

Serving the Troops Since 2005

UNITED WE STAND

Grammy's Cookie Convoy is gearing up for a busy 2024. Many of you have already committed to helping with the Men's Big XII Conference Golf Tournament and The Spirit International Golf Championship at Whispering Pines in Trinity, Texas. We are planning lots of fun with our "Family of Volunteers" for those two events. The donation made on your behalf will help us support many more military personnel. Please make plans to join us for the Annual Packing Party on Super Bowl Sunday (2/11/24) at 1:30 p.m. 10,000 more cookies will be packed up and shipped on that day. We look forward to having The Morning Bull 100.3 FM join us. Mo, George, and Erik always add to the fun.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mega Shipment Super Bowl Sunday February 11, 2024

Men's Big XII Conference Golf Championship

The Spirit International Golf Championship

GCC Charity
Golf Tournament
COMING November 2025

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VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM



GCC was recently invited to Armand Bayou Elementary in Clear Lake for a wonderful Veteran's Day Program performed by the students, who were led by Choir Director, Mrs. Jamie Adams. The Art teacher, Ms. Jennifer Gilmore, along with the PE Coaches, Tim Miller and Jennifer Straker, worked with all of their students to provide 500 beautifully hand-colored patriotic pictures for us to share with the Troops. We are grateful to Colonel Miller King for collecting the cards, and for her service to our nation. Also, please join us in thanking her husband, Lieutenant Colonel Trevor Voecks. He is currently deployed overseas. This is the second year to receive this invitation and we hope Armand Bayou Elementary will continue the tradition of support to Grammy's Cookie Convoy.

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WHO STOLE THE COOKIES FROM THE COOKIE JAR?



Good afternoon Marlene,

Early this week we had an incident where our cookies went missing!

Needless to say, we didn't panic, our base security was advised and they captured the culprit and recovered all the cookies.

We just wanted to let you know that we are working on getting some pictures of the last cookie delivery from Camp Charlie...even though the culprit was not happy in any of them!

Thank you for everything!

Respectfully Sent,
CPL Don Rymer
Base Camp Charlie Eagle Pass
Texas State Guard



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COUNTRY MUSIC SUPPORTS 10K FOR THE TROOPS

Thanks to The Morning Bull, GCC was excited to have CMA Entertainer of the Year Lainey Wilson lead the way for her fellow country music stars to share handwritten messages to the Troops.

Listen to their heartfelt recorded message on GCC social media. Jason Aldean, Dierks Bentley, Tim McGraw, Carly Pearce, Chase Rice, Lainey Wilson



A heartfelt thank you to Bentwater Volunteer Families (BVF) and all the volunteers who work diligently throughout the year supporting GCC. We truly appreciate all you do!





GCC Welcomes Michelle Wernert with the National Charity League, Inc.® (NCL) Montgomery Monarchs

Michelle is currently serving as our liaison with NCL. This mother-daughter organization has provided enormous support to Grammy's Cookie Convoy from the very beginning. We are grateful for their help with sharing handwritten messages for the Troops, and also attending every Mega Shipment event. Michelle has worked diligently to set up and organize proofreading of messages received from across the nation. This has become an important part of our mission after partnering with KILT The Morning Bull 100.3 FM. Their program to collect 10K Letters For The Troops was the perfect collaboration for GCC.

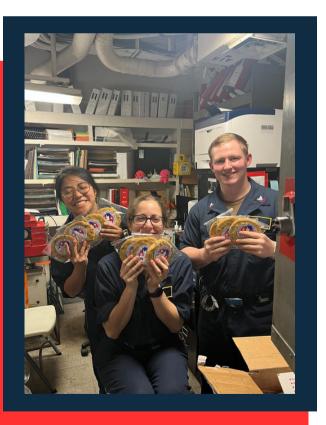


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In an effort to honor previous commitments, it was necessary to make the difficult decision to postpone our charity tournament until 2025. We will be busy in 2024 fulfilling volunteer efforts at Whispering Pines Golf Club for the Big XII Conference Championship, and the Spirit International Golf Championship.

The donations made on behalf of all the volunteer shifts filled will help us financially support the Troops until we host our big event in November of 2025. I hope you will make plans to join all the fun.



Our annual Mega Shipment of 10,000 cookies and cards to the Troops on Super Bowl Sunday will continue. We have currently shipped 335,000 and counting. We continue to receive countless requests. I am grateful for your generosity that allows me the ability to fulfill all the requests received. A first time ever request was for shower curtains. They were needed for the barracks of the returning Troops.

Last year was also the first time receiving a request to send support to the border. In light of all that has transpired I was honored to send support to the military serving an important role in securing the Texas border. We received another request this year, and sent support their way again over Veteran's Day.

Currently all of our efforts are spent fulfilling a Christmas wish list received from deployed Troops in Romania. Warm gloves, hats, scarves, and socks were among the requested items in an effort to get ready for a cold winter. These are just a few of the requested items that your donations help fulfill. Thank You!

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AMAZON WISHLIST

From CH (CPT) Adam Muda:
"...My unit just deployed to Romania.
There are around 280 Soldiers with our
TF Nightmare. We would appreciate
some stocking stuffers, and any little
gifts you can share for the upcoming
Holidays..."

GCC has never tackled an Amazon wishlist before, but decided to give it a try. My anxiety at this new endeavor was immediately put to rest, when the generosity of our "Grammy's Heroes" stepped up to the plate to donate enough items for more than twenty boxes filled with lotion, socks, games, gum, chapstick, hats, gloves, scarves, decks of cards, etc. Those who made a donation toward this effort eased the stress of shipping costs and allowed us to complete many more gifts for these American Heroes unable to spend Christmas with their family and friends. THANK YOU!







As we close the books on 2023, I am left with the enormous task of how to appropriately share my gratitude with all of you who have not only supported GCC, but also blessed me through your generous, compassionate hearts. And more importantly, your friendship throughout the year. I believe we live in the greatest nation among the greatest people on this earth. I pray for peace, our Troops, and all of you who continue to help make the world a better place.

May God Bless America, Marlene Summers

