

## Hero Quilt Guidelines

### Basic Requirements

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

- Hero Quilts should be patriotic in theme using colors that are red/white/blue, or red/cream/blue.
- Patterns and blocks can be of any design suitable for a patriotic theme.
- Do not use military-branch-specific fabrics (Army, Navy, etc.) or non-“patriotic” fabric (overly floral) as this creates difficulty in identifying a recipient. If you are assigned to a Veteran and know specifically his/her branch of service than specific fabrics are allowed.
- A Hero Quilt is to be large enough to cover an average-sized adult, with an ideal size approximately 60” x 80.” The 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 5” larger than the quilt top on all sides. 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.

- Each Hero Quilt must have a label that will be provided. Label is to be sewn **onto the back of the quilt in the bottom right corner**. Label should be placed 1/4" from the binding.

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

- Kits made up and provided to piecers: throughout the year.
- Quilts pieced and returned to committee: July Guild Meeting.
- Quilts quilted and returned to piecers for binding and label: August Guild Meeting.
- Quilts returned to committee with completed label and binding: September Guild Meeting.
- Letter to veteran: Letters are mailed the third week in October and include a RSVP by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

A nomination form is available. We need the veteran's name, mailing address (such as PO Box and not necessarily their residence address), phone number and type of service, such as Navy – Korean War. Since we cannot ask for their age, we ask for service to determine their age so we can get quilts to the older Veterans sooner.

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.

If a veteran passes who is in the process of receiving a quilt, the family will be presented with a quilt that year.

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