



Quilts of Valor

November, 2024

On November 8, Susan Richmond, Quilts of Valor Area Director presented Jose Hernandez with his Quilt of Valor. Jose was especially proud of his service in the Marine Corp and we were able to find a quilt with Marine Corp fabric for the backing.



Quilts of Valor October, 2024

On Friday, October 4, the Quilts of Valor Small Group with Susan Richmond, Area Director and Myrlene Zimmerman, Small Group Chair sponsored a Quilts of Valor Award Ceremony for Veterans: Danny Briggs, Jacki Carter, Eudale Gaines, Doug Grant, Carol Sayer and Jim Snyder, who were nominated to receive quilts in NWA.

This was held at the Rogers Adult Wellness Center. Brandi and Lesli from the Center went out of their way to make it enjoyable by all. Susan and I want to thank them so much and thanks to all who attended and those who helped make it the success it was.

Myrlene Zimmerman, Chair of Quilts of Valor



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August, 2024

On July 20, we presented a Quilt of Valor quilt to Army SGT Andrew Butterworth at a Key Ceremony in Pea Ridge. This ceremony was to present SGT Butterworth and his family with the key to his new home built by *Homes For Our Troops*. The mission for this organization is to build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide of severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives.

Sgt Butterworth lost his right leg and had traumatic brain injury while serving in Northern Iraq in 2004. In 2018, he met his wife and got married. She was born missing a leg so their combined disabilities present many challenges in caring for their 3 small children. They chose Arkansas to be close to their family in Missouri and particularly Pea Ridge as the place to settle and raise their children after traveling the US in a trailer.

Myrlene Zimmerman, Chair of Quilts of Valor Small Group



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June, 2024

On June 1, the Quilts of Valor small group with Susan Richmond, NWA area director and Myrlene Zimmerman, small group chair put on a Quilts of Valor Ceremony. Four veterans received their quilts. They were Ralph Bredl: US Army 1954 – 1956, Derek Smith: US Navy 1999-2003, Richard Sorenson: US Army 1970-1972, and Dennis Wagner: US Army 1966-1969. The quilts were awarded by Susan Richmond and followed by the awarding of the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins by Myrlene Zimmerman. The recipients of the pins were Dennis Wagner, Richard Sorensen, and the two honor guards who did the presentation of the flag for our ceremony, Doug Grant: US Air Force and Don Beagle: US Air Force. Doug and Don are members of the American Legion of Bella Vista.

Other guests were our piano player Pat Kirby and her husband Pastor Mark Kirby who ended our program with a prayer for all veterans and their families. Thanks goes out to Deb West who gave the Welcome address, Karen Moore who led the singing, Mary Kalin and Mona Cochran serving refreshments, Rebecca Logsdon and Judy Davis greeting guests, and Kathy Allen, Allison Totten, and Tong Sproul who unfolded and again folded the quilts after they were presented. Must not forget Bill Croft who came by to set up and take down our speaker system for us. Thanks to all the members who attended the event as well, we appreciate your interest in our activities.

Myrlene Zimmerman
Chair of QOV Small Group



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February, 2024

Quilts of Valor began in 2003 when a quilter named Catherine Roberts had the idea of comforting Veterans with quilts during the time her son was deployed in Iraq. Since then, 375,337 quilts have been awarded. The mission is to honor our Service Members and Veterans who have been touched by war with Quilts of Valor. The foundation represents one human being reaching out and touching another, without judgment, acceptance and with an acknowledgement of service to our nation. Catherine Roberts had definite ideas about standards of excellence for Quilts of Valor. They are to be quilted not tied. They are to be awarded not passed out. A Quilt of Valor should say "Thank You for your service and sacrifice in service our nation". Calico Cut-Ups member, Susan Richmond is the Director for Northwest Arkansas.

A Quilt of Valor was awarded on Saturday, February 10 to Don Beagle during our annual Quilts of Valor Sew Day. Don served in the Navy from 1971 to 1977 in both active and reserve duties. He was stationed aboard the USS Lexington CVT-16 doing critical training missions during the Vietnam War.

Myrlene Zimmerman hosted the presentation. Don's daughter-in-law, Mona Cochran and Mary Kalin wrapped the Quilt of Valor around his shoulders. Mona had reached out to Myrlene in October to coordinate having a Quilt of Valor awarded to her cousin, Kyle Williams in Texas. They were able to connect with the Air Force base in San Antonio and get the job done. What Myrlene didn't know was that Mona was a part of Don's family. It was a touching moment for Don and Mona and those who were there to witness the ceremony.

During the Sew Day, 67 Ohio Star blocks were made. It was a well oiled machine with block kits, a squaring up station and ironing provided. Pizza was served to those who attended. Calico Cut-Ups has awarded 222 Quilts of Valor! We are honored to support this worthy organization.

Myrlene Zimmerman, Chair



Quilts of Valor

January, 2024

On Thursday January 4, Susan Richmond presented eight veterans with quilts made by the Calico Cut-Ups members. This picture shows them with their quilts wrapped around their shoulders. All of the veterans are so appreciative of all the work we do to prepare a quilt just for them.

There will be quilt bundles (quilt top, batting, backing) that need to be quilted at the January Guild meeting In the last two months, Susan Richmond presented 18 quilts so our stash of quilts is down to one.

Thanks to all the longarm quilters who help us out!

Myrlene Zimmerman, Chair

