

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.

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

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"Hello, we got our package today! We wanted to say we thank you so so much for the cookies. They were delicious and we can't stop eating them!! We look forward to many more. Thank you for taking time out of your lives to support people like us. We appreciate you."

cookies
make
everything
better



Look at the smiles on the faces of these soldiers! Thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters that help make these smiles possible!

2018 - 2023

COOKIE COUNTER

24580

2023 Boxes Sent

051

Goal = 15 Boxes per month



Mother's Day Special Orders

Treat your Mom, Grandma, Wife, Daughter or someone special in your life to some cookies and/or cupcakes from Combat Cookies this Mother's Day!

Orders must be placed by **Sunday, May 7th**. Pick up will be available on Saturday, May 13th during regular store hours, 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Cupcakes 4 for \$10.00 or 6 for \$15.00 (flavors will be vanilla, chocolate and white wedding). Also available will be Oatmeal Crème Pies for \$3.00. Don't forget those pups! We have K9 cookies for \$1.00



Assorted colors and designs



Grab & Go Boxes - \$10.00



Matt and Kate Krawiec have been chosen for Combat Cookies supporter of the month! They have blessed us with their continued monthly donation for almost 2 years. Matt and Brandi were at the same duty station in North Carolina, about eight years ago. Brandi was fortunate to get to know Matt's better half, Kate, and their children during that time. Matt is still serving in the Air Force today while Kate is extremely busy living the mom life to 3 active kids. As with many of us, Matt was deployed last Christmas, and knows first hand what it's like to be away from his family while deployed. We sent him and his coworkers a morale boost with a box of cookies during his deployment. Matt and Kate, I sincerely thank you for your support to Combat Cookies! Miss you guys!



April Sponsors

Buck Creek Pizza, Mike and Sally Buck, Stacy Campbell, The Fielding Family, Bob and Barb Fox, Nanci Grayes, The Hawn Family, Dave Hiatt, Skip Kochert, Leila McNabb, Cheyenne Ummel (3), Jeremy Wheeler, Laura Wolfe



Grace, John and Shonda, Morrison, Rebekah, and Shirl

Box sponsorship is \$35. Go to our website www.combatcookies.org for more information or stop in the bakery on Saturday between 10:00am and 2:00pm

Special Order Cakes

Just a Reminder that we can do special order cakes for you. Our calendar is already getting very full for May and June.

Frequently asked questions:

1. Do I have to pickup on Saturday, when you are open? No, someone is there almost every-day, except Sunday. We can arrange for a date and time that works for you.
2. How much notice do you need for a cake? As much as you can give. 2 weeks is preferred, but we recommend contacting us as ASAP. Sometimes we may be able to do a last minute cake. It doesn't hurt to ask!

<https://www.combatcookies.org/specialorders>



May 2023



Sun

Mon




Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
						Bakery Hours 10:00 am - 2:00pm Tractor Supply 9:00am-1:00pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
LAST DAY TO PLACE MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL ORDERS				Cookies with Combat Cookies-6:00pm		Bakery Hours 10:00 am - 2:00pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Bakery Hours 2:00pm-6:00pm		Bakery Hours 10:00 am - 2:00pm 40 & 8 3:00pm-8:00pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Bakery Hours 10:00 am - 2:00pm
28	29	30	31			
						

Remembering Sgt. Sam Codling

(story shared by Brandi Bass)

My aunt contacted me last year and asked if Combat Cookies would send a box of cookies to her neighbor "kid", Sam, who was deployed overseas. Of course! This is the rest of Sam's story, as told by his mom. Combat Cookies family, please take a minute to read Sam's story and show some love for the Codling Family.

Sam signed up for the Army Reserve in August of 2019. Graduated with the 1-61st Infantry Regiment Echo Eagles in 2020- Ft Jackson.

He served in the 521st Movement Control Team stationed in Dayton, Ohio. Sam wanted to experience deployment so he transferred to the 523rd Movement Team in Michigan City, Indiana. He served in Kuwait/Jordan from January 2022 to September 2022 as a Transportation Management Coordinator. He served in a designated imminent danger pay area. This is also where he received his Combat Cookies! He was awarded several awards: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Sam's intent was to return back to the 521st in January.

These are the words from one of his superiors from deployment, "SPC Codling is one of my soldiers from deployment, just returning from Jordan. He is a dedicated clean cut Boy Scout that at times single handedly manned a location in Jordan. Tower 22 was our most austere location, it borders Syria and Iraq."

Another senior representative said this of Sam, "I truly loved working with him every weekend we got together. He truly had so much potential, whether it was as a man or in the military."

Last week we were told Sam was awarded, a POSTHUMOUS CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION TO SERGEANT from the U.S. Army. Being a sergeant was his goal. He would be so proud. I know we are.

Sam also earned his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Purdue Global while holding down a full time job and serving in the reserves. Needless to say he was driven and disciplined. He had started the process to become a Cincinnati police officer.

Sam returned home from deployment on October 5, 2022. The day after Veterans Day, November 12, 2022, Sam was walking on the side of the road with a friend, in a grassy area when he was struck by a vehicle and sustained severe TBI, Traumatic Brain Injury. The driver turned himself in later that day. Sam spent close to 5 months in the ICU at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. On April 8, 2023 he passed away from complications of TBI. While heartbroken for our loss, he was no longer suffering.

Sam had impacted so many people which was evident at his funeral. Hundreds of people came out to celebrate our sweet boy's life. Sam was a special soul who was liked by so many! He was laid back, kind, athletic, driven and authentic. He brought out the very best in people and accepted everyone for who they are, which is why he was loved by so many. He impacted a lot of lives whether he knew it or not."

Thank you Kristi for sharing the story of your beloved son with us. We are very sorry for your loss.

