

A project to remember the victims of US combat drones

The idea for the Drones Quilt Project started with a group of women in the UK who wanted to create what they called "a visual petition" to present to Parliament. From their website:

"The quilt is a work of advocacy. It's a really simple project designed to raise awareness about drones and remind the government that those killed by drones are human beings, whose lives are sacred. Each square of the quilt is made by someone like you, who writes their name and then the name of a victim on a square of fabric. By doing so you advocate for that person, you put your name next to theirs as a sign that you stand in solidarity with them. These are then sewn together to create a visual petition."

The idea resonated with activists in the U.S., particularly since it is the U.S. that is responsible for thousands of deaths by combat drones, and so the U.S. version of the Drones Quilt Project was born.

Since then, dozens of quilt blocks from all over the country have been turned into quilts, and form the basis of the Drones Quilt Project exhibit. Accompanying the quilts are informational posters describing the illegality of the combat drones program as well as the real damage they are causing. A third component of the exhibit is a two-sided handout listing resources as well as suggestions for taking action in opposition to these combat drones.

The quilts measure 66" x 66" and weigh 2.5 lbs each. The posters are 20" x 30" and there are four of them. There are currently five completed quilts and we are soliciting more quilt blocks so we may begin the sixth.

It is our hope that this exhibit will help educate the public about the illegal and immoral use of combat drones.

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