



**Lewis Clark
Quilts of Valor
March 2023**

March Sew Day

Monday, 3/6, at 9AM at the First Church of God in Clarkston (no awards). We'll have a short meeting at 10AM. Bring your supplies, tools, equipment, lunch, beverages and name tag. Reminder—if you are participating in Sandy Berg's Mystery Quilt #8, bring your fabrics and completed steps to share and/or to work on. The quilt is available on our LCQOV website maintained by Nancy Sattler. I have it on good authority, Sandy is strongly considering a "Sneak Peak" of the final quilt (final step is revealed on Wed, 3/8). Of course, we're not authorized to reveal this information to media (social or otherwise), friends or family! Hand sewing: there are about 12 quilts needing labels and rolled for awarding in later in March. Thanks for your help and see you there!

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, 3/29 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day & LCQOV Awards – Elks Lodge in Lewiston, 5PM. Recipients and guests need to arrive by 4:45PM, and dinner is provided free to the QOV recipients, starting at 6PM.

Seaport Quilters Guild Quilt Show - The 2023 SQG Quilt Show is a week later this year—**Saturday, April 29-Sunday, April 30**. Please make this note on your calendar. Nancy Sattler and Judy Howard are in charge of this for our group.

Note about QOV Labels and LCQOV Service

Labels: When adding either or both labels to an unbound quilt, please NEVER stitch these directly with the same seam used to stitch on the binding. First, machine stitch the binding in place on the quilt, then either machine baste or hand baste the label(s) with a separate stitch/seam. Far too many times and for a variety of reasons, either one or both labels need to be moved, replaced, or sometimes removed completely. If it is stitched directly into the binding seam, this creates a WHOLE new issue when doing what otherwise could be a smaller task. THANK YOU!

Many Thanks – to those who provided the meal and activities for National Sew Day!

What is the QOVF Definition of Valor? (Source: QOVF website)

The dictionary definition of Valor says, "great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle." Why does QOVF award to those who were not wounded or did not face combat? Our Founder, Catherine Roberts, was a Blue Star Mother. While her son was in service, she wanted to know that someone cared about him; she wanted to tell other Service Members that she cared about them. Quilts of Valor began as way to express gratitude for today's all volunteer, modern military. You can consider it in this way: for a mother, her child is agreeing to sacrifice his or her life to protect our freedoms and way of life. We believe that Valor in a volunteer military is giving up your rights to freedom for a term of service in order to ensure the safety of our nation and population. Courage is facing an unknown future, but moving forward anyway.



Behind the Scenes on National Sew Day,

2/4/23: This is John L. Shane who served in the U.S. Army from 1961-1964. John was originally scheduled to receive his QOV at our LCQOV Awards on National Sew Day, 2/4. However, I received a call from his daughter late on Friday afternoon saying he'd not been released from Tri-State Hospital as planned on 2/2, nor on 2/3. Several family members came from out of town to see him receive his QOV on Saturday, then would head back home. She wondered if there was any way we could make the award at the hospital while they were still here. She'd talked with hospital staff, and they would allow LCQOV to be there. A couple of phone calls later, we'd arranged for Dawna Glenn and Dale Town to go to the hospital after our LCQOV awards. Dawna says his family was VERY appreciative of his QOV (John had tears to spare), and of our extra efforts for him. His quilt was pieced by Linda Younger; quilted by Cindy Paulsgrave; and bound by Vickie Storey.

April Sew Day – Mon. April 3, 2023