



A service project that began several months ago has now been completed by students in the Associate Degree nursing program at Mid-Plains Community College.

In November, the students teamed up to make "Quilts of Valor," wartime lap quilts made to honor America's war wounded soldiers. The heirloom quality quilts are presented to hospitalized veterans that were wounded in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The student nurses worked together to piece the red, white, and blue fabric according to a patriotic themed pattern. The quilt tops and backings were then sent to a professional quilter, who quilted the backing, the batting, and the quilt tops together. They were recently returned to the student nurses, who spent time Monday binding and labeling them so they can be shipped to a recipient.

"They were quilted by a gal in Arizona who is a volunteer for QOV," said Marge Kouba, NPCC nurse educator. "I think they really turned out good and everyone liked them."

Kouba said she will now wash the quilts and request a delivery site for them and then will mail them to the site.

"I think this project is a unique way for the student nurses to combine a service project with serving their country," Kouba said, adding, "The project has been fun for the student nurses, but, more importantly, it is a great way for us to say, 'Thank you for your service, sacrifice, and valor' to those who have been wounded in wars."