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#### IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME AGAIN!

Yes, it's that time again when we get to indulge in Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas or any of the 8-12 flavors of Girl Scout Cookies while supporting our local Girl Scout Troops. It has been a tradition in my family ever since I was a young Girl Scout to annually enjoy those Thin Mints.

Jump forward many, many years to when my young son really looked forward to this time of the year when we would be able to once again be able to purchase those delectable taste treats. I remember when we were planning his Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor, his one request was that we served Girl Scout Thin Mints Cookies . . . and we did. Naturally, when he was stationed in Gaeta, Italy while serving in the U.S. Navy, Thin Mints Cookies were included in Care packages from home – They made his day!

You can help make the day for our military members and send them Girl Scout Cookies! Add a few boxes in the care packages that you send to local troops. If you partner with a local Blue Star Mothers Chapter, perhaps your Unit can purchase a quantity for them to add to their packages.

Many Girl Scout Troops participate in council-approved "Gift of Caring" program that allow girls to collect donations of cookies for military personnel. If you are buying cookies from a Girls Scout, look to see if there is a "Gift of Caring" option on the order form. If there is, you can make sure the cookies you're buying will be donated to military personnel.

I want to share this story that was in the news recently (KIMT TV):

*ROCHESTER, Minn. – Girl Scouts in Rochester are making sure the hearts and bellies of our troops overseas are full. Several spent their Monday afternoons at the VFW selling their ever so loved Girl Scout cookies and asking buyers to buy an extra box that will be sent to deployed military. One veteran says receiving cookies while in Iraq meant the world to him.*

*"I opened up a care package and there was a box of thin mints and then before I blinked, the box was gone because I ate it."*

*His daughter, Addy Gore, was part of the Girl Scouts group who was selling on Monday and says helping to send some cookies is the least she can do for those putting their lives on the line. "They are fighting for us to be safe and so we want to have a way to say 'thank you', so cookies are probably good!"*

A very tasty way to support our military! (My son, Matt, agrees)

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