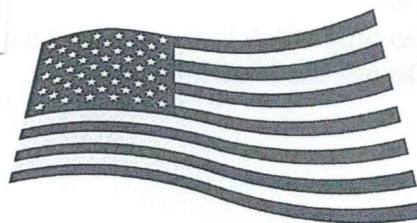


## Overview of the QOV Process



## Standards of Excellence

### Fabric

- **Do**
  - Use high quality 100% cotton quilting weight fabric appropriate for an adult.
- **Do Not**
  - Use sheets, thin, stiff, metallic or scratchy fabric.

### Pattern

- **Do**
  - Many free patterns are available on our website and on the web.
- **Do Not**
  - Make rag or flag replica quilts.
  - Make a wholecloth or cheater cloth QOV unless you are a professional quality quilter.

### Size

- **Do**
  - Top: Recommended 60"x80"; Minimum 55"x65".
  - Backing 4 to 5 inches larger on all four sides.
- **Do Not**
  - Make quilt top less than 55" x 65" or larger than 72" x 90"

### Binding

- **Do**
  - Use straight cut or bias double fold binding; join binding pieces with diagonal seams.
  - Apply neatly by hand or machine.
- **Do Not**
  - Fold over backing and use as binding or zig-zag binding in place.

### Quilting

- **Do**
  - Machine or hand quilting in an appropriate design. (free hand, pantograph, or computer guided patriotic or generic designs).
  - Balanced stitches of uniform size. (5 - 7 stitches per inch if quilted by hand; 8 -12 stitches per inch if by machine).
  - Low-loft quality batting. (Cotton, 80/20, or poly from Pellon, Warm Company; Quilter's Dream; Hobbs)