

VETERANS: Sew Much Comfort for soldiers

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our injured service members. This adaptive clothing accommodates their medical devices and situations, provides ease of use, personal independence and minimizes the visual impact of their medical condition.

Sew Much Comfort is a volunteer organization that started in 2004 with a single pair of "fixator" pants so a soldier could receive his Purple Heart in something besides his hospital gown.

We all know how private those drafty gowns are. Imagine receiving special honors being so attired. Their goal is to provide each recuperating client an individually designed/tailored wardrobe of adaptive clothing in order to provide them comfort, maintain their dignity, which facilitates the healing process and their reentry into society and return to their family/community.

Ten other women were recruited to sew adaptive clothing for other service personnel at Walter

Reed Medical Center. From that start, an article in Sew News magazine generated 500 inquiries from volunteer seamstresses asking how they could help. Sew Much Comfort became a 501c3 public charity in 2005, delivering more than 7,000 items of adaptive clothing that year alone. In 2006, more than 20,000 items were delivered to our troops in the U.S.A. and medical triage facilities in Germany.

Donations of funds or sewing services would be used to purchase materials/supplies to make the clothing, fund the shipment to volunteer seamstresses and then ship finished products to the servicemen and women in medical facilities here in the U.S., Germany and Iraq. Some funds will be earmarked to develop and then distribute informational materials to solicit donations. Sew Much Comfort has volunteers in almost every state. Mary Walters is the local contact in Craig. She can be reached at 824-2923. She would appreciate any funding for

Sew Much Comfort

The Sew Much Comfort project in Craig is being driven and sewn by Mary Walters of the VFW Post 4265 Ladies Auxiliary.

Mary has taken on this project to provide custom-made adaptive clothing, free of charge, to

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materials or other volunteer seamstress efforts. She also can answer any other questions you might have regarding this organization.

Attention bikers

Anyone interested in joining the American Legion Rider group, please contact Donald R. Cronk at 970 824-3623 for more information.

For info on these programs & other Veterans benefits please call or stop in the Moffat County VSO office at 480 Barclay Street (west of the Bank of Colorado parking lot). Call (970) 824-3246 or use the fax (970) 824-7108. Our e-mail address is veterans@moffatcounty.net. The office is open from 8:30am to 12:30, Monday through Thursday. Other times can be arranged by appointment only.

Bring a copy of your separation papers (DD-214) for application for VA programs and for filing at our office.