



# VFW Post 683 Auxiliary Newsletter

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## VFW Post Member Honored-Quilts of Valor

On March 17, 2021, Rodeo Post 683 was honored to have a Quilts of Valor presentation to honor Jeff Cole for his service to our county. Robyn Webb nominated Jeff to receive a Quilt of Valor for his service to our country. Thank you, Jeff,

# Congratulations!



L-R: Jeff Cole, Dennis Cort, Senior Vice Commander  
Al Bragg Commander

*Quilters in the Valley* is a quilter's guild to bring together the quilting groups in the community.

Thank you, *Quilters of the Valley*. The quilt is beautiful; the presentation touched my heart and brought tears to my eyes as it is so sincere and touching the manner that the Quilts of Honor, honor our VETERANS THAT HAVE SO FAITHFULLY SERVED!



L: Robyn Webb R: Jeff Cole



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# Are you ready for the Challenge?

## Quilt of Valor Foundation

Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 with a dream, literally a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts' son Nat was deployed in Iraq.

According to Catherine: The dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down into an emotional gutter. Then, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt as if viewing a movie. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being. The quilt had made this dramatic change.

## A Quilt of Valor is...

From the beginning, Catherine Roberts had definite ideas about standards of excellence for Quilts of Valor: I knew a Quilt of Valor had to be a quality-made quilt, not a "charity quilt." A Quilt of Valor had to be quilted, not tied, which meant hand or machine quilting. It would be "awarded," not just passed out like magazines or videos, and would say unequivocally, **"Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor in serving our nation."** The message of my dream was:

## Quilts = Healing.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A QOV?

Any service member or living veteran who has served in one of the following branches: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Members of the activated National Guard and activated or active duty-special work (ADSW) reservists are included. The Army National Guard and Air Force National Guard are components of the Army and Air Force,

respectively. Merchant Marines activated from 1941 to 1945. Additionally, anyone who serves at the Dover Mortuary Facility is eligible.

- Served during declared war, conflicts, police actions, peacekeeping missions, counter-terrorism operations, and times of peace.

- Service during, but not necessarily limited to, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Beirut, Granada, Bosnia, the Cold War, Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Iraq, Afghanistan, anti-terrorist operations, and terrorism attacks against Armed Forces personnel are included.

- Only veterans with an Honorable or General Discharge status are eligible.

- QOVF does not award QOVs posthumously.

If you would like to nominate an eligible Veteran, you can click on the online nomination form below: [https://www.qovf.org/nominate\\_qov\\_tbw\\_certify/](https://www.qovf.org/nominate_qov_tbw_certify/)



Thank you, Advantage Dirt, for your support of Rodeo Post 683 in Kittitas, Washington. Earlier this year, the post had a water leak, and we had to replace our waterline. It was too muddy to level it out. Advantage Dirt stopped by the post and offered to level and gravel our back parking lot. We are so grateful for this offer as we were discussing how we would get it completed. THANK YOU! ADC

## GRANTS

Recently the Auxiliary applied for a grant from Legends Casino. The Auxiliary is working on a Community Outreach project. Our vision is to place a "Patriotic Library Corner," which will have various patriotic books, flags, handouts, and a variety of other items promoting patriotism.

Our goal is to collaborate with the Kittitas Gilmour Memorial Library, reaching out to engage and educate our local youth. If you would like to donate to this project, you can mail your donations to Attn: Pat Cort, President VFW Auxiliary, PO Box 568, Kittitas, WA 98934. Please designate that your gift is for the Patriotic Library Corner.



We hope that this project will evolve into more than just a library project. Eventually, we would like to partner with the local

Police, Fire, Aid departments, and the community to host a "Patriotic Festival." At present, these projects are all in the planning stage and participate in COPS Night Out



## ***WANT TO JOIN THE VFW AUXILIARY OR UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP?***

***CONTACT PAT CORT,  
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***Must be related to a Combat Veteran to join. For more information or questions, feel free to contact me.***

## **APRIL IS MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

April is designated as Month of the Military Child – a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, emphasizing the experience of the dependent children of military members serving at home and overseas. The Military Child's month is sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy and supported by many other organizations such as the DoDEA.



## **EVOLUTION OF THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was responsible for establishing April as the Month of The Military

Child in 1986, and the Department of Defense has honored his initiative ever since.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This year has been frustrating. We can only hope that the rest of the year is amazing. There is a saying that life is what we make it; therefore, let's make it just that **"amazing."**

It is almost time to vote for officers. We currently have an opening for the Treasurer and the Trustee. At the next meeting, we will need to vote for a new Treasurer/Trustee to complete the rest of the year as our Treasurer, Kim Beck has resigned her position. We thank Kim for her service, and it saddens me of her loss; we wish her the best in her future endeavors. Joy Silva has resigned from her Trustee position due to health and being careful during the COVID. Joy will continue as a member; we wish her well and hope to see her soon.

I want to challenge each of our members to recruit one new member each as spring is upon us, summer will follow, and we have many possible projects that we can implement; the more, the merrier, and the adage "more hands light work!"



## VISIONING AND PLANNING

Just a friendly reminder, on the second Wednesday of the month, after the noon lunch at Post 683, we hold our all post "VISIONING/PLANNING" meeting.

"Why bother with visions of the future when today's problems seem overwhelming?" *Both problem and visioning are essential; they are quite different approaches that should be used in combination.*

- *Visioning* generates a common goal, hope, and encouragement; offers a possibility for fundamental change; gives people a sense of control; gives a group something to move toward; and generates creative thinking and passion.
- With *problem-solving*, a group can become apprised in technical details and political problems and may even disagree on defining the problem. Problem-solving, although practical, rarely results in any fundamental change.
- A *problem* is something *negative* to move *away from*, whereas a *vision* is something *positive* to move *forward*.
- In moving toward a vision, you will likely encounter several problems to solve.
- Ask, "What would your VFW Post be like if you had the power to make it any way you wanted? What would we do differently? How would we be creative in recruitment? How would you reach out to your community? How would you recruit new younger members? What are their Visions and Goals? An old proverb says,

*A vision without a plan is just a dream.*

*A plan without a vision is just drudgery.*

*But a vision with a plan can change the world.*

## SERVING VETERANS THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY

Ensure the people in your community know that you are the person and post to contact when it comes to supporting veterans. Talk the talk and walk the walk.



Here are five reasons **WHY** to join or **WHY** to stay a member by paying your dues for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary.

- To honor the service of a family member.
- To promote patriotism within your community to all citizens, young and old.
- To participate in programs that bring family and community members together for worthwhile projects.
- To stress that veterans and their entitlements be a number one priority for legislators.

- To be the voice of those veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can all live in a democracy.

When you join the VFW Auxiliary, you'll have the opportunity to:

- **Support Veterans, Active-Duty Service Members, and Their Families**  
The VFW Auxiliary offers numerous avenues for service, such as hospital volunteering, military units' adoption, and promoting patriotism. Anyone with a heart for veterans can count their membership as an important way to stand with veterans and the military community on Capitol Hill and in local legislative battles affecting them.
- **Develop New Skills**  
The VFW Auxiliary offers numerous ways to acquire and utilize leadership, public speaking, fundraising, event planning, and community outreach.
- **Network and Develop Friendships**  
Through local and national events, members have the chance to meet people from all walks of life and many career backgrounds, creating a vast network of people who are passionate about veterans, active-duty service members, and their families.

*"Congratulations. Today is your day. You're off to great places. You're off and away. You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."*

*- Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go!*

