

BORDER WALL QUILT

The panels on the Border Wall Quilt serve to memorialize the men, women, and children who are victims of militarization, either as migrants who have suffered or died in the desert or who have been victims of unrestrained and uninvestigated brutality by federal law enforcement agents. The quilt will also demonstrate how militarization contributes to community loss, including loss of family unity through deportation, loss of privacy by government surveillance, loss of civil rights by racial profiling and Border Patrol's unwarranted searches at checkpoints, loss of personal safety, loss of economic potential, and loss of human life.

Some panels will include artifacts from men, women, and children that were recovered in the desert on known migrant routes. Another includes a list of people killed by border patrol between 2010 and 2012. It includes men, women, and children, some of whom were U.S. citizens, and nearly all of whom were unarmed. The panels are adorned with the symbol of the Revitalize Not Militarize movement, the orange daisy representative of the communities' offering of peace and recovery in the only militarized zone on U.S. soil.

Facts about migrant death and family separation:

- In 2012, 463 migrants were found dead along the United States-Mexico border.
University of Arizona Immigration Report – see document
- In 2013, 129 migrant remains have been found in Arizona alone.
<http://www.derechoshumanosaz.net/>
- Since 2010, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) removed more than 200,000 immigrants from the country who say they are parents of a child who is a U.S. citizen.
http://colorlines.com/archives/2012/12/deportations_of_parents_of_us-born_citizens_122012.html?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

Facts about Border Patrol:

- Border patrol has grown from 11,000 agents in 2007 to over 21,000 in 2013.
- Rapid increase in the force has led to relaxed recruiting practices: individuals without a high school diploma can join the force, background checks are deferred, and lie detector tests commonly omitted.
- Nearly half of all Border Patrol agents are rookies.
- There is no public use-of-force protocol.
<http://articles.latimes.com/2012/apr/20/opinion/la-oe-frey-border-patrol-violence-20120420>
- Since 2005, no agents have been disciplined for misuse of their firearms – at least so far as the public can know.
- CBP has refused to disclose data on the number of shootings by officers and the number of related disciplinary actions.
- U.S. Border Patrol agents are barred from firing their weapons into Mexico from the United States under any circumstances.
- There are 10 known cross-border shootings by Border Patrol. Of the 10 that have been uncovered, 6 have resulted in death.
http://washingtonmonthly.com/magazine/may_june_2013/features/over_the_line044512.php?page=1

Border Quilt Names:

1. **Jorge Solis-Palma (age 28):** Fatally shot by Border Patrol on 01/04/2010 in Douglas, AZ while fleeing, unarmed.
2. **Victor Santillan de la Cruz (age 36):** Fatally shot in Texas on 03/31/2010 after apprehension by Border Patrol.
3. **Juan Mendez (age 16):** Fatally shot by border Patrol on 10/05/2010 while fleeing, unarmed.
4. **Sergio Adrian Hernandez Guereca (age 15):** Fatally shot in a cross-border shooting in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico on 06/07/2010 by Border Patrol agents claiming the teenager was throwing rocks from behind a concrete pillar.
5. **Ramses Barron Torres (age 17):** Fatally shot on 01/05/2011 by Border Patrol in a cross-border shooting while climbing the border fence unarmed in Nogales, Mexico.
6. **Roberto Pérez Pérez (age 63):** Died on 01/13/2011 in Border Patrol custody due to lack of medical attention.
7. **Alex Martínez (age 30):** U.S. national, Martínez family members called 911 requesting medical assistance. Border Patrol responded to the call and shot Martinez upon seeing him come out of his home with what they believed was a weapon and turned out to be a flashlight. Died on 02/27/2011.
8. **Carlos Lamadrid (age 19):** U.S. citizen, fatally shot by Border Patrol while climbing the border fence on the U.S. side on 03/21/2011.
9. **Jose Alfredo Yañez Reyes (age 40):** 06/21/2011, while in tree overlooking the border fence in Mexico, Border Patrol agents on the U.S. side fatally shot him in the eye, claiming he was throwing rocks.
10. **Gerardo Rico Lozano (age 20):** Fatally shot in Texas by Border Patrol after being pulled over on 12/12/2011.
11. **Alexander Martin (Age 34):** U.S. citizen, died in a vehicle explosion triggered by Border Patrol Tasing on 05/15/2012 in San Diego County.
12. **Anastasio Hernandez Rojas (age 42):** 25-year long San Diego resident, killed while being beaten and tortured by Tasing by Border Patrol on 05/28/2012.
13. **Charles Robinson (age 75):** Shot in his Maine home by Border Patrol on 05/23/2012.
14. **Juan Pablo Santillán (age 30):** Fatally shot while unarmed by Border Patrol on the Mexican shore of the Rio Grande River on 07/07/2012.
15. **Guillermo Arevalo Pedroza (age 37):** Fatally shot by Border Patrol agents who fired into a crowd of people on the Mexican shore of the Rio Grande River on 09/03/2012.
16. **Valeria Munique Tachiquin (age 32):** U.S. citizen, fatally shot by plain-clothed Border Patrol agent claiming self-defense on 09/28/2012.
17. **Border Patrol Agent Nicholas J. Ivie (age 30):** Fatally shot by friendly fire by another Border Patrol Agent on 10/12/2012
18. **Jose Antonio Elena Rodriguez (age 16):** Fatally shot in a cross-border shooting by Border Patrol agents claiming he was throwing rocks.
19. **Margarito Lopez Morelos (age 19):** Guatemalan migrant fatally shot by Border Patrol on 12/12/2012.
20. **Byron Sosa Arellana (age 28):** Guatemalan migrant fatally shot by Border Patrol on 12/06/2011.

<http://soboco.org/border-patrol-brutality-since-2010/>