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Sew Much Comfort in Royal Oak makes a difference in injured service members lives

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A Sew Much Comfort sewing event will be from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 27 at Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main St., Royal Oak.

Sew Much Comfort is an all-volunteer organization that makes adaptive clothing customized to accommodate medical devices and situations to fit service personnel with injuries.

Sew Much Comfort National President Michele Cuppy recently shared an experience she had while visiting the Navy Medical Center in San Diego, California.

“We met with a service member who did not appear to be injured. I introduced myself and told him about Sew Much Comfort. About 25 minutes into the conversation he said, ‘Oh I know you, I wore your clothes in 2007 in Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany. I was one of the few who had to spend six weeks at Landstuhl because they wanted to save my leg and my fixator was very unusual. Someone came to my room and gave me some of your clothes and for the first time since my initial injuries, I was finally able to ditch my hospital gown and put on normal looking clothing and felt comfortable enough with my appearance to use my wheelchair to leave my room and be seen by others. I can’t tell you how wonderful it was to have freedom and be able to move around and feel like a normal person again. Thank you.”

Cuppy said that he also shared with her that he suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and his memory isn’t the best.

Cuppy says she wanted her sewing volunteers to know that they are making a difference for him and many others who suffer from great emotional as well as physical pain from their injuries.

Donations are needed to purchase supplies.

Sewing volunteers are asked to contact Sew Much Comfort Regional Auditor Pat Quintero to register for the event at 248-546-0038 or email patquin@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.sewmuchcomfort.org.