

Linda Wieck and Diane Meyer are willing to speak to your group or do a sewing workshop on making the quilt.

If your group is interested in being involved in the Camouflage Quilt Project, please contact:

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Showing our support for the  
soldiers serving us in the  
Middle East

Our new Camo Quilt Headquarters  
are located at 439 Factory Street, in  
Plymouth.

Hours of operation are:  
Saturdays 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
Tuesday and Thursday evenings  
6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

The first camouflage quilt was designed and made by Linda Wieck in April of 2006. Her son-in-law, Todd, was being deployed to Iraq and asked her to make him a quilt to take along. His specifications were that it be small, made from camouflage cloth, and it needed to have cotton batting.

While Todd was at Camp Shelby, MS for training prior to being deployed, other soldiers in his unit saw the quilt and wanted to buy one. Todd asked Linda if she could make each of them a quilt and they would pay her for them. She scrambled to finish all 48 before they left for Iraq in July of 2006.

After the local newspaper published an article about her work, one of the readers asked Linda to conduct a workshop to train others to make the quilts. The first one day workshop was held in April of 2007 at a local banquet hall and was followed by 3 additional week-long workshops. Hundreds of volunteers helped at these workshops. All the money needed for materials and supplies were donated so the quilts could be given to the soldiers free of charge.

As the need for more quilts grew it was realized that the occasional week-long workshop wasn't going to be enough to keep the orders filled. There needed to be a large, ongoing source of committed volunteers to sew quilts. One of Linda's volunteers is a Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) member and felt that LWML could meet that need!

At the South Wisconsin District (SWD) LWML Fall Retreat, the Camo Quilt Project was presented as an -LWML Human Care project. Plans are still in the development stage for distributing the quilt kits at rallies and through zone presidents. Keep watching for additional information on this project through SWD-LWML's Human Care or from some of your zone presidents.

In order for us to move forward with our project and produce a larger number of quilts, we needed to have a suitable facility where we could permanently set up a workshop. At minimum we needed a warehouse to receive and store the large bolts of cloth (100 yards) and if there was room to cut the quilts that would be better. God provided the best!

The 200 LWMLers brought it before the Lord in prayer and God answered that prayer the following week. Glacier Transit and Storage-GTS of Plymouth WI donated a facility for our use. The location for Camo Quilt Project is at 439 Factory Street, Plymouth, WI 53073. Not only is there a loading dock and storage space but we have an entire facility large enough to set up a dozen sewing machines with a separate room for cutting. GTS has donated this area for as long as we need it including the heat and electricity. Praise God for His wonderful provision!

The camouflage quilt is a small quilt measuring approximately 45" x 72". The quilt folds in thirds and rolls up like a sleeping bag. It is lightweight and has cotton batting so it breathes better in the extreme heat. These quilts are slept on and slept under. It protects the soldiers from the harsh elements they face. They are even used for pillows. Any person serving in the military and deployed to the Middle East is eligible to receive one of these quilts

Each quilt is packaged with a cool tie and a hand made card. The card gives information about the volunteer group and is signed by some of the volunteers. This gives it a very personal touch and shows the soldier that we really care about them and appreciate their service. There is no charge to the soldiers for the quilts. We just ask that the person requesting the quilts cover the cost of shipping.

Linda and her volunteers have made and distributed over 1,000 quilts to Soldiers and Marines.

One of the most asked questions is "doesn't the military provide them with a quilt?" The answer is no. Military issued sleeping bags are bulky and hot and must be carried inside their backpacks. This quilt is so popular since it is made from the same camouflage material as the uniforms it can be used in the open, and it can be tied to the outside of their kit leaving room inside the kit for personal items.