



Quilts of Valor 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, appreciate your interest in our activities.

Myrlene Zimmerman
Chair of QOV Small Group



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May, 2024

On June 1, the small QOV small group will have an award presentation for some of the deserving veterans in our area. That will start at 2 pm in the St. Theodore's Episcopal Church in Sengel Hall. Friends, family, and quilt members and their friends are invited. The Quilts of Valor small group will meet June 5. We will finish up the Sew Day quilts and continue sewing up the strippy blocks to be used to make into quilts so we can use up our red, white, and blue scraps. Thanks goes out to a special donor who purchased 2 bolts of fabric for the backings of our quilts.

At the June 24 Calico Cut-Ups meeting, bundles will be made up with QOV quilt tops, etc. ready to be quilted by our long arm members who so graciously donate their time to quilt for us.

Myrlene Zimmerman, Chair

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March, 2024

The March, 2024 meeting of the Quilts of Valor has been cancelled. We will meet on Wednesday, April 3 from 9:30 am to noon. We will begin assembling the blocks made at the Quilts of Valor Sew Day in February and look at other projects for the rest of 2024.

Thanks to all the Calico Cut-Ups members who attended the Quilts of Valor Sew Day to make it a success.

Myrlene Zimmerman, Chair

Quilts of Valor 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



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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

