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**Web Site for Soldiers Praised
by Stratcom
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Kathy David of Omaha was honored Wednesday as a patriot for her work setting up a Web site to aid soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.



But she said the real patriots are the service members she's trying to help who are risking their life and health for their country.

"It's such a small thing I'm doing," she said.

Military officials say it's a small thing that is making a difference. During a ceremony at Stratcom in Bellevue Wednesday, she was given an award for patriotic civilian service on behalf of the US European Command. It was presented by Army Major General Kevin Campbell, Stratcom's chief of staff.

David, an Omaha Web page designer, put together a Web site for "Wounded Warrior Hospital Fund," an organization established by an Omaha reservist to aid those who are recuperating from wounds at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

The fund is raising money to buy clothing, comfort items, personal articles, books, CD players, DVDs and phone cards for service members at the hospital.

"A lot of them come off the helicopters with nothing more than a shirt on their back," David said.

David said Col. John Folsom of Omaha, a Marine Corps reservist currently serving Germany, started the fund and approached her about setting up a web site to draw attention to it and boost fund raising.

Her company, JBK Designs, had previously done some Web work for Folsom in his civilian job as a real estate agent.

"I was so excited and inspired by his enthusiasm," she said.

The Internet networking has helped. To date, about \$12,000 has been raised to help the soldiers. The latest effort has been to purchase televisions for hospitals in Iraq that serve soldiers awaiting airlifts to Landstuhl.

Contributions can be made at [www. Woundedwarriorhospitalfund.org](http://www.Woundedwarriorhospitalfund.org).