



Heart of America Quilt

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Addressing the needs of our country by educating our children and uniting our communities.

We have a new Web Address... Please visit www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.org

Letter from the President

Susan Morissette
Heart of America Quilt

Dear friends,

I hope this note finds you in good health and spirit. The weather here in Maine is still warm but the cool evenings remind me that fall is fast approaching.

This year marks the 8th anniversary of 9/11. As a tribute we are working on a project titled "Have you forgotten". The project includes video and letters answering that question. We have a facebook group and Cause page that you can visit at -

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=125749954838>

<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/350615?m=9ba1f9c6>

The project will run through the year and our completed video will be produced in time for 9/11/2010. Check out our site and keep visiting for updates and a preview of videos!

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Read All About It!!!!

Heart of America Quilt has upcoming projects and news!

First and foremost our hats go off to David Pain and his associates for their hard work. Please visit- <http://911dayofservice.org/>

❖ We are prepping for an essay contest. It will be open to all children and adults. We are in the process of seeking prize sponsors for this project. Please feel free to email us for more information at admin@heartofamericaquilt.org .

❖ 2011 isn't far away! We have already begun work on the 10th anniversary showing. Volunteers are needed! Email us if you would like to be a part of this historic display of unity!

❖ www.NCSEP.org has been updated! Check it out.

❖ Don't forget to submit your Presidential Volunteer Service Hours! Email admin@heartofamericaquilt.org for a time sheet.

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I would like to share with you about a call I received this weekend. A dear friend of the Quilt called and asked

what my plans are for 9/11 of this year. I explained that I would be working via the internet on our 'Have you forgotten' project. I was speaking to Alan Wallace. His story is on our home page. He was working outside of the Pentagon on 9/11 and in many of the photos of the building that day; you will see the destroyed fire truck that he was standing beside when the plane hit. Alan spoke with sadness in his voice and told me that for the first time since 9/11 he would be staying home as well. I plan to call Alan on 9/11 just to let him know that he is not forgotten. My heart was heavy with his call and I was consumed with sadness wondering if we were doing enough, if we could do more.

I then received an email from our Advisor, Linda Rapacki. Linda worked at NYMEX and will be attending their service this year. She brought tears to my eyes when she stated "The news papers will be full of tributes and there will be a silence over the city for a short time and the day will pass but the void will never go away nor will your beautiful quilt". How true that the void will never go away. How humbling to know that our small contribution is a symbol of unity that you all have helped to create a team effort legacy for generations to come and proof that our country stands as one when there is a need.

Thank you all for your continued support. You are the Heart of America!

All my Best,
Susan Morissette ❖

Museum Proposal

Coordinator needed-

Heart of America Quilt has been presented with the opportunity to submit a proposal to a museum. The proposal will be created to show and tell the story of HoAQ.



The proposal is just in the beginning stages, we are looking for a coordinator for this project. If you would like to contribute to this effort with your expertise and time, please contact us through email at admin@heartofamericaquilt.org.

This is a unique opportunity to tell the story of the Quilt in Washington DC. We need your help to make it happen! ❖



WOW!

Heart of America Quilt has some great news in the works. Scholarships. We are working with a couple other organizations to offer scholarships.

We are so excited that we are having a hard time keeping this secret. We can't give you the details just yet but we are going to need your help. We will need a coordinator who is willing to work with the students and the organizations/companies.

If you are willing to volunteer for this position, please contact us at admin@heartofamericaquilt.org with Scholarship in the title line.

Now think for a minute. Who would you nominate? Do you know a child affected by 9/11 that could use help in school or a scholarship for college to study math or science? Do you know a student who is active in community service and could use the help to pay for college?

Think of whom you will nominate for Heart of America Quilt's associates to offer a scholarship.

Is this exciting or what?

~HoAQ Team



Points of Interest...

Did you know...

When Heart of America Quilt did its first showing.....It was covered by 3 major networks and the Governor of Maine attended. It wasn't even a full form of a United States Flag, it was just the corner.

We hear that sometimes when Susan needs a vacation, she can be found on our websites kids corner. We hear her favorite game is HoAQ Blocker.

It is a known fact that HoAQ has some of the hardest working Directors, volunteers and advisors. It is not so known that the volunteers and those mentioned have been known to blow bubbles after a showing.

HoAQ has many friends. Would you believe that McGruff the "take a bite out of crime" dog, was one of the first to ever sign a panel?

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Words from our Directors

The Directors of Heart of America Quilt:

- **Susan Morissette, President**
- **Colonel K Steven Collier, US Army Retired**
- **Tamera Selhaver, Survivor, G1 Pentagon**
- **Jean Rosenbluth, Business Manager, Automotive Systems Analysis**
- **Master Chief Mike Doyle, US Navy Retired**
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Director Tamera Selhaver interviewed-

I interviewed 9/11 survivor, Tamera Selhaver. Tamera is one of the survivors of the 9/11 attack. She was in the Pentagon, right above where the plane hit.

Chris: Can you describe where you were located in the Pentagon on 9/11/2001?

Tamera: Our office was the main area hit by the plane as it slammed into the building at corridor E and then into D and finally slid under us, killing our colleagues on the first floor. Our office area(second floor) fell into the first floor.

Chris: What do you remember about the attack itself?

Tamera: The noise happened, darkness happened, and I woke up to lots of screaming happening.

Chris: What did you do after the plane hit?

Tamera: I woke up after hearing someone yelling for myself and my two colleagues Sean and Scott (we never found that person and can only assume it was God). I was in my chair but on my back so I crawled out of it on my hands and knees. I couldn't figure out where I was so I just started screaming for Sean and Scott until they could locate my hand in the dark. We got out of the room after crawling over

fallen computer equipment, holes in the floor, and zapping wires hanging down every where.

After that we got out into the corridor, looked towards ring E and were shocked to see the blanket of black smoke. Injured soldiers were running our way so we headed towards the inner circle of the Pentagon and out into the courtyard then out of the Pentagon via one of the many alleys. The courtyard was not a pretty site, lots of injured people, blood and vomit, crying and screaming.

Chris: What were you doing when the plane hit?

Tamera: It all started with a whirring noise, my desk flew up in front of me, and I was pushed back into my chair and off into space (which must've been the floor dropping).

Chris: Do you remember any sounds?

Tamera: Unfortunately, all of them. I recall the whirring noise, the incredible screams for God, my own screams for my colleagues, and lots of crying.

Chris: Do you remember any smells?

Tamera: Jet fuel.

Chris: How does it feel to know you are a living part of United States History?

Tamera: I have never considered myself that way! I feel like such a tiny, non-significant little fleck of a speck. I pray that my mind keeps most of this in memory as it keeps me thankful for being an American.

Tamera has taught me about 9/11. She has become an example of perseverance to me and the United States. I feel very proud to know her and glad that she shared about her memory of 9/11. She will make sure that no one forgets that day. I think we are all lucky to be American beside her. Chris

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

We are uniting our country and educating our children on working together to better their country and their world. Our success depends on:

- **Great people like YOU**
- **A continued show of unity**

Here are a few ways to help unite your community:

1. **Organize a public signing.**
2. **Call your local town officials and ask them to sign a panel with your organization.**
3. **Have an art contest and let the winner be the designer of your panel.**
4. **Invite your neighbors to a gathering and all do a portion of the quilt.**
5. **Collect food and clothes for your local shelter while you do a signing.**
6. **Take a panel to the mall!**
7. **Ask a local event if you can bring a panel and a table.**
8. **Take a panel to work!**

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We're on the Web!
www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.org**

Heart of America Quilt is dedicated to unite in honor of those affected by 9/11, and to educate children and the public about current events, history and uniting for community service.

Important Information

Welcome to Our Newest Advisors:

John A. Hill, SGM, U.S. Army Retired
Mr. Robert Wade, USMC Retired
Mr. Michael Midura

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact us. Heart of America Quilt Incorporated 7 First St. Winslow Maine 04901 is our mailing address. At this time there is no public visiting time. For email, please contact

Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.org and you can always visit our website at www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.org.

Web Links:

Over the past seven years we have met some of the kindest people in America! As always, unity and sharing with you about them is how we all keep doing the things that make this country so great! Check out these links for friends of the HoAQ:

www.nymex.com	www.usnca.org
www.totalcomputer.com	www.1navy.com
www.military.com	www.strayer.edu

Also check out our site for more!

Positions Available - We need YOU!

Advisors - Heart of America Quilt is growing! We need your help with nominations to our board of advisors. Please send nominations admin@heartofamericaquilt.org.

Volunteers - the heart of our organization, the very people that make it work! We need volunteers in all states to help organize educational programs and giving holidays.

Fund Raisers - We make Big impressions, but work on a very small budget. We need help raising funds to provide services and continue to spread our reach of the helping hand.

HoAQ DC Ambassador- That's right! We are looking for child and adult ones to help us spread the word and our mission.

None of this would be possible with out our Advisors and all of our wonderful Volunteers.

Special Thank You

Special thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers.

Donations - Please Help!

Heart of America Quilt is run by an all-volunteer body. We need your donations to keep it going. We have created a great form of living history that needs donations for preservation and continuing the gift of unity by means of our education plan. Every donation counts: \$1, \$5, \$25. Please help us preserve all this hard work.

Buy a Heart of America Quilt "T" Shirt

http://marketspace.goodstorm.com/stores/https_www_goodstorm_com_stores_heartofamericaquilt



<http://www.giveline.com/default.asp?v=V098261005>

or Simply Make a Donation

www.HeartofAmericaQuilt.org "Donate Now"

Donations can be mailed to:

Heart of America Quilt
7 First Street
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You can make donations of miles and hotel points by contacting Admin@HeartofAmericaQuilt.org

Please contact us for In Kind Donations. Every little bit helps. A ream of paper, stamps, fabric, office equipment. Please call if you have questions.

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