



Heart of America Quilt

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Dear KEARSARGE Sailors,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Directors of Heart of America Quilt to formally acknowledge your dedication and service to our country. As an American I am proud to have this opportunity to say "thank you." We are grateful for our freedom and all the things that we as a Nation enjoy because of your selflessness. We do not take your hard work for granted. The prayer I said this morning with my children I know is possible only because of your allegiance and belief in a free country.

Additionally, I am writing to you to inform you about the Heart of America Quilt's commitment to you. Your shipmate, Master Chief Kevin Sullivan is also one of our long serving Advisors. During a recent email exchange with Master Chief Sullivan he shared an amazing photo of the ship and crew with a sign that said "SEND COOKIES-N-MAIL." The Heart of America Quilt organization is determined to send you a little something over the next few months to show that we care and support you. Our organization has collectively voted to 'adopt' you during your deployment.

Heart of America Quilt is a memorial for 9/11 and the war on terror. We are a ½ acre quilt in the form of a U.S. Flag with the white stripes made of panels of fabric adorned with signatures and artwork from around the world. We are proud to do a little something for you and hope it will remind you of the support you have waiting for you at home. We will send Master Chief Sullivan a panel for the Quilt for the crew of KEARSARGE to sign and forever be a part of Heart of America Quilt's history.

Please visit our website www.heartofamericaquilt.org where we have added a special page just for KEARSARGE. You can view it via the link "click here to support our deployed troops on the USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3)." Also, please feel free to email us at admin@heartofamericaquilt.org. We will post your emails with your permission. The webpage is yours and I encourage you to give us feedback on what would make this or any deployment better for you.

Stay safe and know that we are awaiting your return with great support.

All my best and warm regards,

Susan Morissette
Executive Director