



GRAMMYS COOKIE CONVOY, INC.

Serving the Troops since 2005

Newsletter 2022

The past several months have kept the "Grammy's Cookie Convoy Train" on the move. 2021 presented a lot of exciting opportunities that led Grammy's Cookie Convoy charging down the tracks with preparation meetings for the 2021 Spirit International. We followed that up with Birdies for Charity. Our annual Mega-Shipment of 10,000 cookies, cards, and letters took place on Superbowl Sunday in February. April 10th will find us on the Texas A&M University campus for Kyle Field Day. The end of April we will have a host of volunteers working at the Men's Big XII Golf Tournament at Whispering Pines, and on November 7th we will host our Charity Golf Tournament at Bentwater Yacht and Country Club.

It goes without saying none of this would have been possible without the incredible family of volunteers who continue to support this little "Project of Hugs." Their energy, and compassion is infectious, and shares a reflection of the gratitude we have for those who unselfishly serve this great nation. They remain the driving force behind this effort.



Your generosity allowed us to provide several shipments of 1,000 cookies at a time to our American Heroes, along with our annual Mega-Shipment of 10,000 cookies on Super Bowl Sunday

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However, without the financial support from so many generous, caring people our goals might never be met. We continue to give thanks for the gift of time and donations from so many wonderful friends and family. Grammy's Cookie Convoy remains a volunteer-powered organization, so 100% of the contributions go toward supporting our brave American Heroes in uniform.

Our journey to support those who protect freedom around the world moves on, just like The Little Engine That Could. In the beginning this "Project of Hugs" seemed an easy task for me to handle on my own, but as the requests turned from a few cookies to several thousand, it became somewhat overwhelming. Throughout the years, The Good Lord has placed many Angels in my path for whom I remain eternally grateful, and so I will continue to thank our American Heroes, all the while believing...."I think I can, I think I can."

May God Bless you and yours all year through.

Mega Shipment Packing Day

10,000 COOKIES & CARDS were packed up with the help of more than 65 volunteers that included family, friends, the Montgomery National Charity League, and the Bentwater Volunteer Families. Our youngest volunteer was five years old, and the oldest volunteer was over 70 years young. We had a lot of sunshine, laughter, and some tired folks when the last box was completed. The Montgomery Post Office helped us unload our vehicle that took three trips to complete our mission.

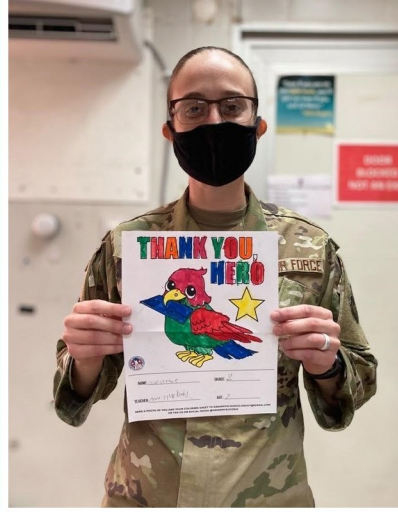
We were very honored to have three veterans join us for our packing day.

Jon Bujan drove several hours to join us for the first time, John Coleman has been a big help for several years, and Blair Smith has NEVER missed a packing day. To these men I want to say; we are humbled, and grateful for your service to our nation, and for all of your support to Grammy's Cookie Convoy.

It may take up to two months for the care packages to reach some of the recipients, because of their remote location. We will be sure to post responses from the Troops as they are sent, so please check out our Facebook, Instagram, and the website.

FYI: We received a request immediately following our Mega Shipment so we will be shipping another 1,000 cookies & cards to a young man who is stationed among 3,000-4,000 Sailors at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command.

Although we ship randomly throughout the year, our Mega Shipment is always on Superbowl Sunday. Hope you will make plans to join us next year.



Spirit International 2021

In November Grammy's Cookie Convoy headed to Trinity Texas to the Whispering Pines Golf Club. We had a host of incredible, loyal volunteers who joined us at the prestigious Spirit International Golf Tournament. The best players from over twenty different countries competed for three days with Team USA taking top honors. For every volunteer shift we filled the Spirit Golf Association made a donation. At the conclusion of three long days with our loyal team of volunteers the Spirit Golf Association issued a check for \$8,240.00.



Kyle Field Day 2022

Kyle Field Day this year will take place on Sunday, April 10 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm inside Kyle Field at Texas A&M. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight Grammy's Cookie Convoy in a unique setting with hundreds of College students, professional staff and their extended families. Each year we generate several hundred handwritten cards at this event and we look forward to adding to those numbers this year! A display table outlining Grammy's mission to provide "chocolate chip cookie hugs" along with 2 letter writing stations will be set up and ready to welcome all who would like to pen a message to our troops. If you would like to help man the tables and enjoy a day of service at Kyle Field feel free to call Tammy Joyce (281) 685-1441. Gig 'Em & God Bless!

Cards:

We are so blessed to be able to pair our cookies with beautiful handwritten cards. This year, Grammy's Cookie Convoy collected over 5,500 cards for our brave servicemen and women! This would not be possible without the participation from high schools, elementary schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, after-school organizations, online influencers, and so many others. Some of our largest donors were: Klein Cain High School, Concordia Lutheran High School, Madeley Elementary School, Wildwood Christian Academy, Hildebrandt Intermediate School, and many more. We are blown away by everyone's kindness and are so grateful for the support!

We hope you will consider sharing a handwritten message to the Troops. Information and instructions can be found on our website a grammyscookieconvoy.com/letter-writing/ or you can email Madison. Madison@grammyscookieconvoy.com

Birdies For Charity

Grammy's Cookie Convoy was excited to participate for the first time in an opportunity through The Astros Golf Foundation.

It was an initiative alongside the Houston Open to raise money for local non profit charities.



Individuals could donate up to one dollar per birdie made by the professional golfers during the tournament, or they could choose to make a flat rate donation.. As our first time pursuing this endeavor, we are thrilled with finishing 7th out of 45 charities. We are grateful for the generosity of our supporters who helped us raise \$32,800.00, which includes a bonus donation of \$4,000 from the Astros Golf Foundation. The check was presented at an event in February.

Big XII Conference Championship Golf Tournament at Whispering Pines Golf Club

We are also excited about the opportunity with the Spirit Golf Association to volunteer for the Men's Big XII Championship that will be held April 25th, 26th, and 27th. If you would like to see some great golf, on a great golf course please join us in Trinity, Texas. Volunteer schedules are in place, but if you are interested in volunteering as a backup, please contact Marlene Summers grammyscookieconvoy@gmail.com or 713-828-2725

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Monday, November 7th, 2022

Our charity golf tournament will be held at Bentwater Yacht and Country Club on the Miller Golf Course. The tournament will have limited space available this year, but there will be no limit to all the fun, and great golf. Details for sign up will be posted on our website March 1st when Registration opens.

If you are not a golfer, please join us for the Formal Opening Ceremonies that will begin at 10:00 a.m., and also for the presentation of awards, dinner, and auction beginning immediately after golf.

My gratitude for those of you who continue to support this effort is best described by the recipients who share so many wonderful notes of gratitude.

MESSAGES FROM THE TROOPS



"We absolutely love them here in Egypt!! Like, legit obsessed, thank you so much for sending us some cookies!!!" -Julia

Ma'am, Today we passed out some cookies to our Forward Support Company and they LOVED them!! Smiles all around when they all saw the Grammy's Cookie Convoy label. I love how everyone turns into a kid when you offer them a cookie. You guys are amazing. I'll keep sending photos. THANK YOU for the support!!



Grammys Cookie Convoy,

I wanted to take moment to say thanks, as your wonderful cookies have found their way to my squadron and my guys in VFA 83 Power Plants. We take care of the Engine and Fuel Systems of the squadrons 10 F/A18E aircraft. The knuckle draggers that are assigned to me made quick work out of the box full of your cookies and they were beaming with happiness with each bite. I have been in the Navy for about 17 years and it's nice to know there are still people like you out there. The temperament of our culture has changed since I originally joined so it's extra special to see this type of kindness. I can assure you that it is appreciated. We will continue to stand the watch for you as we push east.

Ma'am,

Thank you all for this wonderful ministry. This is so inspiring and uplifting. I am looking forward to organizing an event during which we will be able to treat our wounded soldiers with your cookies and words of application.

Good Afternoon:)

I really appreciate ya'll doing this for my Company. I know many of us are missing home and really enjoy getting sweet things here and there. I am personally glad there are people like you that do this for forward line military personnel. I've seen too many of my fellow Marines become sad and depressed because there's almost no-one there for them at home. Thank you so much for this again and I hope ya'll have an amazing rest of your day.

I am currently forward deployed to Europe. We received a box of your cookies as well as pictures from 9th graders at Clear Lake High School. We are very appreciative. Your package is a wonderful morale booster for us during our stead as we fight covid and deter our enemies. Please accept our thanks and send our regards to the kids on the home front who participated. Best regards and thanks again

Thank you so much for the cookie delivery, Kellen and literally hundreds of guys on base absolutely loved them! Kellen said he kept the boxes in his office and brought a new box to morning formation every day.



He had people stopping by his office every day! They were so happy to have them as a special treat from home, especially this week being away from home. I am including a picture of Kellen with his cookie, and a group shot they took of his unit just for you! Thank you, they were so appreciative and had so much fun handing them out to everyone.