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Local Army Veteran to Receive Quilt of Valor at Special Ceremony in Brookfield

BROOKFIELD, Conn. — June 17, 2026 — Cotton Candy Fabrics will host a special Quilts of Valor presentation on Saturday, June 20, at 4:30 p.m., honoring Bethel resident Jared Robinson, a former Sergeant in the United States Army, for his service and sacrifice to our nation.

The award ceremony will take place at Cotton Candy Fabrics, located at 450 Federal Road, Brookfield, CT, and is open to the public.

The quilt will be presented by members of the local Quilts of Valor group, part of the national Quilts of Valor Foundation. Since 2003, the Foundation’s mission has been to award comforting and healing Quilts of Valor to service members and veterans.

The event will feature special guest Sue Reich, a member of the Quilts of Valor Foundation Board of Directors, quilt historian, and co-author of several books about Quilts of Valor. Reich is nationally recognized for her work preserving textile history and honoring veterans through quilting.

“Presenting a Quilt of Valor is one of the most meaningful things we do as a quilting community,” said Erin Byrne, owner of Cotton Candy Fabrics. “Each quilt represents thousands of stitches of gratitude and serves as a tangible expression of thanks for a veteran’s service.”

The quilt being awarded was handcrafted by local volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to creating quilts for veterans and active-duty service members. Each Quilt of Valor is intended to offer comfort, healing, and recognition to those who have served.

Cotton Candy Fabrics also extends its gratitude to Doreen Cuadra and Kay Mello of Bethel, organizers of Sew Thankful Quilters, the local Quilts of Valor group. Their tireless volunteer work, along with the contributions of many dedicated quiltmakers, helps ensure veterans in our community receive the recognition, comfort, and appreciation they deserve. Community members are invited to attend the ceremony and join in recognizing Jared Robinson for his service to the United States.

About Quilts of Valor Foundation

The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Since its founding in 2003, more than 400,000 quilts have been awarded to service members and veterans across the United States.



About Cotton Candy Fabrics

Cotton Candy Fabrics is Connecticut's destination quilting and sewing shop, offering high-quality fabrics, sewing machines, classes, and community events that inspire creativity and connection. With locations in Brookfield and Simsbury, Cotton Candy Fabrics is committed to supporting makers of all skill levels while fostering a welcoming and inclusive sewing community.

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