

Annual Report Team 6 (AB/NWT)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Greetings from Team 6. The past year has been very busy with many changes from an increased number of representatives, presenters and registered volunteers. We maintain a YEG Facebook page that informs our FB members of ongoing activities, upcoming events and ways for our volunteers to connect with us.

We take every opportunity to promote Quilts of Valour through events like the Walk for Veterans sponsored by True Patriot Love in Spruce Grove, and the Quilt Shows at Camrose, Edmonton, Red Deer, Stony Plain/Spruce Grove, Wetaskiwin, and Whitecourt. We set up a booth at the Morinville Military Living Legacy Library in Nov 2024 Edmonton Garrison's MFRC Fall Fest 2025, . We have visited Royal Canadian Legions in Bonnyville, Calmar, Edson, Fort Saskatchewan, Hinton, Morinville, St. Albert, Stony Plain, Wetaskiwin, and Winfield. We attended events with the RCR Association, the ANAF Vets Association, and the Veterans Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Morinville Legion. We have established working relationships with the Edmonton Garrison Transition Centre, the Veteran's Associations in Edmonton, Grande Prairie, and Lethbridge, and Edmonton Cannacore.

The Stony Plain County Quilter's Guild and the Stony Plain Legion hosted the 2025 National Quilt of Valour Sew Day in February with 20 ladies participating. On March 23, the VEG Quilts of Valour held the 2nd Annual Female Veteran's Tea and presentation day with wonderful savories, desserts, coffee and tea. And in September, held a Native Star Quilt workshop with moderators - Elder Al Lafferty and his wife Lorraine Gessing. Eight of our YEG quilters attended that and learned about the symbolism of the Star quilt and each are working on a quilt. We participated in the Truth and Reconciliation Day event at the Edmonton Veteran's Association moderated by Al and Lorraine on September 29th.. (Lorraine made great bannock buns and Moose Stew)

Approximately 290 Quilts of Valour have been presented this report year to eligible Veterans and Serving Members of the Canadian Armed Forces. And yes, we have a long waiting list in the Team 6 (AB/NWT) however as fast as our limited number of Representatives and Presenters can get out there, another 1 or 2 requests are submitted. This region supports 3 Armed Forces bases with posted Armed Forces groups in at least 2 others locations We have met some amazing people, and heard some amazing stories – everyday our dedication to Quilts of Valour is reinforced by these.

Respectfully submitted,

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