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**Salt Lake City Injured Veteran Given Bed to Help Sleep**

*92% of wounded OEF/OIF veterans report trouble sleeping; Craftmatic to donate 55 beds to troops in 2008*

**/24-7PressRelease/** - SOUTH JORDAN, UT, May 18, 2008 - A 2007 survey of severely wounded troops from the War on Terror found that 92% have trouble sleeping due to nightmares, insomnia and pain. In order to combat this looming problem among our already distressed military, Craftmatic Adjustable Beds has embarked on their CraftmaticCARES Program to donate one adjustable bed, free-of-charge to a severely wounded War on Terror veteran each week in 2008.

Layne Morris, U.S. Army (Ret.) from South Jordan, Utah is this week's winner.

Morris enlisted in the military in 1983 and served proudly in the Special Forces for 22 years before he was medically retired due to combat related injuries in 2005. He was last stationed in a southeastern province of Afghanistan along the Pakistani border with the 19th Special Forces Group.

"Our job was to hunt down Taliban and Al Qaeda members who were still operating in the southeastern area of Afghanistan," Morris remembers. "On July 27th, 2002 we were looking for a particular Al Qaeda suspect and got involved in a firefight. To make a long story short I ended up with a piece of grenade shrapnel in my head."

Morris was immediately medically evacuated to Begram Air Force Base outside of Kabul and then on to Landstuhl Germany for a sensitive surgery to remove the shrapnel. Morris was blinded in the right eye and also sustained hearing and ear damage.

He was eventually sent to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to recover and then went home to South Jordan, Utah where he was to remain. He was medically retired from the Army in May of 2005 with a 50% disability rating from the VA.

Along with 92% of his peers, Morris has had a difficult time sleeping ever since he returned home from duty.

"When you get injured and you go visit the doctors, the first thing they ask you is, 'How are you sleeping?'" Morris said. "Because they know that so many things can be cured just from getting a good eight hours worth of sleep."

Morris says that lots of times he will only sleep for a few hours and wake up at two in the morning, tossing and turning and unable to return to sleep.

"When you lie awake in bed because you can't get comfortable, inevitably you start thinking about things overseas and what happened," he said. "It's not a good situation to be in when you start questioning your actions and reliving what happened. It's just not good."

Currently, Layne and his wife Liesl are sleeping in an uncomfortable, old water bed frame lined with two twin mattresses that they bought when they first got married.

"When you have four kids, a bed for yourself isn't really something that is a necessity," Morris said. "I have heard that Craftmatic beds are the all-time 'bed of beds' so I am completely excited and grateful to get ours set up. I think this will really help me finally get comfortable since my injury and help me sleep."

"Morris was selected as this week's winner because of his incredible service and dedication to our country," said Eric Kraftsow, Elevation Bed, LLC owners of the Craftmatic trademark. "Due to the 'S' shape of the spine, ordinary flat beds tend to create gaps where your legs and spine aren't supported. Craftmatic beds adjust so that these gaps are eliminated and the spine is fully supported. This eases the pain that these injured veterans are feeling when they toss and turn at night on their flat beds. Craftmatic is honored to assist these wounded heroes in getting the sleep and support that they deserve."

For more information about the CraftmaticCARES Program, please visit <http://www.craftmaticcares.com/>.

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Over 1,000,000 Craftmatic Adjustable Beds are now in use in customer bedrooms around the world and attest to the fact that our unique beds are as durable as they are attractive and comfortable.

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