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## **Girl Scouts deliver cookie donations to the military**

### **Donations exceed expectations**

Chattanooga, TN (April 12, 2016): More than 22,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies are on the way to members of the U.S. armed forces within the local Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians jurisdiction thanks to generous cookie customers and hard-working girls. Girl Scouts will deliver a major portion of those cookies to the U.S. Army National Guard on Thursday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m. (1801 Holtzclaw Avenue, Chattanooga).

The donation is part of the council's annual Operation: APPRECIATION effort allowing customers to purchase cookies directly for members of the armed services.

"Our girls are thrilled to have exceeded this year's 20,000 box donation goal," said Lynne Fugate, the council's CEO. "Cookie customers made a generous decision to support two great causes at the same time."

The 2016 Girl Scout Cookie Program sale was a success, with girls earning \$1 million directly for their troop treasuries. Girls use the proceeds to fund troop activities for the upcoming year. The council's portion of proceeds support girls and volunteers.

About the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians... We're 10,000 girls and volunteers strong in 46 counties in the Knoxville, Chattanooga and Tri-Cities metro areas. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We're the country's preeminent leadership development organization for all girls, everywhere, providing girls with the opportunity to do something amazing. Join or volunteer at [GirlScoutCSA.org](http://GirlScoutCSA.org).

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