

## **Chequamegon Bay Quilters – Minutes for October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The meeting today was entirely the presentation of quilts by our Quilts of Valor to 12 local veterans. Jan S. opened the presentation at 6:00. Jan S. introduced and thanked the Quilts of Valor committee. Jan S. also addressed the veterans indicating sincere thanks for service and sacrifice. She gave a brief history of the Quilts of Valor. The quilts are intended to represent the civilian equivalent to a Purple Heart. 350,000 + quilts have been distributed by Quilts of Valor since its founding worldwide. CBQ quilters is coming up on 10 years of participation with 131 quilts awarded through our history.

About fifty (50) people were present with 2 CBQ members attending via zoom.

Twelve (12) veterans received quilts. Their names are listed here:

Ronnie Becksma  
Steve Compton  
Ken Compton  
Pete Erickson  
Paul Fisher  
George Coval  
Larry Lee  
John Osness  
Dale Terry  
Kevin Johnson  
John Werner  
Alvin Westlund

All the veterans expressed appreciation to the CBQ quilters for the kindness and efforts, and pride in our country. The veterans had served in the Navy, Army, Marines, Air Force and National Guard. A sizable number served in the Vietnam War. One veteran shared that “As far as I know I’m the only person in the area that spent 3 years on the U.S.S. Ashland”. God bless America was shared by many of the veterans.

Jan S. closed the presentation with thanks to the veterans. She also asked for attendees to please nominate veterans for next year indicating that it is possible for our group to facilitate out of state nominations. She indicated to the veterans that the quilts are given to be used. She invited attendees to enjoy some snacks and community.

Presentation ended at 6:25.

Submitted by Teresa N- Secretary