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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"Thank you for the cookies and sweet items from our kids back home."







Message from a mom

I reached out and requested a box be sent to my son in Syria. He did receive a box and I wanted to express my gratitude. He was super excited and it came right around his birthday.



2018 - 2025 **COOKIE COUNTER** 2025 Boxes Sent



Just a reminder that we announced a few weeks ago that we are planning to purchase our building. This is a necessary step to secure our mission and avoid future relocation issues. We hope that you will participate in our many upcoming fundraising events. As always we truly appreciate your support

Cookie Bake Off Fundraiser:

Get ready to show off your cookie skills at Combat Cookies! We're on the hunt for the most delicious creations, and we think you've got what it takes! Whether it's a fun family activity or your solo baking masterpiece, this event is perfect for everyone. Check out the details and if you're interested, send us a message for more for rules and registration information. Let's make it sweet and unforgettable! If this contest goes well, we will do it again, with a twist!

Combat Cookie T-Shirt Fundraiser:

Coming Soon we will have a Combat Cookie
T-Shirt fundraiser. (See page 5 to see
where our supporters are in the US
wearing our shirts!). Keep checking
FaceBook for information. We are currently
waiting on our vendor for the link to order
the shirts!

Other ways to participate:

In store, we will have a funding jar for anyone who would just like to make a donation.

For those you would like to make an online donation, please go to

https://givebutter.com/







COMBAT COOKIES IS INTRODUCING OUR FIRST

BAKE OFF

Here's the details:

- 1. Join the contest! Contact us for cookie rules—\$20 entry fee supports our building fund. Entry deadline is April 19
- 2. Bake your favorite cookie at home
- 3. Drop off 30 samples of your cookie for our supporters to try
- 4.On Sat, April 26th our regular patrons will vote for their favorite cookie
- 5. We will tally the votes at the end of the day $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$
- 6. The winner will be invited to come bake their winning cookie at our bakery, with our ingredients
- 7.The winning cookie will be featured in our display case as part of our menu on Sat, May 3rd & May 10
- 8.The winner will also receive a \$20 gift card to be used for Combat Cookies cupcakes or cookies





Patriot Plaza



One of the most exciting fundraising events is the "Patriot Plaza at Combat Cookies."

This incredible community space will be located between our building and our current shed. (see photos). We have already enlisted help from JWM Decks & Patios, MW Crafts, and Brandon Bass Art.

This will be our biggest building fundraiser and your customized brick will be placed right here at Combat Cookies, creating the lasting foundation of Patriot Plaza. You'll always have a piece of it to visit and cherish.

These high-quality bricks are made to stand the test of time and come in two sizes:

4x8 (pictured) for \$100 8x8 for \$220

Stop by the bakery soon to see the sample brick!

The paperwork has been submitted, and the fundraiser website will be live soon! You'll be able to order your brick online or stop by the bakery during open hours if you need assistance.

This fundraiser will run until mid-June, with the ribbon-cutting ceremony set for **August 16 at 11:00am.!**

We are so excited to build Patriot Plaza together with our community. We look forward to making this dream a reality!

Orders can be submitted soon at https://www.thatsmybrick.com





SAMPLE BRICK



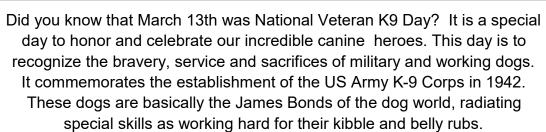
STARS FOR OUR TROOPS

Local couple, Doug and Vicki Willis, collect American flags to create the Stars for our Troops that we include in our boxes of cookies that are shipped to our soldiers who are stationed overseas. If you have old flags that need to be retired, please bring them to Combat Cookies and we will get them to Doug and Vicki. They have a very patriotic flag retirement ceremony for the stripes (if the flag was made in the USA). They then wash the canton to remove any allergens and then dried. Finally the stars are removed and cut for packaging. The remains of the blue material is also retired with the stripes. The stars are then packaged (see picture to the left to read the message) and are included in our boxes.





Hippity-hoppity, guess who's back at Combat Cookies? Spoiler alert: it's the bunny! And yes, FREE COOKIES—but only if you're a kid (sorry grown-ups). Swing by on Saturday, April 19th, from 11 AM to 2 PM to meet the bunny, snap some pics, and snag your sweet treat. Mark your calendars because the bunny told me he's hopping off after that. See you there!



To celebrate this special day, Christine created two Combat Cookies Battle Bears. Their names are Corp Cubby and Smoky. Corp Cubby is named after a descendant of the WWI military work dog, Sgt. Stubby. Sgt. Stubby helped capture a German spy, warned soldiers of danger, and survived a gas attack!. He was a Boston terrier or bull terrier mix.

Smoky is named after the first recorded military therapy dog. She served during WWII performing tricks and visiting with soldiers. She was a Yorkshire terrier.

We held a silent auction with bids starting at \$20 on each bear. The highest bidders were Dale and Norma Hayes and Brenda Northcutt. The two winning bids brought in \$160 for our building fund.





Got a picture of yourself in CC gear? Send it our way!



Spring Breaker Grady is rocking his Combat Cookies shirt during an exciting Pink Jeep tour in Branson, Missouri



What do you wear to a ZZ
Top concert? Combat
Cookies shirts, of course!
Our friends representing
us in NC! Thank you Mark
& Petra! Hope it was a
great concert!



Joe Mow fishing in Mulvane, Kansas in a Combat Cookie T-Shirt.

Hope the next fish was bigger, Joe!



Our friends in North
Carolina are shining
bright for us again!
They set up an
extension booth for us
at the Sandhills
Antique Farm show
today to help spread
the word about our
mission. Thank you
Petra Zender and
team!

We appreciate you!!



April 2025

Saturday, April 19th

11:00a-2:00p

The Easter Burny will be visiting Combat Cookies.

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