## 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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2024 is here! While 2023 was a great year, I am confident that 2024 will be even better. One positive attribute is that we are continuing to receive a steady flow of requested boxes to be shipped overseas. Many of those requesting the boxes are stating they found us through Google and FB groups, so I am pleased to know the word is getting out and still being passed around.

2023 flew by with the addition of the new trailer and lots of new events, which I believe has helped spread the word about us throughout our community. While the trailer is a positive asset to our nonprofit, it was also extremely time-consuming last year because everything was so new to us. Now that we have a better understanding of how the entire process works, we will be able to get back to things we enjoy inside of the bakery, including our Cake of the Week!

Thank you to our locals for your patience and understanding that we do not operate a traditional bakery and our #1 mission is to support our troops. We have been brainstorming and have a lot of new ideas for 2024 that we think you will like.

We look forward to seeing you at events, and hope you come by to visit us in Dayton when you can. As a reminder to our locals, if you want to be added to our email listing that keeps you up to date on special hours and special events, please do so at <a href="https://www.combatcookies.org/local">www.combatcookies.org/local</a>

Cheers to 2024! Let's make it a great year!

## Brandi

Just a note to tell you we shipped 231 boxes in 2023. That is an average of almost 20 boxes per month. We have been so blessed to have had all of these boxes sponsored by you! See the results on the smiling face of those soldiers who received boxes in December on the following pages.







Thank you very much for the cookies and the letters. I shared them with the entire team and they definitely hit the spot for us out here. Thank you for supporting us and our country that we love.

Lt Col Derek Huber



"Thank you guys so much for the cookies! My name is Daniel and I'm with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines deployed in Okinawa for the next couple months. I got a package of your cookies and shared them with my boys and it made us all feel a little closer to home for the holidays. Thanks so much for what you guys do and for the cookies!"



"This is my sailor and the cookies he received. Thank you so much for y'all's program"



Especially when they are COMBAT COOKIES!



"Thank You from the VFA 131 squadron. They really enjoyed the cookies."



"Thank you so much for what you do! My daughter is currently deployed over the holidays and just received her Combat Cookies! She shared them with others during movie night and everyone really enjoyed them. My Airman said "These cookies were such a morale boost! Everyone loved them for movie night and the message on the box was awesome to see!" Especially over the holidays, it was really special to see all their smiling faces. Thank you again and God bless you all! "





"My daughter and her friends on deployment received their cookies.

They loved them so much!

This group received their box in time for Christmas, thanks to all of our volunteers and supporters!





Go Army! One of these fortunate recipients is married to one of our regular customers who comes in to see us at the bakery.









"Dear Combat Cookies, Your wonderful package arrived safely to our Unit here overseas. On behalf of our deployed Airmen, thank you to you and all the individuals involved. The cookies were delicious and they were all gone by the end of the day! Our Airmen also enjoyed reading the notes and cards. Your kindness brings warmth and comfort to all of us serving far from home. Thank you for brightening our day and reminding us of the support we have. Thanks again and Happy Holidays!

V/R, Carolyn Acosta, SSgt, USAF"



## JANUARY 2024



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	26	19	12	Si	Fri
	27 Bakery open 10:00a–2:00p	20 Bakery open 10:00a-2:00p 40&8 Bingo 3:00p-8:00p	13 Bakery open 10:00a–2:00þ	6 BAKERY CLOSED Tractor Supply 9:00a-1:00p	Sat