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Lost Heroes Art Quilt tours Wyoming

CHEYENNE – The Lost Heroes Art Quilt, designed to memorialize U.S. military members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001, will tour Wyoming communities, July 15-26.

The Wyoming National Guard Family Programs and Survivor Outreach Services sponsored the tour, which begins in Cody, July 15-17, at the Buffalo Bill Museum, and ends in Cheyenne, at the Wyoming State Capital, from July 23-26. It will also be featured at the Complex Center, in Gillette, July 18-19, and at the Historic Trails Center, in Casper, from July 20-22.

Artist Julie Feingold designed the Lost Heroes Art Quilt. She met with Gold Star Mothers and other family members for background on each troop as she designed the quilt. A gold star on a service flag or service banner identifies a family member died during service.

Fifty fallen heroes were chosen for the quilt, one representing each state, with an additional thirty-two heroes represented on the border.

Also accompanying the quilt on this tour, is a companion book titled, "The Lost Heroes Art Quilt Book," that lists the names of 5,000 Americans who have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan as of July 4, 2009. It also gives an in-depth story of each service member highlighted on the quilt.