

# “Quilting to Honor & Comfort Those Touched by War”

## PWD Crane’s Natural Resources Staff Awarded a Certificate of Appreciation

At Naval Support Activity, Crane, implementation of a Deer Hunt Program to control deer herd was put into place in 1957. With little to no native predators to control the population and no hunting for one season post September 11, 2001 attack, harvest and vehicle collisions peaked in 2004. Currently the deer herd size is near low end of long term range due to the Deer Hunt Program.

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*Shown here are on the far left Christy Shirley (EV’s program analyst, far right Kaylee DeCosta (EV’s deer hunt support contractor), and in the center Steve Andrews (Crane’s Natural Resources Program Manager); receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Quilts of Valor’s Kay Miller and Beverly Earle.*

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Recently in partnership with the Quilts of Valor (QOV), QOV volunteers attended three of NSA Crane’s early morning Deer Hunts and sold breakfast items to the hunters. This fund raising event will help fund the group’s purchase of materials to make a few more quilts for our nation’s veterans.

QOV is a volunteer community that has a personal mission to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Just in the last year, QOV has awarded over 100,000 quilts to service members and veterans.

NSA Crane’s Natural Resources Program received a certificate of appreciation from the Quilts of Valor for the Natural Resource program’s partnership and support. “Many have not chosen to work the early morning breakfast hours that a deer hunt presents but the QOV have taken it on. Was a pleasure and honor to work with them,” stated James Riggins PWD Crane Environmental Division Manager.

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Any questions can be directed to James Riggins, PWD Crane Environmental Division Manager.