

# NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS

NAVAL MEDIA CENTER FLEET SUPPORT DETACHMENT SAN DIEGO

STORY: Operation Cookie Drop

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ANCHOR LEAD

When you think of the Fourth of July, what kind of food comes to mind?

ANCHOR TWO

Maybe burgers or barbecued chicken, potato salad, baked beans...

FIRST ANCHOR

How about home-baked chocolate chip cookies? That's what they're thinking aboard U-S-S John C. Stennis, which is forward deployed in the Arabian Gulf. Navy Journalist Bill Johnson-Miles of our San Diego Detachment tells us why.

COOKIES, COOKIES AND MORE COOKIES... IN FACT, MORE THEN 14 THOUSAND COOKIES WERE MADE, PACKAGED AND DECORATED WITH RED, WHITE AND BLUE RIBBON BY SENIORS AND VOLUNTEERS AT THE VILLA ENCINITAS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY NEAR SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

Natsound Break

"Aren't my people out there great!"

AND ALL THESE COOKIES WERE SENT TO THE U-S-S JOHN C. STENNIS JUST IN TIME FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY.

Ann Fishman,  
Resident of Villa  
Encinitas Retirement  
Community,  
Encinitas, CA  
Tape 1, 7:07 &  
7:25

"I went through the first and second World Wars, as a child and as an adult, and I know what it entails, and I'm very proud of the boys... (AE) ...We all feel the same, everybody that you see here, feels that they want to participate and give the boys a little joy."

Col. George Van  
Nostrand, retired  
Air Force,  
Resident of Villa  
Encinitas Retirement  
Community,  
Encinitas, CA  
Tape 1, 13:30

"Anything from home just meant a tremendous amount, and out of proportion with what you would think it would. And if it was possible for me to slip in here and help a little, I would. It's a pleasure."

LESLIE BRASSEAU ORGANIZED OPERATION COOKIE  
DROP, BUT IT WASN'T JUST BECAUSE HER SON  
A-O-2 MICHAEL BRASSEAU IS STATIONED ABOARD  
THE DEPLOYED CARRIER.

Leslie Brasseur,  
Director of  
Assisted Living,  
Villa Encinitas  
Retirement Community,  
Organized  
Operation Cookie  
Drop, Tape 3, 2:38

"We see all the problems that youth are having at this point in time and I, I just feel that the ones that are working hard doing things for our country aren't getting any publicity. It's only the ones that are bad, and we need to acknowledge what's being done for us by the young men and women on the ship."

THE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY NOT ONLY GAVE THE  
COOKIES TO THE NAVY, BUT THEY THREW IN A  
BUNCH OF LETTERS, TOO.

Natsound, Brasseur and LT Oates,  
Tape 6, 8:37

"This is some of the mail that has come in. So we will be letting you ship this, also."  
"I certainly will. I thank you so much, I can't tell you. (hand shakes) Thank you, thanks very much for having us folks."

LT Dave Oates,  
Commander Naval  
Air Forces  
Pacific, reporting  
to USS John C.  
Stennis, Tape 6,  
5:43

"Being deployed away from home is not only many hours, long, painful hours... (AE) but it is also very lonely... (AE) ...because you crave for home, you crave for things that remind you of home. And if I may coin a phrase, what you folks have done to the enormous effort, will give them indeed a taste of home."

AK3 Joseph Turner  
USS Independence  
TAD to CNAP, HT:  
Sacramento, CA  
Tape 6, 13:46

"Oh, they're going to be happy. It's a little piece of home. And it's going to make them feel special because there's other people out there thinking about them."

Stand-Up by JO1  
Johnson-Miles  
Tape 5, 2:28

"Before all these great cookies are flown out to the USS John C. Stennis, they need to be sampled and that's my job. These are really, really good. You all are going to love these cookies. For Navy/Marine Corps News, I'm Petty Officer Bill Johnson-Miles, San Diego."