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Kewaunee County Veterans Service Officer Honored with Quilt of Valor

KEWAUNEE, WI – The Kewaunee Artisan Center has presented a Quilt of Valor to Kewaunee County Veterans Service Officer Jane Babcock for her service, sacrifice and, valor with the U.S. Army.

Babcock entered the U.S. Army in 1982 at the age of 23. She served 4 ½ years before joining the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR). During her USAR time she was activated for short tours during Hurricane Hugo, the San Francisco Earthquake, and Operation Desert Storm. She also served full-time duty each summer from 1992 thru 1996 in support of the Military Intelligence School at Fort McCoy, before serving as a USAR Recruiter in Manitowoc from 1997 to 2000. Her only regret is that injuries sustained while preparing to deploy to Afghanistan led to her transfer to the U.S. Retired Reserve in 2004.

Today, Babcock is thankful that her experiences have led to her current career, which she believes is as fulfilling as her past, as a County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO).

“I look at my time as a CVSO as simply an extension of my responsibility for taking care of my soldiers and their families, when I was a Platoon Sergeant in the U.S. Army/USAR says Jane Babcock, Kewaunee County Veterans Service Officer. “I am blessed that my work impacts some of the kindest and humblest people I know.”

The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national effort that offers quilts crafted with love, prayers, and healing thoughts as tokens of appreciation to military service members and veterans. Since, the foundation began in 2003, there have been 198,175 gifted quilts.

The Kewaunee Artisan Center has made more than 100 of those quilts, since the program was locally introduced by Gloria Schjoneman of the Kewaunee Artisan Center in 2013.

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The fabric that was chosen for Babcock's quilt was picked by Kathy and Leon Kielpikowski of Kewaunee. Kathy then pieced and stitched together the design.

The quilt was presented to Babcock at the Kewaunee Artisan Center on October 9, 2018.



Pictured Left to Right: Leon Kielpikowski, Jane Babcock (CVSO) and Kathy Kielpikowski

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