

GRAMMY'S COOKIE CONVOY



Grammy's Cookie Convoy Winter 2026 Newsletter



MEGA SHIPMENT 2026

2026 has already been a game-changer for Grammy's Cookie Convoy! We're kicking off a bold new chapter with a **brand-new bakery**, a **next-level version of our signature cookie**, and new **beautiful custom premier packaging** that makes every bite taste even better.

Before the official launch, we sent sneak-peek samples to some of our Troops around the world—and the response was unanimous: rave reviews all around.

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over 70,000 handwritten cards and letters, bound for Troops stationed around the world. This is more than a shipment—it's a celebration of community, gratitude, and “Chocolate Chip Hugs” delivered worldwide.

As we receive word of the cookies arrival, we will post updates on our social media.



Grammy's Cookie Convoy Scholarship

Grammy's Cookie Convoy is excited and proud to launch our new Scholarship! We will offer five (5) scholarship grants, each for \$2,000 to a child of an active duty or military veteran. This scholarship is a means to reward military dependents for the sacrifices our troops make every day to serve their nation and as a way to help their spouses and children become leaders in American society.

This scholarship is in honor of Loretta “Grammy” Dale. She lost her only son in World War II, and as a teacher she felt like education was the key to success.

[Download the Scholarship Application here](#)

The deadline to apply is March 31, 2026. Scholarship Recipients will be announced in April. We look forward to rewarding five deserving students!

Bentwater Holiday Home Tour

Heartfelt thanks to Dan and Debra Rose for selecting Grammy's Cookie Convoy as one of the nonprofits to benefit from ticket sales from the 2025 Annual Bentwater Holiday Home Tour. The homes were absolutely stunning and beautifully decorated, making the event a true holiday delight. Ticket sales totaled \$15,615, resulting in an incredible donation of \$3,903.75 to each selected charity. Grammy's Cookie Convoy is deeply grateful to be part of the wonderful Bentwater community, and our appreciation to the Rose family for their generosity is truly off the charts.



We are looking forward to once again providing all the volunteers for the 2026 Spirit International Golf Tournament at Whispering Pines in November. Each volunteer shift we fill generates a donation to Grammy's Cookie Convoy, providing a meaningful boost to our ongoing support of the Troops. As we prepare for this year's tournament, we wanted to share a few memorable moments from the last Spirit that remind us why this event is so special.

Our Walking Scorers are paired with elite golfers from all over the world they've often never met before, and one of the joys for our volunteers is watching the early chapters of what often become remarkable careers. Many of these young athletes go on to achieve extraordinary success, making these pairings truly unforgettable. Both Brice Hafner and Mike Manning shared that during the tournament they were paired with the eventual 2025 Augusta National Women's Champion, Carla Bernat Escuder—an exciting memory made even more meaningful in hindsight. Mary Hafner told me about her walk with Scottie Scheffler's group before he eventually became #1 in the world.

One of our most cherished Spirit stories comes from longtime volunteer John Wathen, who has supported the tournament since 2015. During one of his early years, John was assigned to a group that included a young golfer from Denmark named Alex Frances. What began as a simple volunteer assignment quickly grew into a lasting friendship.

At the time, Alex was still in high school in Denmark. Years later, when he accepted an offer to play college golf at the University of Houston, John and his wife stayed in close contact with Alex and his family. When Alex arrived in Texas, they coordinated with his parents and personally picked him up from the airport.

John reflected, "Here's this 19-year-old kid from Denmark who doesn't know his way around town—much less the campus—yet he had the courage to do this in order to achieve his dreams. It's amazing how quickly you can become connected through the game of golf and a chance meeting at The Spirit International."

Alex went on to enjoy great success, and John continued to volunteer year after year. As he shared, "Because of my first experience at The Spirit in 2015, I've volunteered every year since. It's incredible to see how many world-class players have competed here, and it has given me friendships for life—especially in Denmark."

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The connection between cookies, golf, our military, and a friendship across the globe may seem unlikely, but at The Spirit International, it all fits perfectly. Grammy's Cookie Convoy was born twenty years ago because of golf, and is proud and grateful to support our Troops while helping promote the great game of golf to the next generation of courageous young people.

Mother's Day Spa Retreat Winners

Spa Retreat for Deployed Military Wives

Honoring the strength, sacrifice, and love behind the uniform

Behind every deployed service member is a family carrying the weight of home, children, careers, and community—often quietly and without recognition. This past year, we were honored to offer a Spa Retreat to several extraordinary military wives, nominated by their deployed husbands. Their stories remind us that service takes many forms...

Nominee #1

What makes her amazing...

My special lady had just completed her Doctoral degree in Educational Psychology when she put her professional goals on hold and relocated from Texas to Hinesville, Georgia—solely to care for my three children, ages 10, 8, and 6, during my entire deployment. As a single father, her sacrifice made it possible for me to deploy and provide critical pastoral care to more than 800 soldiers in my battalion.

Nominee #2

Why she deserves a special day

While I was deployed in Lithuania caring for troops impacted by a tragic loss, our youngest child broke her arm. She handled everything—medical care, emotional support, and stability at home—allowing me to remain focused on caring for my soldiers. Her strength and selflessness cannot be overstated, and she deserves a day to relax knowing how deeply appreciated she is.

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A wonderful wife and mother...

I am honored to nominate my wife, a devoted partner of seventeen years and a loving mother to our three boys. As the spouse of a military chaplain, she regularly shares her husband with service members and their families, offering support whenever it is needed. During this deployment, she is without her usual support system, navigating the unique challenges of military life with grace and strength. She provides emotional support to me as I care for others—a quiet but powerful role that often goes unseen. She is more than deserving of a day to herself, and truly so much more.



Nominee #4

Nominated from CENTCOM...

My wife is an incredible wife and mother of three—E. (8), K. (8), and S. (5). In addition to raising our children while I am deployed, she works more than 40 hours per week as a Certified Financial Advisor with First Command Financial Services, serving over 100 clients—many of whom are active-duty service members and retirees.

She also serves as Parliamentarian for the Fort Campbell Spouses Club, coordinating outreach events and fundraisers that support scholarships for military dependents and Gold Star families. Katrina has been my rock throughout my career. She sacrifices her own rest and self-care to support others, and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of a special day.

A Message of Gratitude from a Mother's Day Recipient

"I can't even put into words how much this means to me. From my husband's thoughtful words to the generosity and effort behind this gift, my heart is truly touched.

Thank you for supporting military families and even a local establishment. Grammy's Cookie Convoy is doing incredible work for deployed soldiers, and your dedication to spreading joy is deeply appreciated.

Marlene—your story behind starting Grammy's Cookie Convoy is beautiful."

These nominations remind us that while deployments take our service members far from home —love, resilience, and sacrifice remain steadfast. Grammy's Cookie Convoy is honored to recognize and celebrate the women who hold everything together—one family, one home, and one heart at a time.

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Looking Ahead

Grammy's Cookie Convoy is already thinking and preparing for the 2027 Mega-Shipment which will be on Sunday, February 14th. If you would like to help us get a jumpstart, click the Donate button below.



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