

LET FREEDOM RING!

Since 2010, when we began the Veterans Category with “Purple Hearts for Veterans”, it has been our goal to pay recognition to those who have served our country and our communities. Over the years, we have honored not only Veterans, *and most especially Vietnam Veterans with the visit of The Moving Wall in 2014*, but we’ve also been able to pay tribute to First Responders. Some of our honorees have even included the four-legged kind with the local K-9 officers being recognized. They have all received beautiful quilted dog beds for their relaxation during their time off of the job.

It should go without saying that without the tremendous assistance of the exhibitors in this department, none of this would have been accomplished. At the 2017 Fair, we found out that we had many more nominees for the quilts/afghans than we had entries. **PANIC** immediately set in on my part! Fortunately, after contacting several of the exhibitors that I know in this category, they came through with flying colors and we ended up at the September ceremony with a few more quilts than we actually needed. Since the Stark County Fair has decided to follow our lead in honoring their Veterans and they were in need of just a few more quilts to facilitate their recognition ceremony, we were able to help them out with a donation of several quilts. To say the least, they were most grateful and we were happy to help out.

For 2018, our theme is “**Let Freedom Ring!**” as we honor and pay tribute to the very deserving members of our entire community. As most of you are aware, our program has grown to such proportions that we now are fortunate to be able to honor those from counties surrounding us, and even into Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and beyond. I have been told that there are over 9,000 Veterans in Columbiana County alone, so we have a long way to go to meet that number!

My deepest thanks to all those who assist in this program: Don Humphrey, Jr. (our emcee), the members of the VFW, Doug Brannon, Commander of Post #892 and his Auxiliary staff, the wonderful exhibitors and volunteer staff who so graciously assist.
Sharen M. Cope, Director

CEREMONY OF RECOGNITION & PRESENTATION

Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Our Recognition Ceremony will be held at the Memorial Flag Pole on the South end of the racetrack. Seating will be provided. We will then adjourn to the Arts & Craft building for the Quilt Presentation and pot luck dinner which follows. Deepest appreciation needs to be extended to VFW Post #892 of Salem for their continued support of this ceremony and providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and cold drinks for the Recognition Dinner. **Reservations are desired.**

 ★ If you know of a Veteran/First Responder that should be nominated, please forward their contact information: ★
 ★ (Name, mailing address, phone number, if possible) to : Sharen M. Cope, Director ★
 ★ Columbiana County Fair ★
 ★ P.O. Box 356, ★
 ★ Lisbon, Oh. 44432. ★

All entries will be judged and premiums awarded as they normally would. After judging, all entries will be displayed from the ceiling of the Arts & Crafts Building at the fair. They will then be presented to county veterans at the ceremony on September 9th

Requirements:

1. Quilts & Afghans must be at least 40” x 60” (lap robe) size but no larger than twin.
2. Items must be Red, White & Blue in color.
3. All exhibitors will be required to sign the waiver form (below) acknowledging their agreement that their item will be gifted to the organizations listed and that they are receiving no compensation for their donation. Please remit the waiver to the fair office along with your entry form.

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LOT 25 - JUNIOR DIVISION	LOT 26 - SENIOR DIVISION
(new) LOT 27 - GROUP JUNIOR DIVISION	(new) LOT 28 - GROUP SENIOR DIVISION
1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.00 3rd \$1.00	

Class No.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appliqued Quilt – Hand 2. Appliqued Quilt – Machine Embroidered - Hand 3. Embroidered Quilt 4. Patchwork Quilt – Hand 5. Patchwork Quilt - Machine 6. Knotted Comforter | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Afghan - Crocheted 8. Afghan - Knitted 9. Cross Stitch Throw/Blanket 10. No Sew Blankets 11. Other - specify your entry |
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****BEST OF SHOW.....Rosette & Award (Junior & Senior Divisions, Individual & Group)**

WAIVER FORM

I/We understand that by entering the “*Let Freedom Ring*” category in the Arts and Crafts Department of the Columbiana County Fair, my entry will be donated to the charitable organization listed, after the Fair. The staff of Arts and Crafts will see that entries are delivered to the organization; no compensation will be made to me for my gift, although premiums and ribbons will be awarded to the winners.

Name/Group: _____ Exhibitor Number: _____