DUR PAGE KATHY MINTON



Kathy Minton of Magnolia Point was honored with a Blue Ribbon at the Clay Fair last month for "Patriotic Quilt", above.

What category was your quilt in? Large quilts.

What was your inspiration?

I was inspired by the support of my Church, Crosspointe Baptist Church, for my Quilt of Valor ministry, and so, I am donating this guilt to them.

How long did it take you to complete 'Patriotic **Quilt'?**

About 60 hours.

How long have you been quilting?

I have been sewing since I was 13 yrs old and quilting since 1990.

Tell us about the Quilts of Valor Foundation

Quilts of Valor is a national 501c organization. Each state has a coordinator and there are many internet and Facebook groups. I am a member of a Facebook group with many members from all over the country. We share ideas and help each other with our quilting.

My daughter is an Iraq and Afghan war veteran. She served 9 years active duty. She is currently full-time Air Force reserve. My dad was a World War II veteran. I wanted to do something for them and I think that Quilts of Valor is a very important thing we can do to honor our veterans.



How much of your time is spent quilting for others?

I spend about 15% of my time quilting for others.

Tell us about your equipment.

I use a 1997 Bernina sewing machine to sew the tops and a 12 foot, 2007 Gammill Premiere long arm to quilt them.

What techniques do you use most? Free hand, pantograph, computerized?

I use both pantographs and free motion to quilt

What are your go-to threads and battings?

I have been using 80/20 batting exclusively lately. I use a variety of threads, all purpose to sew the tops and cotton and poly/cotton to quilt them.

While Kathy sewed the entire 'Patriotic Quilt". pieced and sewed the top and quilted and finished it, her work was also on display at the Clay Fair in the Special Merit "End of Watch", to which she contributed quilting



