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Letters from Soldiers

Thank you so much for the birthday cake and the "Soldiers' Angel" coin. It is people like you and those who work for you, that make me proud of what I do in serving this great country. When I received the cake a smile instantly came across my face. Attached are some photos of me with the cake. My Soldiers and I thought it was delicious.

Unfortunately, I received it the same day we were getting ready to go out on a mission and did not get to enjoy the day as much as I would have liked. The coin will be with me wherever I go this deployment in the left breast pocket of my uniform. Like the wife in your letter mentioned, it's the little things people back home take for granted that bring the biggest smiles to our faces. I will spread the word about the great things you are doing for Soldiers. Once again thank you for everything it truly means a lot.

Very Respectfully,

GEORGE A. FRUTH

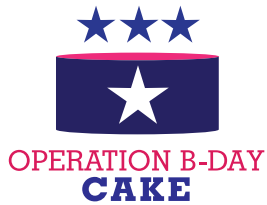


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I thought you might like to see the fruits of the labor of your cakes and how good it was too. It was a really good cake and was nice to receive in the combat zone. It was sent in a well packaged box and arrived in great condition. Thank you

Sincerely,

Sgt Scott Grumbling



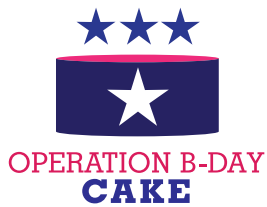
Thank you for the excellent cake. I was not expecting any such thing, and of course my first thought on receiving it was that it must be another well-meant gesture but cheapened article (i.e. a bag of candy or a grocery-shelf cake). Your cake was more than a mere gesture: even though you and I have no personal history to enrich the gesture, the fact that you put into it such quality and generosity makes the gesture rich and meaningful. In this dusty place of long hours and dark humor, a real chocolate cake sent from a stranger refreshes feelings for humanity, make strangers less strange, and brings kind remembrance to those we love. How can one possibly receive a real chocolate cake and not feel the world better for it?

Stay human,
Scott Justesen

AMAZING! I do not know HOW you did this BUT my son got a cake on his birthday!!!
Right now he has terrible slowness connection on the internet, and soon he is moving into a tent with no internet. BUT we did talk through IMs and he told me HE GOT A CAKE. He has tried to send me email pictures but the connection is always too slow. Thank you so much for making his 22nd birthday a special one. Plus he said the cake was really good!!!!

Regards
Renee (SPC Warshauer's mom)





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Thank you so much for the delicious cake. It really made my birthday special and brightened up all of our day!! The program that you mentioned is a wonderful opportunity to honor the troops on their birthday. It means so much because when we are away from our real families, we spend it with our Air Force families.

I have attached some pictures of some of us enjoying the cake. We had a great time during my celebration. I am the one in pink.

I will be returning back to my home base in a few weeks after a 6 month tour here. If you need any assistance with the project, please let me know, I would love to be involved and have POCs now.

Yours Truly,
Capt Brandy Cox



My Birthday celebration here would not have been complete without a complimentary Birthday Cake from your fine organization. I want to thank you Josh and your staff for the wonderful experience in sharing with my comrades the delicious cake I was sent. It even made it here before my birthday!! I have to admit that I did not wait for the actual date of my birthday before consuming such an amazing baked manifesto!

I found out later that my wife was the one who had placed the order so I did thank her for such a gift, but for you to send such a cake at no expense but out of support for us over here fighting was very encouraging. I want to encourage you all at Bake Me a Wish to continue these efforts for they are an immense morale boost when you are in these various rigorous locations seeking out the enemy. By far that cake had been the most savoring experience from all the "goodies" I have received thus far.

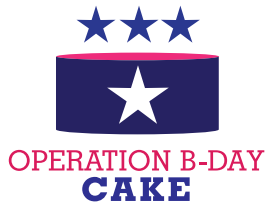
I pray that your organization will be blessed for your selflessness in giving to us all over here of your talents in baking these masterpieces! I also pray that all of you and yours are safe and living life to its fullest!

SFC Bryan Johnson

Rangers Lead the Way!!



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I want to thank you for the cake I received today. It really meant a lot to me that my wife found a way to make my birthday special and you helped her accomplish that goal. The cake is extremely yummy and it looks great too. Yes, the rigors of the military life are tough, but people like you make it worth while when you do special things like this to let us soldiers know that we are appreciated. It helps us wake up in the morning and know what we do is not in vain. Once again thank you, and YOUR service is really appreciated.

Very respectfully,
Todd D. Williams
SPC (P), U.S. Army



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Thank you so much for your kindness in sharing your patriotism through Operation Birthday Cake. I command the 66th Engineer Company from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

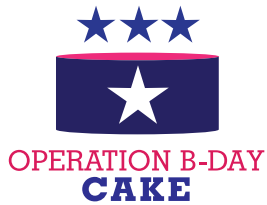
I kept my birthday on the down low with my company - didn't want to cause too much of a distraction - haha. None the less, my Executive Officer and I partook after all the boys headed back to their quarters for the night. Didn't have any paper plates but the 'Stars and Stripes' newspaper worked just fine. We even had some milk brought back from the dining facility. The cake, of course, was phenomenal!

Thanks again and God Bless,

Respectfully,
CPT William G. Boyd, Jr.



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Thank you so much for the Birthday cake! It was awesome and unexpected. My Soldiers and I really enjoyed it very much. I think the idea of sending deployed Soldiers a Birthday cake is a fantastic idea. This really brightened my day.

Thank you again for what Bake Me a Wish and Soldiers Angels do for our great military.

Sincerely,
SGM Rey Canales



I want to thank you for your service to me and all the Soldiers I serve and serve with. I am Major Floyd Sheldon, I have been a Soldier for more than 23 years. A few weeks ago my wife Melissa K. Sheldon told me she was sending something special and that I would know what it she was talking about when I received it. I didn't think much of it. But last week, I was in my room and one of my Soldiers brought a box it, I saw the name and thought, no way, and sure enough it was a cake from you company. Melissa and I have been married for more than 19 years, this cake was one of the most thoughtful things she has ever done for me, she went out of her way to make my day a little better, it was a lot better. I know it seems like a little thing, but it was really a big thing to me. The cake was delicious, I shared with my team, my interpreter and my counterpart, Colonel Assim. I have attached a picture of me holding the cake before we consumed it. Again, thank you for what you do for me and all the Service members.

Respectfully,

Major Floyd Sheldon





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I would like to take this time to sincerely thank you and your organization at Bake Me A Wish for the delicious birthday cake. It has made this day one of the special few on this deployment. To some this may seem like a small gesture, but to the many soldiers that are deployed this is a reminder that they are not forgotten and that this grateful nation honors them for there service.

Sincerely,
SFC Phillip Bryant

Thank you for the cake it
lifted my spirits.
- Sgt. David Owens



I wanted to let you know that I am one of the recipients of your wonderful birthday cakes through my equally wonderful fiancée, Angela Marquez. Everyone here at our headquarters enjoyed it while it lasted. I did get a little bit at least.

We often hear the phrase, "I Support Our Troops" and often it rings hollow as people go on with their daily lives. So it is truly refreshing when individuals and organizations such as yours stand by their words and support their troops. Gestures such as these mean so much to myself and anyone away from friends, family and the comforts of home. They remind us that there are people and a nation waiting for us to return to a well-deserved welcome and appreciation for what their troops have done for them. Sir, you and your company are patriots and I thank and salute you.

Respectfully,
Aaron D Koenigseker
Major, US Army
10th Special Forces Group



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We wanted to thank you for the cake - it was great! I have enclosed a picture of my team here. We were able to share this occasion with over 10 other soldiers and had enough for everyone. I also want to thank you for sending cake to the younger guys. Our junior soldiers need all the support they can get. Organizations such as yours help to make that possible.



Thanks again,
Mark



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Thanks for sending me the beautiful cake and making my birthday a very special day.

Thanks for supporting us and for supporting the Armed Forces!!!

Carlos M. Perez



I cannot thank you enough for setting up "Operation Birthday Cake". All of us here really enjoyed the cake and it was the first opportunity I had to celebrate my birthday. So for all of us here and for all those who serve; thank you.

Sincerely,
Gregory Vale





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Thank you very much to you and your supporters for the wonderful Birthday cakes!! My Soldiers and I are truly lucky to be supported by great Americans like yourselves! It really helped to make my Birthday special! Tanya Rosa

V/r,
1LT Rosa, Tanya J.



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Thank you for the service you provide to deployed service members. I received the cake in perfect condition and the ice pack kept it cool for my birthday this month!

We are still quite busy and were able to find a few minutes to assemble everyone for a piece of cake and photo.

Thank you again for thinking of us and your thoughtful appreciation.

Lt Col Mercan
V/R
LtCol Melanie A. Mercan USMC

I am so thankful for the delicious cake that was sent to me on my birthday. I was so amazed how it got here right on my birthday. I know your company tries to make every soldier's big day a special event. Mine truly was for being thousands of miles away from my loved ones. I was completely surprised and impressed by the cake. I appreciate you creating something genuine for the soldiers over here and I thank you again for the wonderful cake.

Sincerely
~Cpl. James Chambers





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Thank you and my wife, Kirstin, so much for my birthday crumb cake. My staff and I loved it. You helped us celebrate and break the stress of deployed life in a very special way. I know business resources are limited and the slow economy makes commitments to programs like yours even more costly to the bottom line. Thank you for your commitment and support of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines.

Thanks again for demonstrating those ideals in your business and with your gift...even birthday cakes can have an impact!

"Spin"

H. SCOTT SPINDLER, Maj, USAF



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I wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed the cake that you sent me for my birthday. It was excellent and felt that I needed to get back with you as soon as possible to let you know. I received the cake today, and it is already gone with all of the people that I shared with (but I managed to get my piece too). I'm glad that you are doing these things for all of the service members, it really brightened my day when I found that I had received such a great gift from someone that remembers us over here. As I have often told people that send me gifts, it is one thing to hear from people on the T.V. and radio that we are thought of from everyone back at the states, and it is quite another thing to receive thanks in the form of a letter or even a gift. Thank you so much for caring and thank you for helping brighten troops days. It's your show of appreciation that helps us keep going as well as our brother's in arms to our left and right.

Sincerely,
LT Greg Garhart





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Thanks so much for the birthday cake. I appreciated getting some real food out here! It arrived just in time and was great. It really lifted my spirits. Did I mention my birthday is April 6th, May 6th, June 6th too? :)

LCDR Kevin "Voodoo" Muir, USNR(FTS)

Your two cakes made it safe and sound and were enjoyed by all. Thank you so very much for taking the time to come up with a little taste of home. I am 39 and not enjoying my ever increasing age. But we all loved the B-day Cake from Bake Me A Wish.

Your efforts are well received and much appreciated.

Thanks again and have a great weekend. We don't ask for much just tell all who will listen "Go out and be great Americans everyday, love your country, and take good care of each other."
v/r

Eliminator 3
Chris Strack

