

## **NFRW/Armed Services Committee State Quilt Contest**

The NFRW Armed Services Committee is creating the State Quilt Contest to show support for our troops, and we hope it will become a biennial tradition.

The quilts are specifically earmarked for Korean veterans (“The Forgotten War”) in veterans hospitals. A representative from Quilts of Valor informed us last year that most quilts/afghans have been earmarked for Iraq/Afghanistan soldiers. The hospitals expressed that they have had an influx of Korean and Vietnam veterans for whom they weren’t prepared, and that there aren’t donations for these vets. Because the Korean vets are older, we decided to honor them this year. We plan to honor Vietnam vets in 2011.

The 2009 project will financially aid the web site, AnySoldier.com.

### **RULES for QUILTS:**

Theme: **Your State’s History** (ie., year entering the Union, bird, tree, flower, U.S. presidents, historical events, state flag)

Finished size should be approximately **50” X 60”**

**Fabric 100% cotton** (which wears and washes well)

Should be **quilted by hand or machine** no less than **2” apart** (no tied quilts)

**Cloth tag will be provided** to be sewn on the lower right hand corner (**send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your tag to Lyn Sanchez, 98 County Road 103A, Hesperus, CO 81326**). Be proud, we want the vets and everyone to know who donated them.

Should be usable, not just beautiful!

Each state federation will raise donations for its quilt at the 2009 NFRW Convention in Florida. (Monies will be turned over to the Armed Services Committee to be tallied).

The quilt raising the most money will hang at national headquarters for two years; plus, the winning state will be recognized at the convention.

Each state must **provide its own easel** to display the quilt. (Please don’t depend on the hotel, as it will not have more 50 easels).

The committee sees this as a “win-win” project. The veterans win, AnySoldier.Com wins, and the NFRW wins, as America will see we care!

Contact Mary Lou Wright at [wrightmarylou@yahoo.com](mailto:wrightmarylou@yahoo.com) to let her know you have received the rules and are on board. YOU will make this successful.

Note: Every state has a quilter’s guild. Think of the Republican quilters who could be brought into the Federation with this project!