

# Quilts of Valor

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the quilt. The pieced top is then returned to be long armed, binding of the quilt, the label added, and the quilt laundered.”

In order to be eligible for a Quilt of Valor, the recipient must be an eligible service member or veteran who has received an honorable discharge, and served during wartime or otherwise ‘touched by war’. The individual being nominated must also be made aware, and no surprise awards are permitted. Recipients are then honored at ceremonies held throughout the year.

“As of April 10, 2025, we have awarded approximately 704 Quilts of Valor,” said Miessel. “In 2025, we have awarded 40 Quilts of Valor. 2024 has been our busiest year, with 217 quilts awarded.”

On the evening of Wednesday, April 23rd, another dozen were awarded at the Bismarck Amvets Center- where twelve veterans and active service members from multiple wars were the guests of honor. After a complimentary dinner, trooping the colours, and brief speeches highlighting their military careers, they were applauded by attendees and wrapped in their respective quilts by friends and family members. Below is a complete list of the April 2025 recipients, as well as the city or town they live in and when they served.

Raymond Monson- Bismarck, Vietnam War

Paul Stoehr- Bismarck, Gulf War, Desert Shield/ Desert Storm

Ambrose M. Roerick- Bismarck, Vietnam War

Duaine Dockter- Bismarck, Korean War

David Steven Weigel- Mandan, Vietnam War

Ila Rae Reich- Eureka, SD, Vietnam, Desert Shield/Desert Storm

Gary M. Herz- Bismarck, Vietnam War

Brett Miller- Bismarck, Global War on Terrorism

Pamela Miller- Bismarck, Operation Enduring Freedom

Amy Bohl- Flasher, Operation Iraqi Freedom

Steven Bohl- Bismarck, Operation Iraqi Freedom

Each quilt was also paired with a special thank-you card as well as a star from a decommissioned American flag, and those who fought in the Vietnam War were also able to receive commemorative coins and pins. For many of the veterans in question, this marks one of the rare events where they truly feel thanked for their service, and it can be an incredibly emotional experience.

“It was an honor to be here with so many veterans- from Vietnam, Korea, and even the Gulf War- and to be applauded for my service,” said Lt. Colonel and Engineer Battalion Commander Steven Bohl. “It’s great that the program is focusing on honoring those veterans who didn’t get the thanks they should have, especially Vietnam and Korean War vets. I was here for a few memorials, and have seen Vietnam Vets release a lot of the anxiety and stress they’ve had buried away for so long simply by being embraced and thanked. It’s like standing on the shoulders of giants- all the agencies involved combining to make sure veterans get the appreciation they deserve.”

“I’m a little bit overwhelmed,” said Sgt. 1st Class Brett Miller. “Maybe I’m a little bit modest, but I always viewed my work as something that was just part of our lives. Being recognized for that can sometimes be a bit overwhelming, but any organization that recognizes what we do is very beneficial. Not everybody gets that privilege, but it’s helpful and beneficial for everybody to be honored

for the service they provide. As a member of Public Affairs, I’ve had a chance to cover multiple veteran ceremonies. I think they put into perspective just how widespread veterans are- it isn’t just people my age, but a multi-generational honor.”

“When the quilt is first wrapped around you,” said former Air Force Nurse Ila Reich, “you get this feeling of security. It’s amazing. As a nurse, you’re supposed to be professional and not show any emotion, but sometimes all of us need to be human beings. The entire experience is very humbling... and I’d just like to thank everybody for treating us well. The generosity, sincerity, and overall experience are all overwhelming.”

Regardless of whether or not they are thanked, though, the quilters state that doing good and ensuring their veterans are honored is its own reward, and that they’ll continue to do their part as long as they can.

“We do not do this for us or for recognition,” said Meissel. “We do this for our veterans and service members. It is a small token of appreciation for what they do, and have done for our country and community. Through the nominations and award ceremonies, our members have met so many wonderful and deserving veterans, service members, and their families. It comforts us knowing these quilts are accomplishing the mission.”

Those who wish to join the Missouri River branch can do so by visiting the church during meetings, the group’s Facebook page, or their website at [missouririverqov.weebly.com](http://missouririverqov.weebly.com). While previous experience with quilting is required for the sewing and kit creation process, volunteers can also assist by writing cards and aiding with distribution.

## Frozen Meals Almont

If interested in getting Frozen meals for the week, please pick up application on bulletin board in hallway next to Farmer supply. They are delivered on Tuesdays. Call 663-6528 with any questions.

## New Salem/ Almont Bookmobile

New Salem - School 10:30-2:30 and Downtown 3:30-4:45p 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

May 13 and May 27

May 27 Downtown ONLY

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May 27

## New Salem Legion Post 91

American Legion Post 91 will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony at the New Salem City Auditorium on Monday 26 May at 3 pm. All local community members are invited to attend for a reflection on sacrifices for our freedoms and enjoy a locally catered afternoon meal.

Post members and community volunteers are also welcome at the following preparations:

Saturday 10 May 3 pm to 6 pm - Post and community members will receive flags for placing at assigned local cemeteries. Community members are

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welcome to help in the flag placement effort. In addition, Post members will practice rifle and color formations and movements.

Sunday 25 May starting at 4 pm - Post members and volunteers will set up the auditorium immediately followed by Memorial service practice for post members.

There will be no other formal Post 91 meetings outside of these events for the month of May.

## Athletic Banquet

The New Salem – Almont High School Athletic Department and the Holstein Booster Club invite all New Salem – Almont student athletes who have completed the varsity, junior varsity, or junior high sports season.

The banquet will be held on Monday, May 5th, 2025 6:00 p.m. in the New Salem City Auditorium on 400 Main Avenue

We also invite family and friends to celebrate individual and team athletic accomplishments.

The Brent Lauf Scholarship recipients will be announced during the banquet.

Enjoy an evening of presentations, recognition, door prizes, and a great meal!

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets sold at the door - \$15 per person- Varsity, Junior Varsity,

Junior High Athletes and Coaches – No Charge

## Passport Event for the New Salem Area

We will be in New Salem on Saturday, May 3rd , at the Metro Perk Coffee Shop. We will process passports from 10:00 until 1:00; we will have forms available, take photos, and answer any questions. People will need to bring proof of citizenship, photo ID, and a check or money order for payment for the passport. The photos and processing fees can be paid with a check, card, or cash. Please bring any old/expired passports. Children under the age of 16 must have both biological parents present, 16 & 17- year- olds must be accompanied by one parent. More information can be found on the MMPL website, or call the library at 667-5365 to have any questions answered.

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**NOTICE FOR NEW SALEM RESIDENTS**

The City of New Salem will be flushing fire hydrants May 5th-May 16th. City workers plan to flush the north side of town the week of May 5th-9th and continue with the south side of town May 12th-16th.

Flushing hydrants can cause some water discoloration. Be assured that the water is disinfected and safe. If you notice discoloration, please run the cold water on your household faucets until the water runs clear. Avoid washing clothes until the water is clear. You will also notice reduced pressure when the hydrants are being flushed, this too is normal and should last just a short time.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
The City of New Salem

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