



A Brief History

The idea for cooking with the troops grew out of a joint event between Bob Miller and C. Blake Powers. Bob Miller began doing barbecues at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2005, and Blake Powers began doing food events as a result of his first embed in Iraq in 2007, working through the charity Soldiers' Angels. Bob suggested doing a joint event at Malogne House at Walter Reed, with Bob and his volunteers doing a barbecue and to be followed by a dessert bar afterward.

This event proved to be very successful, and the two realized that they could do much more by joining forces. They incorporated Cooking with the Troops in April 2010 to not only do food events, but to add three new program areas. They applied for 501(c)(3) status in May, and received that status in June 2010. Between July and December 2010, Cooking with the Troops was able to serve nearly 1,000 people even as it began fundraising and related efforts.

How You Can Help

Cooking with the Troops has done a good bit in a short time, and is set to do even more — provided we have help.

Donations

Of course, we need donations. The more we get, the more we can do. We try to meet or exceed best practices and standards, and are working to get our rough books online so you can see how we are spending your money.

Corporate Sponsorships

From individual events to entire program areas for up to a year, your company can sponsor some of the work being done. Aside from advertising at the event, there is even the opportunity to have your sponsorship appear at multiple sites and platforms, and on broadcast quality videos that will be on the net and distributed through other channels.

In-Kind Donations

From the tools in the basic chefs kits provided to Homefront Support program participants, to mobile kitchens and other vehicles, in-kind donations are very much needed and appreciated. Please contact us with offers and to find out what items are particularly needed at the moment.

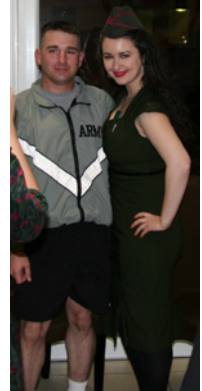


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When will you be able to visit us again? We truly enjoyed your visit last time, as the food you prepared was truly outstanding and it really pleased many of the patients here at the USO. It was an awesome event and we truly appreciate your efforts. We would love to have you back as often as you wish to return.

— Konrad E. Braun,
Director, USO Kaiserslautern

Cooking with the Troops is a 501(c)(3) charity that supports U.S. and Allied troops, their families, and caregivers worldwide. Our mission is to provide comfort, nutrition, and hope through four major programs:

1 Food Events

We provide a culinary change of pace by preparing special meals — particularly for the wounded, injured, and ill — to help morale, and remind those taking part that their service and sacrifice appreciated. Where possible, we add education components to the events.

2 Culinary Career Transition

We want to help those interested in culinary careers -- particularly those who have to leave service because of their injuries -- explore options and find the right career choices as well as the best investments of their educational benefits to reach their goals.

3 Homefront Support

Here we focus on teaching how to do good food fast rather than fast food, through fun events that cover food safety, cooking basics, nutrition, and more. Specialized events have been developed for the wounded, for adult family members, and for children.

4 Frontline Support

Our goal is to get the best possible culinary and nutritional care packages to the troops, and to make it possible for those at home to learn about life and nutrition at the front. We hope to report directly from the front, and do some special events there for the troops.



Your group's presentation and serving of an afternoon meal on 11/14 at Malogne House was of the highest regard and is sincerely appreciated. My son is recently returned from Afghanistan with battle wounds, and is overcome with emotion at the incredible outpouring of support from virtually all he encounters. May the Lord bless all of you, and all that you do, in support of these warriors. Thank you again.

— A Military Dad