

## Hero Quilt Guidelines

### Basic Requirements

#### Procedures for making Hero Quilts are as follows:

- Fabric used should be high quality 100% “shirt-weight” or “quilt-weight” cotton fabric appropriate for adults.
- While Hero Quilts do not have to be red, white, and blue, most recipients, given a choice, choose quilts that are patriotic in theme
- Patterns and blocks can be of any design suitable for a patriotic theme.
- 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.
- A Hero Quilt 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.”
- A Hero Quilt consists of a top, batting, and backing, and must be machine quilted or hand quilted. A tied quilt is not acceptable.
- The guild provides backing. If a guild member provides the backing to longarmers it must be 4” larger than the quilt top on all sides (8” wider in width and 8” longer in length than the top). Note: Some longarmers may have different requirements.
- The guild provides free-of-charge quilting to the member by a guild volunteer longarmer. (The guild is charged \$45.00)
- The guild also provides batting. If a guild member provides the batting it should be quality, low-loft batting. Quilting should be appropriate for the quilt.

- Binding strips should be joined with diagonal seams. Binding should be double-fold (“French fold”), attached by machine, and finished by hand or machine.
- A Hero Quilt must be labeled. The guild provides labels.

Place label in LOWER LEFT CORNER of the back of the quilt.

#### **Schedule of events:**

- Last day to submit a veteran nomination for hero quilt: December of the previous year
- Kits made up and provided to piecers: Ongoing basis as needed
- Quilts pieced and returned to the committee: June
- Quilts quilted and returned to piecers for binding and label: July
- Quilts returned to the committee with completed label and binding: August
- Letter to veteran: October with a response from veteran by October 15th
- Hero Day is on Veteran’s Day beginning in 2021.

#### **To nominate a veteran:**

A nomination form is available. We need the veteran’s name, mailing address, phone number, and type of service, such as Navy – Korean War. Mountain Piecemakers are honoring veterans who reside in Madison, Mitchell, and Yancey counties of Western North Carolina. Nominees will be added to our list and will be awarded a quilt as soon as possible.

Priority is given to World War 2 and Korean veterans, then the guild awards as many quilts as possible within funding constraints. Any money donated to the Hero Quilt project during the year allows us to honor more veterans the following year. Mountain Piecemakers budget is determined each year based on the amount earned through ticket sales on the annual raffle of our opportunity quilt.

If a guild member wants to honor a veteran who is not on the list of nominees with a quilt, the member should make the quilt and pay for the costs of the patriotic fabric, muslin, batting, and quilting. Be sure the committee has the veteran's name, mailing address, phone number, and type of service. The guild would only be responsible for the cost of the label, mailing of the letter, and any costs on the day of the presentation. Quilts made by members for veterans who do not reside in one of our 3 counties will not be included in the Hero Day presentation.

If a veteran passes who is on our waitlist to receive a quilt, the family will be presented with a quilt that year, however, the veteran must be on the waitlist at the time of death.