

## **SHUMC Veterans Honored**

## **Quilting Team**

On July 9, 2017, five military quilts were blessed during Worship, along with more than fifty mini-quilts which were given to Midland Hospice. Two of our veterans were honored with Quilts of Honor from the Quilt Group. These quilts were made by Kelly Badenoch, Vicky Cochran, Mina Haywood, Cloeva Idol and Marlene Pantos. The quilts are quilted by Jean McDonald of Topeka. Those presented with Quilts of Honor were Ellis Dahl and Lowell Noragon.

### **Ellis Dahl**

Ellis enlisted in the Kansas Army National Guard in October of 1957 while a student at Kansas State University. He entered active military service February, 1960 for six months at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He then began his teaching career in Keats, KS. While at K-State, he met Carolee and they were married in August, 1961. Before leaving on their honeymoon they learned his National Guard unit had been put on alert. He took a teaching and coaching job in Burns, Kansas where he taught a few months before President Kennedy activated his unit in October, 1961 during the Berlin Crisis. They then moved back to Ft. Riley where he served on active duty for one year. He then moved back to Burns to continue teaching and serving in National Guard. Ellis was discharged October, 1965 as Spec 5 Ordinance Supply Specialist. Carolee and Ellis are shown with Ellis' "Star" Quilt.



**Carolee and Ellis Dahl**



**Barb and Lowell Noragon**

### **Lowell Noragon**

Lowell joined the US Navy in September 1965. He went to boot camp in San Diego, CA. Upon completion of boot camp, he went to class at a technical school to become a computer technician (before computers were used!). While on active duty, he served at naval stations in San Diego, CA; Norfolk, VA; Washington DC and Morocco, Africa. He was released from active duty in October 1969. After adjusting to civilian life, amid the Vietnam War period, he decided to rejoin the US Navy and became a drilling Navy Reservist in March 1970. He served in the Navy Reserve for over 22 years, retiring from the Navy in December 1991. His total military time served was over 26 years. He retired as a Data Processing Technician Chief Petty Officer. Barb and Lowell are shown with Lowell's "Union Star" Quilt.