt of Valor Quilt Show entry form must be received either by email or USPS postmarked by Friday, February 19, 2021. USPS to Susan Lance, 119 Castleton Dr., Bardstown KY 40004 or email to [skl@bardstowncable.net](mailto:skl@bardstowncable.net).

1. Fabric used should be high quality 100% shirt-weight or quilt-weight cotton fabric appropriate for adults.
2. While Quilts of Valor do not have to be red, white, and blue, most recipients, given a choice, choose quilts that are patriotic in theme.
3. Patterns and blocks can be of any design suitable for a patriotic theme.
4. Use of military-branch-specific fabrics (Army, Navy, etc.) or non-“patriotic” fabric (overly floral), unless the recipient is known in advance, may create difficulty in identifying a recipient.
5. A Quilt of Valor is to be large enough to cover an average-sized adult, with an ideal size approximately 60” x 80”. Finished size can be no smaller than 55” x 65” and no larger than 72” x 90”.
6. A Quilt of Valor consists of a top, batting, and backing, and must be machine quilted or hand quilted. A tied quilt is not acceptable for a Quilt of Valor.
7. Batting should be quality, low-loft batting. Quilting should be appropriate for the quilt and not overly dense, which can reduce the loft of the quilt.
8. Binding strips should be joined with diagonal seams. Binding should be double-fold (“French fold”), attached by machine, and finished by hand or machine.
9. A note, card, letter, or journal documenting the creation of a Quilt of Valor may be presented to the recipient along with the quilt.
10. All quilts must be clean, smoke free, pet hair and odor free.
11. All quilts must have an identifying label containing your name, city and state, the name of your quilt, and the month and year finished. Must be attached on the back in the bottom right corner as you look at the quilt. This label may be pinned.
12. No limit on number of entries. All entries must be donated to Quilts of Valor State Coordinator to award to KY veterans.
13. QDO is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property.