



ON THE ROAD AGAIN

by ED Tammany McDaniel

As I reflect on changes over the years, I like to recall great ideas that made a difference.

Ann Rehbein implemented guidelines for a National Block Drive several years ago. She asked Suzanne DiCarlo to lead the initiative, which

Suzanne did for over four years. The concept: have a central location for the submission of blocks, distribute those blocks to groups in need throughout our QOVF areas, and keep a count of local block drives and how the blocks were used so we could recognize every contribution. Suzanne has now turned this project over to Anne Mixon, South Carolina State Coordinator. Anne's group has a dedicated building with a shipping/receiving area. Her group also has the storage space and the tools necessary to "square up" incoming blocks for future use.



Tammany McDaniel
Executive Director

Currently, volunteers in South Carolina are squaring up blocks that will be used in completed tops. Check it out [here](#) to find the patterns for the 2021 blocks.

We would like to introduce a new member level that allows individuals who regularly piece, quilt, and award, to join us. The Block Builders membership, \$10 annually, is designed to connect individuals in areas where we do not have group representation. If you know of someone who would like to piece, but is not near a group, please share this [information](#) with them. Next month, we will tell you about online group opportunities for those of you who are going virtual.

As you may recall, I struggled with the 1/4" seam in my blocks. Where I felt like I soared, pun intended, is the center panel I designed, drew, and dyed for my first QOV. After applying the dye, I am now working on simple and fancy matching stitching along with hand embroidery to make this eagle really distinctive.

Thank you to every service member and veteran who is a member or supporter of QOVF. Thank you to all of you for honoring, showing gratitude, and changing the lives of our service members and veterans touched by war!



UP AND COMING

by QOVF Marketing

Flag Day, Father's Day, and the 4th of July! Summer has started, we're starting to visit, and hold sew days, and more and more of us are getting into the full swing of presentations.

- ★ The quilt shows are coming back! Guilds are rehosting local events and



the big shows are booked for 2022. Contact the show coming to you—most of them will give you booth space. Bring a donation jar, blank white squares, and finished QOVs. This is a great way to show your community how we recognize and give back to our military community,

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gather names in the community to be awarded QOVs, and raise a few dollars for your group.

- ★ Winterset Hy-Vee has selected Quilts of Valor as their “My Heart” recipient for the month of July! Are you close to Winterset? If so, drive over to the Hy-Vee store located at 923 North 1st Street, Winterset, IA, and pick up a reusable red “My Heart” bag to help QOV. \$1 from each bag purchased in the month of July will benefit the Quilts of Valor Foundation!



- ★ Our newest partner, [Jane's Colorful Fabrics](#), has launched their website! Not only has she reduced prices for the patriotic selection, but a portion of sales will also go to Quilts of Valor. Win-Win!
- ★ Now that presentations are on the rise, you may be looking for ways to fundraise for your groups. There are Fundraising Quick Reference documents on the member dashboard. While not every

company may be in your area, they are in most and it also gives you ideas to use in your community. If you have suggestions for items to be added to the Fundraising documents, send us the “how-to” so we can share with everyone. Hy-Vee is not the only grocery chain that has a version of the “My Heart” campaign. Introduce yourself to the local managers where you frequently shop—sometimes they have gift cards they can give right on the spot!

- ★ There is a new addition (we mean “new” as in “launched at the end of May”) to the quilting industry, devoted entirely to modern, patriotic quilts—[Modern Service Quilts](#). They are a group of quilters that “serves to bring modern quilt design to veteran service quilts, while also highlighting lesser-known veterans’ groups.” They will be partnering monthly with modern quilt designers highlighting a pattern that has been made in a way that is veteran appropriate. The pattern designers will be donating a portion of the proceeds to their military charity of choice, highlighted on the website. Take a look for new ideas!
- ★ We are looking for Volunteer Leadership! We have regions and states looking for Coordinators plus there are Group Leaders moving and looking for someone to take over for the group. Do your talents lead to logistics and coordination? Do you know someone in your community who can help? No sewing required! We need people to help keep the nominations moving forward, help



local members with their needs - whether finding presenters, fabric, batting, or money for shipping. Spread the word that we are looking for help.

- ★ The cruise line has updated the date for our next cruise! The official [2022 Quilts of Valor® Cruise](#) with our wonderfully talented partner, [Nu-Blu](#), sails January 23, 2022. Sailing from Galveston, TX, to Mexico, Key West, and the Western Caribbean. Mark your calendars to join the fun with Mary Kerr and Nu-Blu! #QOVFCruise2022



OLDE GLORY PRESENTATION

Have you ever been to a military retirement ceremony? Each branch of service has their own nuance which embodies their traditions. Some are simple and some more elaborate. In honor of Flag Day, we share the tradition of the reading of “My Name is Olde Glory.”



As the reading of the first stanza starts, the first Side Boy passes Olde Glory to the next and salutes. That Side Boy will about face, pass, and salute her as the next stanza is read, each Side Boy having the distinguished honor of presenting the National Ensign to the Retiree. As he receives Olde Glory, he becomes the embodiment for her as he proudly speaks the last stanza.

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**"My Name is Olde Glory."
by WWII Marine
Howard Schnauber**

I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over great institutes of learning.
I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world.
Look up! And see me!

I stand for peace—honor—truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident—I am arrogant.
I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners
My head is a little higher.
My colors a little truer.

I bow to no one.
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped—I am saluted—I am respected.
I am revered—I am loved, and I am feared.

I have fought every battle of every war for more than 200 years:
Gettysburg, Shiloh, Appomattox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, the beaches of Normandy, the deserts of Africa, the cane fields of the Philippines, the rice paddies and jungles of Guam, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Guadalcanal New Britain, Peleliu, and many more islands.

And a score of places long forgotten by all but those who were with me.
I was there.
I led my soldiers—I followed them.
I watched over them.
They loved me.
I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima.
I was dirty, battle-worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me,
and I was proud.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.
I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country, and when it is by those with whom I have served in battle—it hurts.
But I shall overcome—for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.
I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips
to be used for bandages for my wounded comrades on the field of battle,
When I fly at half-mast to honor my soldiers,
And when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother at the graveside of her fallen son.

I am proud.
My name is Old Glory.
Dear God—Long may I wave.

**THE SASSY SEWERS
RECOGNIZE THREE
BRANCHES OF SERVICE**

*Submitted by Doc Harris
Stars & Stripes Sassy Sewers
Group Leader*

Our QOV group was approached by a former QOV member and asked to coordinate with the Vietnam Brotherhood Bravo Company to conduct a group award. Arrangements were made and on the evening of March 15, 2021, nine quilts were awarded. Two veterans were very ill, one came to the ceremony, one sent his son and watched by remote video. Their service represented three branches of service: Army, Marines, and Navy. Our group, the Stars and Stripes Sassy Sewers, helped award the quilts. Each of the nine quilts were different. Patterns included: Sampler, X's and O's with Center Eagle Panel, Stars and Squares, Rail Fence, Twisted Sister, Labyrinth,

Jelly Roll Stripes, Nine Patch on Point, and Four-Patch with Crosses.

*Stars and Stripes QOV
group outside the
VFW hall. Left to right.
Shirley Clark, Robin
Harris, Betty Gould
and Marcy Stewart.*



*Awarding nine
from the Vietnam
Brotherhood Bravo
Company in
Ft. Myers, FL.*

FRIENDS RECOGNIZING FRIENDS

*Submitted by Doc Harris
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The Stars & Stripes Sassy Sewers QOV group awarded a QOV to Jeff McQuade, a Vietnam veteran, and got to talking. The veteran had a friend who served in the Navy in WWII and the conversation led to Jeff nominating his friend. On February 22, 2021, we awarded a QOV to 95-year-old Giuseppe “Wally” Cortese. Our first topic of conversation was how this amazing Italian got a nickname of “Wally.” As we found out, years ago his older sister had seen a US program and fell in love with the name Wally, so she started calling him Wally. The name stuck and he became known as Wally rather than Giuseppe!

Wally told us about his service time where he worked as a rear gunner. Wally is legally blind, and our quilt had lots of texture for him to feel. It is our scrappy string pattern, a modified form of the New Hampshire quilt found on page 65 of the “Quilts of Valor: A 50 State Salute.”

On April 11, 2021, our group was invited to fundraise and honor veterans in Ft. Myers. During that event, Wally was being recognized for his service



Wally with his Vietnam veteran friend, Jeff, wife Doris, and his QOV



Doris giving her Navy sweetheart a kiss.



Flynn receiving his QOV.

in the Navy. It just so happened that the main speaker would be General Michael Flynn, US Army Retired. We asked the sponsors if we might honor the General, who had a 34-year career in the U.S. Army. I had three minutes

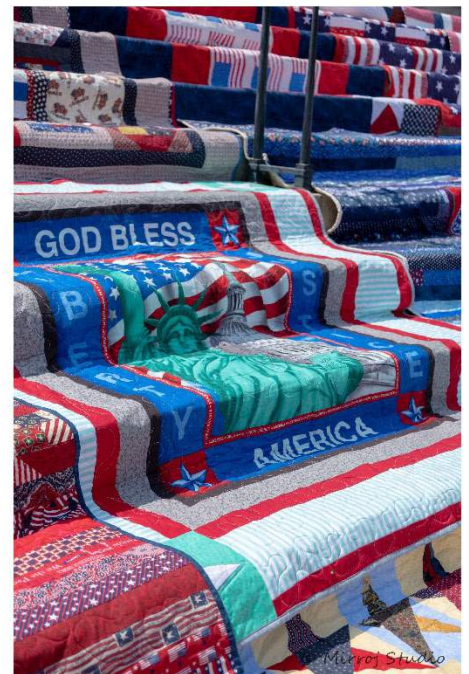
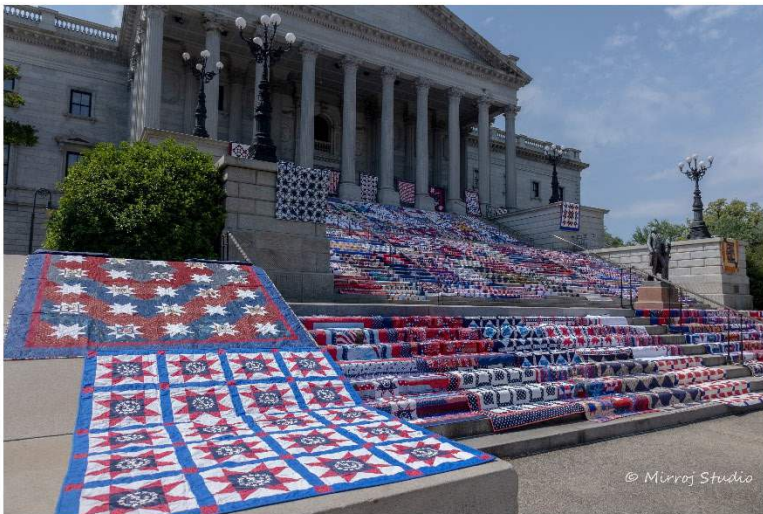
to tell our QOV story, then wrap the General with his QOV. The pattern, first published in the *Quilt Sampler* Fall/Winter 2014 edition, was another scrappy one called [“On a Winter’s Night.”](#)

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4th of July Americana Trivia

1. The 4th of July commemorates which document?
2. Why were the colonists declaring independence?
3. Does England have a 4th of July?
4. Which President was a real Yankee Doodle Dandy and born on the 4th of July?
5. Which Presidents died on the 4th of July?
6. What was the Statue of Liberty's official name?
7. How many original Liberty Bells were made?
8. Which country declared independence from the United States on July 4, 1960?

Answers: (1) Declaration of Independence; (2) Taxation without representation; (3) Yes, they just don't celebrate it.; (4) Calvin Coolidge; (5) Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died within 5 hours of one another 1826; James Monroe, 1831; (6) Liberty Enlightening the World; (7) Three. #1 cracked upon testing; 1 and 2 were then melted to create the 3rd bell, which also cracked on President's Day, 1846; (8) Philippines.

Quilts Reported

2012: 6,169
2013: 12,314
2014: 17,373
2015: 18,772
2016: 19,051
2017: 24,123
2018: 30,745
2019: 33,375
2020: 23,356
2021: 8,093

Total: 273,353

(from date of first recorded award
through 29 May 2021)

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