



Silicon Valley QOV # 589
Quilts of Valor®
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July

Q3
2025

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No Summer Events Scheduled

SC Sheriff Award
20 QOVs -10/8

Next Group Sew Day
November TBD

at Hospice of Valley
12930 Saratoga Ave a2,
Saratoga, CA 95070

Website Update: 7/1/25
Silicon Valley QOVs
distributed to date.
62

QOV NAMS 5 Awarded

10 QOVs sent to
S. Carolina QOV Back log

Colma Veterans Village
Date TBD 2-3 wip

Hospice of Valley
QOVs HOV 2025 47
QOVs HOV 2024 33

SCC Sheriff's Office
20 October 8 wip

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Submission Deadline
for next newsletter.
September 15th, 2025

Welcome to send your
ideas and stories by.

Q4 Quarterly
Newsletter
will be
distributed
by Oct 10th, 2025

Hope you all are taking time to enjoy the summer months and nice weather.
This is the time of year for family gatherings, graduations, vacations and just enjoying life and hopefully a good BBQ too!

Members have been very busy sewing, awarding and walking! So be sure to look at the event and quilt photos taken during the last 2 Sew Days held at HOV on 4/26 and 6/7. Also take a look at special notices and features.

Late spring early summer is the time of year we fund-raise to help acquire funds for the kits we prepare for QOV National Sew Day. Fundraising has always been a difficult task for our group and becoming more complicated each year. Funding resources are dwindling. We often experience barriers as the "requirements" are so complex or funds allotted exceed our needs and or conflict directly with National QOV. So sadly we are largely self funded and supported by our 589 members, friends and family. Thank You all for your kind and generous support - As always!

Take-5 Walk a Thon, Block a Thon and Silent Auction 2025 **Events Successful - Spring 2025 - it's a year round process**

We had two Take-5 groups this year Peggy/Anne in the North Bay and Jerilyn/George in the South Bay. We also held a Silent Auction and collected funds during the last sew day at HOV. Estimated funds \$1,800+

Annual Membership Renewal

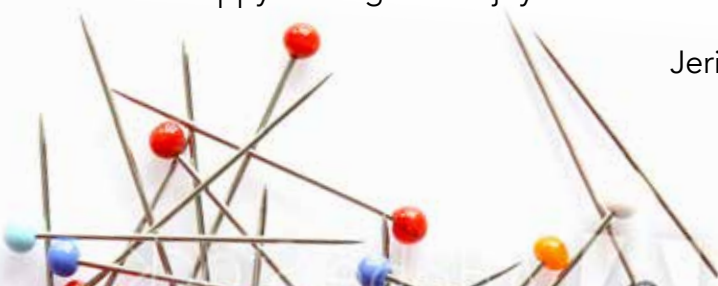
September is our Annual Membership Renewal - so be on the look-out for emails regarding renewal. Please consider taking a more active role in the group if you have been on the sideline - *as it takes a village!*

Post Cards & Thank You Cards and Spoonflower Labels have been ordered.

Happy Sewing and Enjoy a Safe & Fun Fourth of July,

Jerilyn and George

p.s. check out page 12
for AJ's Book Release
Darkhorse





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MEMBERS USAGE



Membership Roles

<i>Role</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Email Phone</i>
SV Group Leader, Finances, Membership, Website, E-Blasts, Quarterly Newsletter, NAMS Administration, P.O. Box, Donations, Fabric Supplies, Certificates, AccuQuilt Fabric, Graphic Designer	Jerilyn Lightfoot	jerilyn.lightfoot@qovca.org 408 - 242-2988 (text is better)
Pattern Share (via email)	Liz Fong	efong9922@gmail.com 301 - 221-9441
Photos, E-Blast, Music & Recipes, Backing Fab Team (Happily Shares Garage Space with SV QOV :)	George Garcia	gmremodeling@gmail.com 408 - 838-1398 text only
Wellness Greetings (Via email or card TBD)	OPEN	Open Position
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QOV Boutique, PbyP Guild Info MH	Leslie Mastalarz	lesliennorm@frontiernet.net 408 - 779-5389
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Main Liaison - Hospice of Valley, HOV Awards Terri works directly with Teri Brown	Terri Simpson	tst42255@Yahoo.com 408 - 690-7107

* Need a volunteer for phone tree.

* Need more volunteers for awards local QOV and to assist HOV with QOV awards

* Need a volunteers for Sheriff Award Details coming soon- contact Jaclyn

**Every member can be called upon to award a QOV.

Sewing Day 4/26 at HOV & QOV Awards Near and Far



*Thank You
Grace and Kevin Witt
for Donating
A Panda Express Luncheon
for our Sew Day on 4/26!*



QOV QUILTS

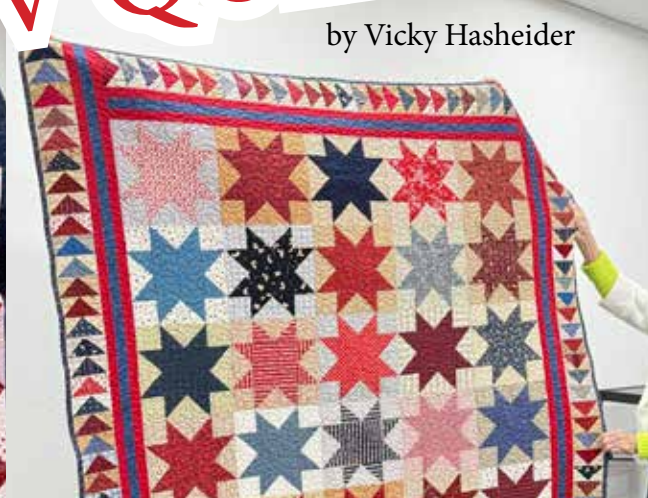
4/26





* QOV QUILTS *
4/26





14 QOV QUILTS

by Vicky Hasheider



***10 QOV QUILTS
Sent to S.Carolina
Supporting QOV Backlog***

***9 QOV QUILTS
Given to HOV on 4/26**

Sewing Day 6/7 at HOV



*6 QOV QUILTS
Given to HOV on 6/7

* A Few QOV Recent Awards

Just want to give a shout out to Teri Brown at Hospice of the Valley and their volunteers. Kudos to Terri Simpson and Valerie Lynne as well. It can be emotionally taxing awarding GOVS. They all do an amazing job and care!

They need a few more award assistants during the Veteran QOV presentations. Please consider stepping up to help our veterans and the hospice volunteers that attend veterans and their families in a significant time of their life. Contact Valerie Lynne or Terri Simpson or Teri Brown to get on board with this special part of HOV and QOV.



Christine's NAMS Recipients Aloha Style



Featured Quilt Shop

Welcome to Quilts and Things. We invite you to check out the fun fabric offerings on our website 24/7. New items are added frequently so bookmark our site. You wouldn't want to miss out. <https://www.quiltshopmorganhill.com>

You're invited to stop by the shop if traveling through our area of California. Located between the San Francisco and Monterey Bay Areas, Quilts and Things is a friendly place to "scratch that fabric itch". Take the East Dunne Avenue exit off US 101. Go West about a mile to the corner of Dunne and Monterey near the Dollar Tree. With plentiful free parking, the shop has a great mix of 100% cotton quilt fabric from major manufacturers.



Laurie Perez, Owner of Quilts and Things



(408) 776-8438
16985 Monterey St. #316
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Hours:
Mon-Fri: 11 a.m. - 5ish.
Sat 11 a.m. - 4ish.
Closed Sunday



Pamela Won the "hidden" \$75.00 Gift Certificate from Quilts and Things in the Silent Auction item she won!

Take 5 Walk a Thon & Auction

We successfully completed our walk on the 14th, Flag Day. Weather was perfect- Daly City style. Cool, fog with scattered sun and breezy. Thanks to all who sponsored us. Funds support NSD 2026 Kits and fabrics etc are

inbound. The NSD25 Team is busy preparing the patterns and kits. The survey that was sent out really is helpful and responses are appreciated!

Jerilyn and George walked the San Jose Rose Garden it was sunny and warm day!



The Silent Auction bidding was weak - but every bit helps.

Even though we opened it to outsiders and those who couldn't attend - there wasn't much action.

The good part was items generally went for the opening bids and if you scored (or actually bid) there were lots and lots of extras hidden in the auction items.

Collected funds during the Sew Day at HOV, Silent Auction and Walk a Thon

Estimated funds \$1,800+++ Thank You to sponsors and bidders alike!



Sheriff Update 10/8

20 Recipients



Contact Jaclyn at bakerladyjo@aol.com for more information.



We provided 14 completed QOVs in early May. This year the requests are for more than we expected! Jaclyn needs helpers for the award ceremony which will be held in the SCC Sheriff Auditorium. Last year attendees names had to be on a list. Date is now set for October 8th at 1 pm. Karen and Jerilyn provided 2 more completed quilts and community volunteer Christine Hess is currently putting the bindings on 2 more. Jerilyn quickly sewed up a top and Jaclyn will secure long-arming for that top. I believe Jaclyn is working on one as well. We will need more presenters and volunteers as this event has doubled!



AJ's Book Darkhorse

Pre Order Today!
<https://www.ajpasciuti.com>

A transformative war story that challenges traditional views of toughness and leadership, where masculinity develops from empathy, grit is born from failure, and power comes from placing service above self.

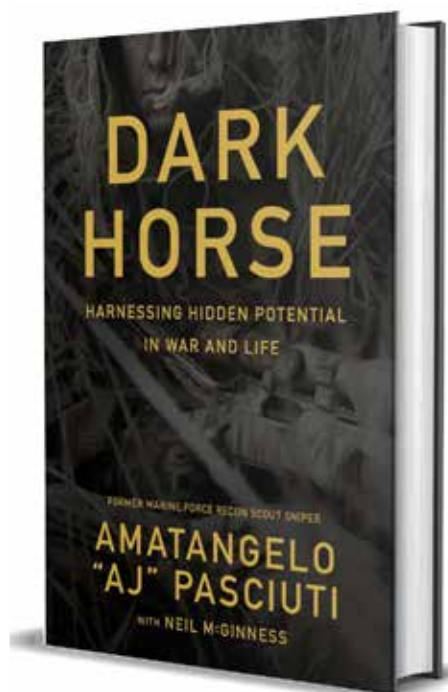
In Darkhorse, Amatangelo "AJ" Pasciuti delivers an entirely new war narrative: an intense exploration of authentic leadership, sacrifice, and the resilience of the human spirit. By challenging established notions of masculinity and authority, Pasciuti shows that true strength lies in our hidden potential.

Driven to serve by the events of 9/11, AJ enlisted in the Marine Corps at 17 in 2001. He embarked on a 21-year odyssey through some of the most harrowing battles of the Global War on Terror. Serving as an Infantry Marine, Scout Sniper, and Force Reconnaissance Marine, while completing seven deployments across the globe and leading elite teams in high-stakes special operations missions' unbreakable bonds were forged.

A pivotal moment came during his legendary sniper vs sniper duel with the infamous enemy sniper, Juba—the first sniper battle since the Vietnam War. His actions saved countless lives and recovered a stolen Marine sniper rifle, highlighting how intellect, strategy, and an ability to look at problems differently could transform the nature of warfare.

Driven by a strong commitment to advocate for the voiceless and a desire to push the limits of possibility, AJ set out to reform the Marine Corps Infantry education system by redefining Marine infantry training to make the finest fighting force the world has ever known even better. The challenge proved to be one of AJ's toughest battles, confronting the very institution that shaped him. But what kind of person would AJ be if he settled for anything less?

Darkhorse serves as both an impactful memoir and a call to action. It's a must-read for warriors, leaders, and anyone eager to grasp the strength found in serving others and the boundless potential that resides within us all...



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I heard, our AJ
will narrate the
audible formats.



A few members are dealing with health issues ...

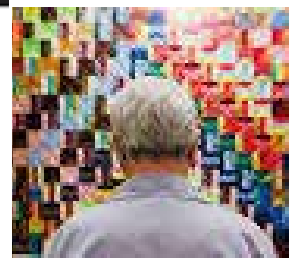
Kindly keep them in your thoughts.

We wish them all speedy healing and recovery.

Kelly, Leslie and Jaclyn
and Pamela's Hubby "Mr H"

NETFLIX

**LOVED
IT!**



<https://www.netflix.com/title/82006530#lodp-trailer>

The Quilters
2024 TV-14 Documentary

In this award-winning short documentary, men in a Missouri maximum-security prison design and sew beautiful, personalized quilts for foster children.

Elaine's Quilt Vacation

Stitchin Heaven in Texas has cruises and “staycations” for quilters. Last year, they promoted a Quilts of Valor cruise with 2 Veterans, Mark Darrell (the Quilting Marine) and Andrew Lee (the Combat Quilter). The cruise sold out in hours with 80 people on the cruise.

For some reason, Quilts of Valor told Stitchin Heaven that they couldn't use the QOV logo, and I didn't get the whole story as to why.....

Stitchin Heaven re-branded the name and call it the Combat Cruise with the 2 Vets. Again, it sold out in just a few hours. Sttichin Heaven's staycation is where they choose a city and stay there for 5+days - retreat style at a local hotel.

This year, they had both the cruise and the staycation with the 2 Vets.. I didn't join the cruise but I went on the staycation in Shipshewana Indiana.

Shipshwana is an A https://m.media-amazon.com/images/I/51Hu48F+yeL._SY342_.jpg mish community that is known for their quilting

Andrew got called to duty at the last minute but Rob Appell filled in. There were 25 of us on the trip from all over the US.

Attached are the 2 quilts that we made at the retreat. Andrew's pattern was QOV's “Hero's Comfort” and Mark's pattern was “Kudos”,

Since the cruise and the Staycation were both successful and sell out quickly, Stichin Heaven will have both of them again in 2026.

In sum, a good trip - a little pricey, but it was all inclusive.



Pattern Share by Liz

I have a 32 page “Disappearing pattern” from my former Maryland quilt group which I would like to share with our group. It has a lot of illustrations. It starts with rearranging pinwheel blocks to disappearing 9 blocks. Please connect via email and I will be happy to email you a copy of the pdf file!

efong9922@gmail.com

Community Donation

Thank You

Wanda Paulson for your wonderful quilt honoring your father's 31 years of service in the NAVY.



We had a fun meet-up at Michael's in Milpitas. There I learned Wanda also has a 3rd and 1st place ribbon for two other quilts at the current Alameda County Fair! Congrats to her!

Thank you again, Wanda!

-Karen

NSD26 Kit Prep Has Begun!

The NSD26 Team sent out a survey and the responses really helped. They are busy securing patterns etc.

Supplies are on track for the NSD26 Kit Team.

- 16 2 yard cuts of 108" wide-backs
- 16 3 yard cuts of blenders and solids
- 1 bolt of white
- A stack of 108" measured pieces from quilts
- 18 yds Polka Dots (donated from JL's stash)
- 1 bolt of batik (donated from JL's stash)
- and more bolts inbound

Star Spangled Beauty fabrics, Jelly Rolls, Fat Q. Layer Cakes and blender yardage was ordered over the winter and other more deep burlap blenders should arrive by Dec/Jan.

This is an on going annual process as we strive to meet the goals and interests of the group.



Shipped



Due in late May



George's Corner

Early summer is here — and with it, warm breezes, bright fabrics, and the hum of sewing machines filled with purpose. As we stitch together Quilts of Valor, we're reminded that every block is a tribute to courage, every binding a thread of appreciation.

For your summer playlist, I recommend "Chevy Van" by Sammy Johns — a smooth, nostalgic ride back to the 70s when freedom, kindness, and the open road inspired us all. It's the kind of song that pairs perfectly with a stack of red, white, and blue fat quarters and a heart full of gratitude.

Add to that a few light summer dishes like fresh spring rolls and a cooling mint salad, and you've got the makings of a meaningful day — whether sewing solo or gathered in community.

Keep on stitching, dreaming, and remembering what our quilts truly stand for.

With pride and purpose,

QOV-Silicon Valley Chapter, Warmly,

George



<https://youtu.be/RiEIToOWr64?si=BEvz8XwkxpMmkpyw>

The song "Chevy Van" was written and performed by Sammy Johns, and was a hit in 1970s both in the US and Canada.

Well quilting team, we hope you find the melody and food recipes will inspire your work, good bye for now, and until we meet on our next sew day - Keep on Trucken!



<https://youtu.be/HJPRPEJY2WM?si=ad6LZlja4Wh1c6iy>

Natasha's Kitchen

Fresh Spring Rolls
Recipe with Best Dipping Sauce



Silicon Valley Finances

Quilts of Valor Foundation
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As of June 15th, 2025

Reports come out monthly around the 15th of the month and are generally about 1 month behind.

TOTAL	\$1394.54	6/15/25
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Its important to note funds held in our QOV Foundation 589 account for 2024/25, mainly were derived from the 2 Fabric Vault Fundraisers held in '23/'24, the '24 5K Walk-A-Thon, and \$300.00 from Dignity Memorial. We received funds from our QOV Boutique as well as generous donations from our members. Occasionally a QOV recipient donates.

We have not received any Grant Funds for several years. We are largely self-supported at this time. This may be our last Rodeo folks.....

For several years Silicon Valley Group funds have supported the National Sew Day QOV Quilt Kits supplied to our members. These kits contained supplies for a complete quilt top, backing, pattern and a label.

We will able to do this once again for the National Sew Day (NSD) in February 2026. The NSD26 team is already planning stages - utilizing brand new patriotic fabric, layer cakes, jelly rolls and fat quarters and fabric from local quilt shops and as well as our 589 group fabric that has been recently ordered. Members who renew in September will receive their "Liberty Ticket 2026" during our Fall Sew Day. Which maybe redeemed for (1) 2 yard cut wide-back and label. "Non-Sewing" members may wish to redirect their "Liberty Ticket".

Post Cards have been ordered and our Spoonflower labels. Labels & Post Cards are offered at no charge.

Additional 2 yard cuts of 108" wide-back fabric will are offered (as a courtesy) to our members for a nominal fee as a donation to our QOV Silicon Valley 589. This supports our group!

Backings are \$ 25.00 each and George and Anne comprise the backing team.

Preference is for direct donation using a credit card via QR Code followed by or checks made out to the QOV Foundation with Silicon Valley 589 on the memo line.

Donations made to QOV 589 are tax deductible also!

Members are responsible for supplying heir own fabric for tops (beyond the supplied NSD kits). We each have our own tastes and interest in fabric design. Silicon Valley QOV has very limited "donated fabrics" on hand.

***Silicon Valley QOV 589
Membership Renewal notices will
start in September 2025***

.....Pay Attention to Emails.....

QOV Group Membership Expires on 10/31/25