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Girl Scout's Stars & Stripes Week Asks for Cookie Donations for U.S. Troops Girls Working to increase Girl Scout Cookie Packages for U.S. Soldiers/Operation U.S. Mint

Baltimore—During November 7-11, Girl Scouts across central Maryland will be asking their cookie customers to donate boxes of cookies to the Council's **Operation U.S. Mint** service project. The donated cookies will then be delivered to U.S. military personnel who are stationed overseas. Last year girls collected nearly 13,000 donated boxes of Girl Scout cookies for our troops. Many Girl Scout troops meet and greet troops at the BWI/Marshall airport as they hand out cookies and well wishes. Last year, one troop became pen pals with a soldier. Individuals, businesses and organizations are invited to show their support for our U.S. military personnel; individual boxes and cases of cookies can be donated to this worthy cause. Jerry's Belvedere Tavern is supporting Stars & Stripes week. In addition to allowing Girl Scouts to set-up a cookie booth in front of the restaurant, they have purchased cookies from the Girl Scout troop that will be used in a featured dish the week of November 7-11. Ten percent of the week's proceeds from the featured dish will be donated to the troop to purchase more cookies for **Operation U.S. Mint**. For more information or to place an order in support of Stars & Stripes Week/ Operation US Mint, contact Terry Mercer, Product Sales Manager (tmercer@gscm.org).

Council Staff Supporting Stars & Stripes Week

The council staff is also collecting travel size toiletries that will be shipped to military personnel overseas. A packing party and viewing of the documentary, *Lioness*, which profiles five women who served in Iraq's Sunni Triangle, will take place on Friday, November 11 from 12:30 pm-2:00 pm at Girl Scouts' headquarters. Admission: 2 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies (cookies will be available for purchase) or 8 travel-size toiletries Bring your own lunch; drinks and popcorn are on us. RSVP to Clarke Fitzmaurice (cfitzmzurice@gscm.org) by November 9.

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