



Grammy's Cookie Convoy, Inc. 501 (c) (3) Non Profit Project

KTRH RADIO CALLS....

"Good Morning Grammy!"

It was an early morning phone call from J.P. Pritchard and Lana Hughes of KTRH Radio asking how they could help share news of Grammy's Cookie Convoy. Their patient, friendly voices over my first sip of coffee was very comforting for someone who has never professed to be much of a "morning person."

Many thanks to their listeners who sent some support our way!

PLEASE SHARE A NOTE WITH THE TROOPS:

Bible Verse, Words of encouragement and gratitude, patriotic pictures from young children, etc. Sign first names only and organization. Return to: P.O. Box 1202 Montgomery, TX 77356

Honored with a Jefferson Award

Grammy's Cookie Convoy, Inc. was recently honored with a local Jefferson Award from Channel 2 KPRC (NBC Affiliate) The Jefferson Award is given in honor of community service and volunteerism.

We were thrilled to have Jerome Gray come to Montgomery to interview some of the volunteers. It was a great pleasure to meet and visit with Jerome while sharing information with him about this "Little Project of Hugs." The honor of accepting this prestigious award on behalf of all the volunteers and supporters of the project was overwhelming.

It is through this effort that I have learned the true meaning

of the saying: "It is better to give than to receive." The "Chocolate Chip Hugs" we share represent something much larger than satisfying one's sweet tooth. We are bound together through this project to let those who serve this great nation know we honor their commitment and remain a grateful nation for their unselfish sacrifice.

Grammy's Cookie Convoy, Inc. would especially like to thank Janet Kennedy for her nomination and support.

As a follow up to the Jefferson Award, Channel 2 has shared an invitation to appear on their early morning show May 9th in hopes of finding enough dona-



tions for our Memorial Day Shipment.

Our hands and hearts remain joined in a common effort to try and make a difference in someone's life by quite simply sharing a "Hug" with them when they need it most.

If you would be interested in volunteering contact:

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FROM THE FRONTLINES...

...This is my third rotation to the middle East and you will never know how much your support gets us through the days.

...The tale of all those cookie boxes arriving was told until the day we came home. Thanks again.

...I would like to send a million thanks to you for putting the time and effort into sending those delicious cookies down here for me and the other troops! This is the 2nd time I have gotten the chance to get them and same as the first time, they were gone in a heart beat! Thank you so much!

...My co-workers and I want to thank you for the humongous cookies you sent. We received them from one of the adjacent units and were blown away by the size and definitely by the taste. We truly appreciate those thinking of us over here

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GRAMMY'S COOKIE CONVOY, INC. IS A 501 (C) (3) NON PROFIT PROJECT APPROVED BY THE IRS. THE PROJECT ORIGINALLY BEGAN IN 2005 AS "HUGS FROM GRAMMY" IN HONOR OF MY GRANDMOTHER WHO SHARED MANY "CHOCOLATE CHIP HUGS" WITH ME THROUGHOUT MY LIFE. SHE LOST HER ONLY SON IN WWII WHO WAS HONORED WITH THE SILVER STAR.

THIS PROJECT CAME TO LIFE WHEN I MET A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS ABOUT TO BE DEPLOYED TO IRAQ. AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN IRAQ, I LEARNED THROUGH OUR CORRESPONDENCE, THAT MORALE FOR THE TROOPS WAS GETTING QUITE LOW. I BEGAN TO WONDER WHAT I COULD DO TO TRY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THESE BRAVE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. MY GRANDMOTHER AND ALL THE "HUGS" SHE SENT TO ME IN THOSE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES WHILE I WAS IN COLLEGE CAME TO MIND. I THOUGHT ABOUT THE SADNESS AND REGRET I FELT FOR THE VIETNAM VETERANS AND I VOWED TO DO WHATEVER I COULD TO MAKE SURE THAT WOULD NEVER AGAIN HAPPEN TO OUR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN.

MY IDEA SEEMED SUCH A SMALL GESTURE, HOWEVER THE MESSAGES WE RECEIVE FROM THE TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES ENCOURAGES ME TO "STAY THE COURSE." THE TROOPS CONTINUE TO GIVE US THEIR VERY BEST THROUGH THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE. THEY SHOULD EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM ALL OF US BACK HOME.

2010 BRINGS OUR TOTAL NUMBER OF COOKIES SHIPPED TO 90,000. WE ARE NOW SHIPPING TO SOME OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OUR ORIGINAL RECIPIENTS. THE REQUEST REMAINS THE SAME..."PLEASE SEND MORE OF THOSE GIANT COOKIES!"

AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, OUR GOAL IS TO LET THOSE WHO SERVE THIS GREAT NATION KNOW WE HONOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND REMAIN APPRECIATIVE FOR THEIR UNSELFISH SACRIFICE. OUR MISSION IS TO SHARE A "HUG" WITH ALL OF OUR TROOPS BY SENDING GIANT GOURMET CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES. THE "CHOCOLATE CHIP HUGS" WE SHARE REPRESENT SOMETHING MUCH LARGER THAN JUST SATISFYING ONE'S SWEET TOOTH. IT IS OUR WAY OF LETTING THESE BRAVE HEROES WHO SERVE AND PROTECT A GRATEFUL NATION KNOW OUR HEARTS WILL REMAIN WITH THEM ALWAYS AND WE WILL NEVER TAKE THEIR SERVICE FOR GRANTED.

A FEW SPECIAL HEROES TO GRAMMY'S COOKIE CONVOY, INC.



Eric Deravin IV was one of the original recipients of our "Hugs" several years ago. In this picture he shared with us, he was on his way home from Afghanistan, and his third tour overseas, while he was saying good-bye to his daughter who had just arrived in Afghanistan for her first tour.



Michael Johnson is the young man I met long ago on the putting green just before his deployment to Iraq. He is the motivation for this project.



Edwin Taylor was a Regimental Surgeon who helped us share several thousand "Chocolate Chip Hugs" with the young men and women he treated in Iraq. His story inspired me as I learned about his immigration to the U.S. from the Honduras. He has served this nation for the past twenty years in an effort to repay the United States.

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