

COMBAT COOKIE CONNECTIONS

We aren't here to sugar coat the military...oh wait, yes we are!

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Welcome to our first newsletter. As we continue to grow, raise awareness and show our appreciation to our deployed troops, we want to let you know how Combat Cookies began.

My name is Brandi. My husband, Brandon, and I have over 37 years of military experience combined in the U.S. Air Force. We have both been on deployments (never together) and know what it is like to sacrifice time away from our families, missing holidays and other important occasions due to the high priority of the mission. It is part of our lives and we have come to understand that we have to make sacrifices for the mission so we "suck it up" just like the majority of military members.

We made the decision to start this cookie adventure because we remember what it was like being deployed overseas. I remember being one of the fortunate one who received some type of mail almost every single day from my family and friends. I remember my military friends giving me a hard time because they couldn't believe people wanted to send me things that often. My mom would send me the local newspaper on a weekly basis. While it was not that exciting to read, it was still nice to have something from home. My military friends looked forward to the mail when I would receive a large box because they knew I would share the contents with them. With this being said, my husband and I thought how great it would be if we could be a part of the sending end rather than the receiving end. I love to bake! So the cookie idea was born. We are happy to give to our brothers and sisters in arms overseas as they are making sacrifices thousand of miles away from their families and friends in exchange for keeping us safe. It's not an easy task but someone has to do it and we are proud to be a part of the small percentage who serve and proud to be supporters as well!



Brandon and Brandi Bass

Our mission is to provide, absolutely free, requests for Combat Cookies to be shipped overseas for our deployed military members. We started this mission in 2017 in our humble home kitchen. As requests continued to come to us, we outgrew our home kitchen. In November 2020, we opened our storefront at 294 Market Street in Dayton, Indiana. We are open Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Each Saturday we have fresh baked cookies and cupcakes available to the public in exchange for a donation to support our mission. Stop in and see us soon!



Combat Cookies embarked on this new, exciting journey with the desire to give back and make a difference. Combat Cookies is a small nonprofit, any and all support is incredibly valuable and appreciated. Your donations and volunteering are what keeps us sending cookies to those who deserve the extra comforts of home. There are so many people we have already helped, but as we continue to grow, we want to reach out and offer you the chance to be part of something truly great. You can become involved in our mission by choosing one or more of the following paths.

VOLUNTEER at our bakery or help set up an event. We welcome individuals and small groups (up to three). Some of the volunteer activities include, mixing ingredients, scooping cookies, baking cookies, packaging cookies, assembling shipping boxes, general cleaning. You can expect to have an enjoyable, rewarding and meaningful experience.



SEND CARDS, LETTERS or ARTWORK that we will include in our cookie boxes to our service members. You can do this by hosting a gathering for people and/or kids to create their artwork. This is a great idea for school classrooms, clubs or organizations.



COMBAT COOKIE LIST

- Cody Cookie:** Crushed Oreos infused into a chocolate chip base
- MOAB M&M:** Cookie base loaded with M &M
- SUCK IT UP BUTTERCUP:** Peanut butter cookie base with chunks of Reece's Peanut Butter Cups
- MAD DOG MINT CHIP:** Chocolate chip base with chunks of mint chips
- NEVER FORGET DOUBLE CHOCOLATE:** Chocolate cookie base with chunks of chocolate
- SNIPERDOODLE:** Cookie base rolled in sugar and cinnamon
- K-9:** Peanut butter based cookie

For more ways to JOIN THE MISSION go to combatcookies.org and click on GET INVOLVED.