

VFW Chaplain Still Serves by Making 'One Mask at a Time'

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A VFW Chaplain in Indiana is Still Serving her community in any way she can.

VFW Indiana District 10 Chaplain Judy King said her usual quilting has slowed down this year because of the novel coronavirus, but when she saw COVID-19 numbers rising in the state of Indiana, she started cutting up her quilting fabric and started making face masks for her community.

King said that while she can't serve in the Army anymore, she could make a difference by making "one mask at a time."

"I saw that a hospital in Shelbyville, Ind., put out a request looking for folks that could sew some face masks," King said. "For my first set, I sewed 34 masks and took them to Major Hospital."

The next day, King said a woman contacted her to see if King could make a mask for a 17-month-old girl. The child was born with only one ear, so King went to work on making a special mask.

"I found a way to make the mask with two hair bands that went all the way around her head," King said. "I never got to meet the little girl, but all I could do was cry happy tears, because I helped to make a difference in that little girl's life."

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