

COMBAT COOKIE CONNECTIONS

Our Mission

We are a veteran owned and operated 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We bake and ship fresh from the oven cookies to U.S. military members who are deployed overseas with a mission to increase their morale. Being away from the comforts of home can be emotionally challenging. Sending cookies is one way to bring the feeling of home to a deployed military member.



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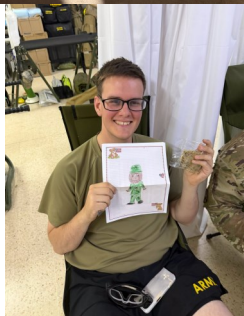
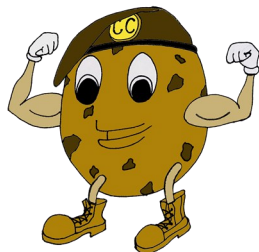
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"Dear Combat Cookies Team,

On behalf of the soldiers in my unit, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible package of fresh-baked cookies you recently sent our way. In our line of work, we often focus entirely on the mission at hand, which can make the days feel long and demanding. Receiving your package was a massive morale boost for the entire team. The cookies themselves were absolutely delicious and brought a much-needed taste of home directly to our unit.

Beyond the treats, we were all deeply touched by the time and care put into the hand-decorated boxes. Seeing the artwork, patriotic designs, and thoughtful messages on the packaging truly brought smiles to everyone's faces before we even opened them. It is a powerful visual reminder of the incredible community standing behind us back home.

Your generosity, patriotism, and dedication to supporting deployed service members do not go unnoticed. Knowing that organizations like Combat Cookies are actively thinking of us makes a world of difference in keeping our spirits high. Thank you for your unwavering support, your hard work, and for sharing a sweet piece of home with our soldiers"



2018 - 2026
COOKIE COUNTER

71448

2026 Boxes Sent

105

Goal = 15 Boxes per month

Grammy's Counter

12998

Cookies we baked and delivered to
Grammy's Cookie Convoy for our
troops in 2026!

Grammyscookieconvoy.com

Gun Monkey Counter

50

Cookies we baked and delivered to
Gun Monkey Coffee Company for
our troops in 2026!

Gunmonkeycoffee.com

A heartfelt thank you to the **Battle Ground Methodist Church Vacation Bible School** for their incredible donation of **\$1,443** to Combat Cookies!

Each year, the VBS program selects a local mission for the children and congregation to support. This year, they chose **Combat Cookies**, recognizing and honoring the mission of our organization while also paying tribute to **CPL Cody Putman**.

Cody is the son of **Pam Mow**, a member of Battle Ground Methodist Church, making this recognition especially meaningful. We are deeply grateful for the generosity, support, and kindness shown by the VBS participants, church members, and leadership.



Thank you for helping us continue our mission and for honoring those who serve our country. Your support truly makes a difference!

Warm & Community-Focused Car Show in Dayton!

What a day at **Trish's Red Bird Cafe** for our 5th Annual Car Show on Sunday, July 19th.

A huge shoutout to **Trish and Mark** for hosting our event, and **Dale and Pam** for all of their hard work organizing it. Thank you to my family, our **Combat Cookies family**, and everyone who came out to support us. And to all those who showed up in support of our military community, thank you so much!

A special thank you to the **Town of Dayton** for allowing us to close part of the road so we could host the event safely.

We sold out of cookies and served a LOT of frozen custard! The prime rib nachos and sliders prepared by Trish and her staff were absolutely fantastic. If you missed lunch at the car show, be sure to stop by **Trish's** soon and try them. You won't be disappointed!

And hey, **Sycamore Drive In - Monticello, IN...** we're going to need more custard!



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Twenty-nine boxes were shipped overseas in July, and these are just a few of them!

We are especially grateful to Purdue Swimming & Diving for decorating these fun, colorful boxes and helping spread joy along the way.

If you'd like to sponsor a box, please visit our website to donate or stop by the bakery on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Together, we can continue making an impact around the world.

Building Our Future Together One Car Show at a Time!

The last two weekends in July were filled with incredible cars, wonderful people, and overwhelming support for **Combat Cookies**. July 19th was the 5th Annual Car Show at Trish's Red Bird Café and July 25th was the 2nd Annual Wheels for Warriors Cruise In For A Cause host by the Mean Girls Jeep Club.

While we are still finalizing the numbers from both car shows, we are excited to share that all proceeds will go directly toward our building fund, helping us remain in our current home and continue serving veterans, active-duty military members, and our community for years to come.

These events would not have been possible without the generosity and dedication of so many supporters. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Glenda, Chasity, Julie, Tiffany, Carissa, Billie, Sue, Carrie, Jamie & Dustin and family, Mike & Stormy, Battleground Bible Church**, and everyone else who volunteered, donated, attended, or helped behind the scenes. Your support, encouragement, and belief in our mission continue to inspire us.

Every volunteer, sponsor, participant, and attendee played an important role in the success of these events. Because of your generosity, we are one step closer to securing a permanent future for Combat Cookies and continuing the work that means so much to our military and veteran community.

From all of us at Combat Cookies, thank you for standing beside us and investing in our mission. We are truly blessed by this community and look forward to sharing the final results with you soon.

Together, we are building more than a building. We are building a place of connection, support, and service for those who have served our country.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TWO MORE CAR SHOWS IN AUGUST! See the flyer on page 5!



Combat Cookies was proud to be part of the 2026 Little Farmer Pet & Hobby Parade, hosted by the Tippecanoe County Farm Bureau at the Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair.

The event was a huge success, with 52 children ages 0-8 and their families participating. Contestants showcased 13 creative entries before the judges and an enthusiastic crowd at the Coliseum.



While awards were presented to winners in several categories, every child was a winner! Each participant received an Indiana Farm Bureau swag bag, a free milkshake coupon courtesy of the Tippecanoe County Dairy Boosters, and, of course, delicious **Combat Cookies**.

We loved helping celebrate the creativity, enthusiasm, and agricultural spirit of our community and look forward to supporting this fun family tradition again next year!



Honoring Dane Northcutt with a Sweet Tribute

Many of you may remember **Dane Northcutt**, whose photo and commemorative bricks are displayed in Patriot Plaza. Dane's family has been a longtime supporter of Combat Cookies, and we are especially grateful to **Brenda Northcutt** and **Kim Northrup** for their continued support.

July 15th would have been Dane's 28th birthday. To honor his memory, Kim has once again partnered with Combat Cookies to spread kindness in his name. Thanks to her generosity, we gave away **two FREE DIY chocolate chip cookie cakes** to two lucky winners selected at random. The contest winners were **Kelli Crume** and **Christy Hoggard**. Join us in celebrating Dane's life and the love his family continues to share with our community.



In late June, Combat Cookies received a special boost from two very special visitors. Mark and Petra Slade traveled to spend a few days with Brandi, and their visit turned into much more than a social call. Mark, a former military comrade and longtime friend, along with wife, Petra, rolled up their sleeves and volunteered at Combat Cookies during their stay.

Their willingness to give their time and energy to support our mission was both unexpected and deeply appreciated. The visit was filled with great conversations, laughter, shared memories, and meaningful work. Friends like Mark and Petra remind us that Combat Cookies is powered not only by volunteers and supporters, but by relationships built on years of trust, service, and friendship.



We are grateful for their visit, their help, and the encouragement they brought with them. Simply put, these are the kinds of friends everyone hopes to have.

And when you pair it with the 30-month-old returned cookie box (*see below*), it sounds like Combat Cookies had quite a memorable summer: old friends showing up to help, and old cookie boxes showing up from adventures of their own.



In July 2026, one of our cookie boxes returned to base after a 30-month mission. Originally shipped in **January 2024**, it traveled who-knows-where before finally finding its way home. While the cookies survived the campaign, they aren't edible, the box's determination and commitment to returning to sender remain an inspiration to us all.



All proceeds will go to **Combat Cookies**, a nonprofit organization that bakes and ships cookies to our deployed military members. **Know someone deployed?** Contact us for free cookies!

www.combatcookies.org Find us on FB
294 Market St, Dayton, IN **Open Sat 10-2**



*Organized by
Dale Downham*

COMBAT COOKIES 2026 CAR SHOWS

Cookies With A Mission To Benefit Our Military!

These car shows are possible because of our sponsors. We THANK YOU!

Newton Oil Company, Lewis Motor Sales, Schomers Plumbing & Heating, Bailey Trucking Inc., Fox Hauling, Dixon Construction, Wagner Chiropractic Center, Mark Genda-IN State Rep, Good Buddy Greg, Haynes Remodeling, Puroclean, Lafayette Glass. Awards by John's Trophies

SHOWS

SAT, JUNE 6

American Legion, Post 11-1801 S 9th St, Lafayette, IN

SUN, JUNE 14

Big League Sports Bar, Lafayette, IN

SUN, JULY 19

Trish's Red Bird Cafe, 696 Walnut St, Dayton, IN

SAT, AUG 8

Old Buffalo's Bar & Grill, 2511 Old US 231 S, Lafayette, IN

SUN, AUG 23

Rookies Sports Pub, 3618 SR 38, Lafayette, IN

SUN, SEPT 13

Tick Tock Tavern, 1816 N 9th St, Lafayette, IN

SUN, SEPT 20

End Zone, 2408 Veterans Memorial, Lafayette, IN

- Registration 10-12
- Awards at 2
- Register in person only

- \$15 Entry Fee
- Awards & Dash Plaques

August 2026



****Saturday, August 8th at Old Buffalo Bar and Grill, Lafayette, Indiana—10:00a-2:00p**

****Sunday, August 23rd at Rookies Sports Bar, Lafayette, Indiana—10:00a-2:00p**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Bakery 10a–2p</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Bakery 10a–2p</i> **CAR SHOW
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 <u><i>Bakery 10a–2p</i></u> <i>Bingo 40&8, 3p</i>
16	17	18	19	20 <i>Bakery 2p -6p</i>	21	22 <i>Bakery 10a–2p</i>
23 **CAR SHOW	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Bakery 10a–2p</i>
30	31					