

Community News

Operation Pillow to Help Troops Rest Easier

Denver Broncos offensive linemen and a pair of local real estate professionals are among those teaming up to bring a better night's sleep to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Operation Pillow is a non-profit charitable organization that was started following a lunch meeting we had with the commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, which is based at Fort Carson," said organizer Steve Epling of Triumph Real Estate Corp. "He gave us a list of things that we could send them that would help, and the one thing that he mentioned that hit home was pillows. We thought we'd start this organization to raise money to provide pillows and other items to support our soldiers, sailors, and marines in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Broncos linemen Cooper Carlisle, George Foster, Ben Hamilton, Matt Lepsis and Tom Nalen have joined the effort.

"It's good because they're trying to send the soldiers things that we take for granted, like pillows," said Foster. "It's essential to get a good night's sleep if they want to be effective during their time there."

Epling, Michael Sullivan of Mosher Sullivan Development Partners and fellow coordinators Andrew Albarelle, John McGrail and Harry Shea all are former military officers and local businessmen.

Donations to Operation Pillow may be made online at www.OperationPillow.org or via mail at Association of the US Army, Attn: Operation Pillow, P.O. Box 13579, Fort Carson, CO 80913.