



# GRAMMYS COOKIE CONVOY, INC.

Serving the Troops since 2005

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Kyle Field Day  
April 16th  
Texas A&M  
University

The Spirit  
International Golf  
Championship

Men's Big XII  
Conference Golf  
Championship

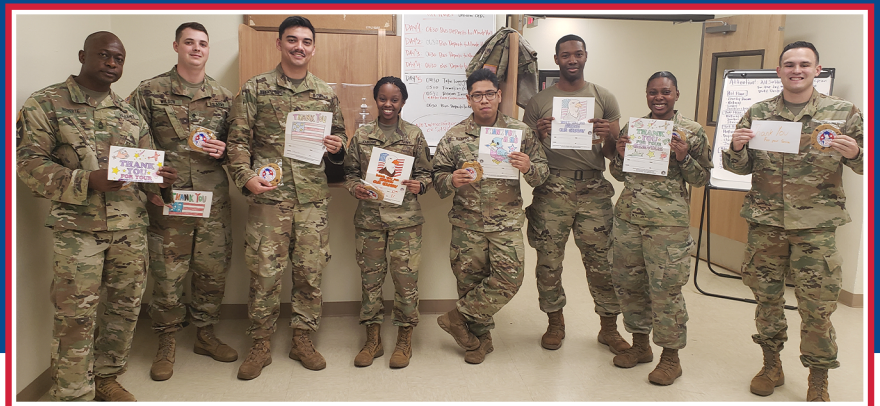
Annual Packing Party  
February 11th at 1:30pm

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It's hard to believe another year has come and gone! 2022 was a year of mighty good stuff for Grammy's Cookie Convoy. We got off to a jumpstart with our initial planning meeting for the Charity Golf Tournament. Once again, we joined forces in February for our annual Mega-Shipment of 10,000 cookies, cards, and handwritten messages to the Troops. April found us at College Station for Kyle Field Day, where the Aggies welcomed GCC for the annual card writing event. In June, we were invited to partner with 100.3 The Bull, KILT-FM Radio for a campaign to collect "10K Letters For The Troops." It was the perfect collaboration for us. George, Mo, and Erik have agreed to help again in the future.

All the generous donations allow Grammy's Cookie Convoy to go beyond sharing only our signature "Chocolate Chip Hugs" with the American Heroes. We are grateful to fulfill requests for various items throughout the year. In September, we were happy to send support to the Troops with a Ping Pong table requested by one of our deployed Chaplains.

*November brought us to the event we worked on all year.*



## Charity Golf Tournament

The excitement of hosting our Charity Golf Tournament brought the incredible committee of hardworking volunteers together each month for preparation meetings. The tournament filled up within the first week of open registration. Grammy's Cookie Convoy would like to thank Craig and Christina Epperson of CICB for continuing to serve as the title sponsor for our third event held November 7th at Bentwater Yacht & Country Club. Thanks also to our Stars and Stripes Sponsors that included Ron & Mary Botkin, Blair & Beverly Smith, Roger & Debbie Clemens, Roger & Julie Rodriguez, The Heathcott Family, Dr. Steve Sims, Spirit Golf Association, Roy & Susan Collier, and the Summers Family.

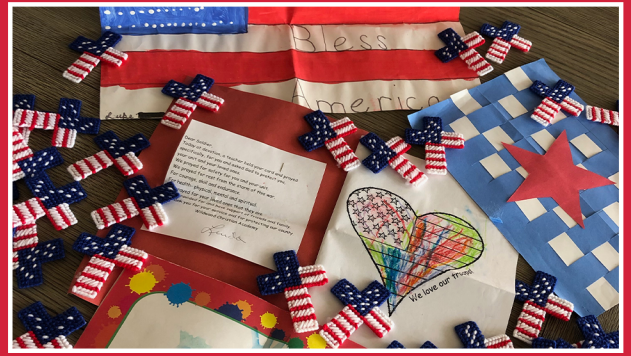
Master of Ceremony, John Jarrell, began the day with the formal opening program to spotlight those who serve. Major General Jay D. Blume, Jr. provided the Honor Roll Call for all veterans, and service members in attendance. The first-hand account from Joe Martinez about receiving care packages from GCC during his deployment helped everyone understand the importance of the mission. The highlight of the ceremony included a moving arrangement of our National Anthem by Ashlyn Conner followed by the prayer from Don Heathcott, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sherry Fox. The Willis AFJROTC headed by Col. Vince Jefferson provided the Presentation of Colors, and the ceremony closed with Taps. We were grateful to have Green Beret David Mulligan share an impactful message with everyone at the dinner and awards presentation after golf. Payton Howie's beautiful voice set the tone for a memorable afternoon.

The day was filled with friendly competition, as teams battled it out on the course for the top prize. The team of Jim Haig, Mark Massengale, David Bluestein and Mark Carrigan took top team honors, with Kristen Jarrell and Don Heathcott as the closest to the pin winners. Longest drive went to Sherry Fox and Kacy Clemens.

The fun didn't stop there. We were excited to have George Lindsey, from The Morning Bull 100.3 serve as our emcee, and auctioneer. He provided a lively and successful auction during dinner with all proceeds going to support our deployed service members. Golfers had the chance to bid on a wide range of items, from autographed sports memorabilia, Astros tickets, exclusive rounds of golf, award winning wines, vacation packages and much more.

The day proved to be a great success, both on and off the course. We are grateful to Bentwater for hosting the tournament, and all of the golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and organizers who helped make the event such a success. Most importantly, we are proud to have raised enough funds to continue supporting our deployed service members.

***Thank you all for being a part of the Grammy's Cookie Convoy family.***



## Partnership with 100.3 The Bull, KILT-FM, George, Mo, & Erik

For the first time, Grammy's Cookie Convoy was invited to partner with 100.3 The Bull, KILT-FM Houston's country radio station for their inaugural campaign "10K for the Troops." Our friends at The Bull (George, Mo, and Erik) launched this effort in order to collect 10,000 handwritten cards from their listeners. The final collection day was truly a sight to behold as the cards, and volunteers poured in from all over Houston. After counting cards for over four hours, The Bull was able to collect more than 35,000 cards all over the country. These beautiful cards will be paired with cookies and sent overseas to remind our brave servicemen and women how much we appreciate their sacrifices. We are so thankful to partner with our friends at 100.3 The Bull, KILT-FM for a yearly "10K for the Troops" campaign, as well as other fundraisers throughout the year.



## Mega Shipment Packing Day

The annual mega shipment to our deployed service members is set for February 11 at 1:30pm! Thanks to the generous donations, and the hard working team of volunteers, we will be able to send another 10,000 "chocolate chip hugs" to those serving overseas. Each package will be filled with cookies and thank you messages to bring a small piece home to our service members. After each shipment, we receive countless thank-you letters and photos from service members expressing their appreciation for the packages filled with cookies, letters, and lots of love. It will be truly heartwarming to see the impact of our efforts, and to know that we were able to bring a little bit of joy to those who sacrifice so much for our country. Together, with all the volunteers from BVF, NCL, friends, and family, we will be able to show our deployed military they are not forgotten.

To volunteer, please RSVP to Marlene Summers at (713) 828-2725 by February 5th.

## Kyle Field Day

Kyle Field Day this year took place on Sunday, April 10, inside Kyle Field at Texas A&M. We had a wonderful turnout of students, staff, and family members from all around Aggieland! So many heartfelt notes were made for our beloved troops! Truly a heartwarming experience every year. This year, it was a special privilege to speak with several Corps members and a Senior Yell Leader. The Yell Leader was especially grateful to GCC, as his Father is a Chaplain currently deployed overseas. He recalled growing up in various parts of the world, and when a package with "goodies" of any kind arrived word got out quickly. Kyle Field Day for 2023 is scheduled to be held April 16!

If you would like to participate in anyway, please contact Tammy Joyce at (281) 685-1441 or [stylishlyrepurposed@gmail.com](mailto:stylishlyrepurposed@gmail.com)

## Handwritten Cards:

We are so blessed to be able to pair our cookies with beautiful handwritten cards. This year, Grammy's Cookie Convoy collected thousands of cards from many schools. This would not be possible without the participation from 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 hope you will consider sharing a handwritten message to the Troops. Information and instructions can be found on our website at [grammyscookieconvoy.com/letter-writing/](http://grammyscookieconvoy.com/letter-writing/) or you can email Madison. [Madison@grammyscookieconvoy.com](mailto:Madison@grammyscookieconvoy.com)

*Without the support of so many generous friends and family, it would be difficult to continue this effort. After twenty years of my affiliation with this project, I continue to be amazed, not only by the American Heroes we serve, but also by the incredible people who give so generously of themselves. I am blessed to work with, and support, the very best of what this great nation is all about. My gratitude for those of you who continue to share your encouragement and support of this effort is best described by the recipients who respond with so many wonderful notes of gratitude. I hope you will enjoy the following messages, and they will help explain the importance of this little "Project of Hugs."*

## All Around the World

Marlene, The cookies have made the trip and we will begin distribution today! Thank you so much for the support, I will send pictures soon.

Very Respectfully,  
Commander,  
Cobra Company



We received your cookies in Green Village, Syria. They have been well received and reaffirm the love we have for our country and the citizens we serve. Thank you very much!

VFA 211 Checkmates



From the desk of  
COMMANDING OFFICER

MARY,

*I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM FOR SENDING THE GENEROUS CARE PACKAGE OF CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES. THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FIGHTING CHECKMATES OF VFA-211 HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED ONBOARD THE USS HARRY S. TRUMAN FOR A LITTLE OVER 3 MONTHS NOW. THE DAYS CAN BE LONG AND DEMANDING, SO IT'S REFRESHING TO MOMENTARILY STEP AWAY FROM THAT AND ENJOY A TASTE OF HOME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT. THIS JOB WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE BACKING OF THOSE BACK HOME!*

SINCERELY,

*Wesley Kennerly*  
CDR Wes "GILGAN" KENNERLY  
COMMANDING OFFICER, VFA-211

Good afternoon,  
I am an active duty Soldier and my unit was a recipient of your delicious cookies and sweet notes! We wanted to let you know that this was extremely generous of you and very much appreciated! The boxes of cookies did in fact bring a smile to every Service members face and were absolutely delicious! Most of them were inhaled within a matter of days as well! This was surely a SWEET reminder that Americans like you all are thinking about us on a daily basis and have us in your thoughts and prayers.

We thank you again for your time, dedication and donation to support the Soldiers!

Very respectfully,  
Task Force Angry  
Operation INHERENT RESOLVE

Thank you so much for the cookies. They've all made it to our guys in numerous locations, and they all appreciate your support and prayers! Thanks to Roberto once again for introducing you to us as well!

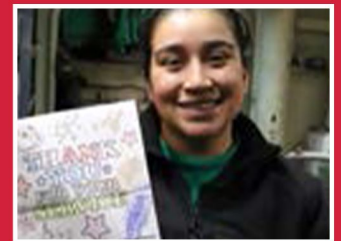
pro deo et patria,  
BDE Chaplain  
Intelligence Brigade  
Joint Special Operations Command

I am currently deployed onboard the USS Harry S. Truman attached to Strike Fighter Squadron Eleven. I just wanted to take a few moments and thank you for all of your support and certainly for all of these delicious cookies! They absolutely assist in a Sailor's morale while being so far from home. Again, Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do!

Brandon

Ms. Summers,  
We received another mail shipment today and 12 more cookie boxes arrived!!!!!! Thank you so much for these. They were spread all throughout the squadron.

Take care in Texas!  
Very Respectfully,



Ms. Summers,  
Thank you so much for the cookies! Our junior officers loved them and they went like hotcakes! I appreciate you all thinking about us as we are out here deployed on the TRUMAN. It is always a good feeling to know that the U.S. is keeping us in their hearts. I'll send pictures of our folks with the cookies when I get back on dry land next. Take care out there in the States!

Very Respectfully,

Marlene,  
Greetings! I wanted to let you know that we received your "convoy" shipment. Wow! A lot of cookies! And they are a HUGE hit with the crew! I've started passing them out and will continue to take them around to Sailors over the coming days. Sailors are VERY appreciative for the cookies, but the cards are also really a great impact. They are touched by the thought & care. I've attached a couple pics of the cookies received by officers in the Wardroom. It was the largest group at one time so I took some pics. I passed out the other cookies walking around the ship. The Captain passed on his sincere thanks.

Thanks again for your support & prayers!  
Blessings,  
Chaplain, USS PORT ROYAL (CH 73)



Ms. Summers,  
Hope all is well out in Texas! I apologize it has taken me so long to get back to you with photos our deployed Sailors enjoying the treats you sent out. We are honored to receive all the support you give the armed forces to brighten folks days when they are away from home.

We are truly fortunate. Enjoy the photos!  
Take care,



Good Evening Ma'am,  
My apologies for penning this so late. I am happy to inform you that the cookies did in fact get here this past week. There was a bit of a snag at our mail room because they were not expecting 20 boxes. Words cannot express my gratitude. It was most definitely a major morale booster going in to one of the most difficult stretches in our pipeline.

I also had the pleasure of taking them up to the command office and leaving some with our Captain, XO, and Command Master Chief. It took a day to get cleared but they were distributed to all of the people in my graduating class with a few to spare for some of the staff offices.

I am extremely grateful for the support that you offer to the military. The notes and cards were also a huge success. All too often we get bogged down by all that we are learning, and to also have the handwritten messages gives us the little extra wind in our sails to propel us.

Many thanks again.  
Sincerely,



This is my ship and I'll tell you first hand...me and the rest of the crew inhaled those cookies. I personally enjoyed reading the cards. I was very thankful for the care packages and cards your group sent and wanted to thank you guys personally...so thank you very much.

Logan



Mrs. Summers,  
Good morning. Last night I was laying in bed and I woke up startled and realized I couldn't remember if I ever sent you a thank you note for your cookies you sent, or any of the pictures of us shipping them out to the wild frontier.

I have been able to visit my Soldiers out there, but unfortunately I cannot take pictures of those secret squirrel guys. Thank you for the excellent cookies you make.

Very Respectfully,





Ma'am,  
We received your multiple boxes of cookies!!! We can't thank you enough for all the cookies, small hand-made hearts, and letters from kids! WE love reading the letters from kids, they are the best. We will eat these cookies as dessert after we recognize Memorial Day on Monday.  
Given our mission and OPSEC, I don't know if I can get a thank you photo to you, but we will try. Thanks again for all the support. Truly grateful and blessed.

From all of us, THANKS.  
What is your best mailing address?  
Mike



Tyler sent me these pictures. He apologizes for not doing so himself; however, they are all very very busy, as you might imagine. They are all so very very appreciative and thankful for patriots like you who remember our deployed soldiers.

My thanks as well!!!  
Paige

Hi Marlene!  
My brother Nathan just sent me some pics of his soldiers and the cookies! Thanks so much for all that you do/did and your volunteers! It was greatly appreciated!

See pics below! All the best!  
Thank you again,  
Blair

