

# Bob's Chippers: Cheer and Chocolate for Hospitalized Veterans

For the last four years, Ocean Reef Member Bob Gintel, a former Lieutenant in the Air Force Strategic Air Command and a previously elected Baptist Health Philanthropist of the Year, along with his friend former Marine Corps Sergeant Art Greenberg of Grand Forks North Dakota, have been sending boxes of chocolate-covered potato chips made by the Grand Forks Widman Candy Company as a Christmas gift to all sick and wounded patients in the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital.



Christie & Bob Thomas ask Bob Gintel for some Quality Assurance feedback!

Recently, Bob met Bob and Christy Thomas, proprietors of Key Largo Chocolates, and related what he had been doing. In the course of the conversation the idea of doing something similar for the local Miami Veteran Hospitals evolved. However, during the course of the discussion, a novel, new approach was adopted. Instead of having the gift financed by one or two large donors, it was decided to draw many more people into the process... showing that the heartfelt gratitude and appreciation is widespread and therefore more meaningful.

The Red Cross which previously had been responsible for distributing the boxes of Chippers once they reached the hospital, embraced the proposal and is now partnering with Key Largo Chocolates to help sell the idea and bring cheer and chocolate to our hospitalized military personnel.

An entirely new Chipper Program was developed and prepared for execution. Now donors will be allowed to purchase one or more half-pound boxes of Bob's chocolate-covered potato chips at a

specially reduced price of \$8.50 per box and have them delivered in an individual carton with the donor's name inserted within, along with a Holiday Chipper Greeting card containing an expression of gratitude.

We believe this is an exceptionally nice way to let our hospitalized service men and women know their sacrifices are very much appreciated, and that they are neither forgotten, nor taken

for granted. Order now! We will then be able to make these unbelievably delicious hand dipped Chocolate Chippers in time to ship the donated boxes in November, reaching our hospitalized warriors during this forthcoming Holiday Season.

Individuals wishing to participate in this program can drop by in person at Key Largo Chocolates, or telephone (305) 453-6613, or simply order online at [KeyLargoChocolates.com](http://KeyLargoChocolates.com).



**TO OUR NATION'S SICK OR WOUNDED SERVICEMEN**

**CHIPPER GREETINGS**

Although there is no way to adequately thank you for the sacrifice you have made on behalf of our nation, some of your fellow citizens, as a token of their sincere and heart felt appreciation, are sending you these delicious hand dipped chocolate covered potato chips, distributed by the American Red Cross and obtained from Key Largo Chocolates in Key Largo, FL.

In Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_



The Post needs your support!

**American Legion Post 333 - Key Largo**

**Sunday Breakfast**  
8-11am  
\$6

**Happy Hour**  
4-7pm daily

**The "Meatball Brothers" Party**  
Hosted and Prepared by  
Commander Rocco and Don  
Lasagna or Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner  
**Saturday, September 22**  
4 - 8pm (or until sold out)  
\$10 Donation Requested



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# Hunk of the Month



**Capt. Spencer Slate**  
Slate's Atlantic Dive Center




With the recent mass stranding of dolphins on the East coast, Dolphin Cove and Dolphins Plus would like to remind us about the proper course of action to take if you see a marine mammal in distress, stuck on land or entangled in marine debris.

Anyone who finds a stranded or entangled marine mammal should keep themselves and their pets a safe distance away, should not touch, approach or attempt to push the animal back into the water, and should call the appropriate authorities immediately.

Only trained professionals are capable of assessing and responding to marine mammal strandings.

The National Marine Fisheries Service provides a list of hotlines for each region of the United States where citizens can report violations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act along with marine mammal and sea turtle strandings, at [www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/networks.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/networks.htm). If you see a marine mammal in distress in Florida, you should call the FWC at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

*Circle of Love*



**Brittney Baker**

Just when 23-year-old Coral Shores graduate Brittney Baker's dream of becoming a dolphin trainer was about to come true, she had a tragic car accident.

Brittney has been in a coma in ICU at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami for over 2 months. She is being treated for massive head injuries and multiple broken bones. As soon as she is stable enough she will need to have spinal surgery to repair a broken back. Brittney was tossed about in that car like a rag doll and her recovery is going to be a very long process, if she recovers at all.

The accident happened April 7th at MM 100. Most people would not have survived such a horrific accident but Brittney has youth and strength to her advantage and that is what has kept her alive and got her this far.


Brittney is the child of John and Jennifer Baker of Key Largo. Jennifer Baker is the manager of Dolphin Cove and her husband John is only employed part time. They are doing all they can

to ensure Brittney's survival, but the cost of daily hospital visits and medical expenses is astronomical.

Over the years the Baker family has been active in many community benefits and events - and now they need our help.

Visit Facebook "Britt's Battle" where you can donate money to help with Brittney's medical expenses, or give a donation for one of these Good Karma bracelets to be worn as a "constant reminder to keep the circle positive and loving."

Suggested donation is \$10 each. Available at Dolphins Plus and Shear Paradise.



Good Karma Bracelet

Wear as a constant reminder to keep the circle positive and loving.

MORE INFO: DENISE MALEYT 305-304-2837 OR JUDY CURTIS 305-394-0249

**BOB'S CHIPPERS**

**MAKE A GIFT TO OUR WOUNDED SERVICEMEN**

Bob's Chippers are delicious, chocolate-covered potato chips, lovingly hand-made right here in Key Largo!

Donate a half-pound box to our sick or wounded soldiers, made by Key Largo Chocolates, and delivered by the Red Cross!

Each box will be delivered at the specially reduced price of \$8.50, along with a "Chipper Greeting," bearing your name.

Order now! We will ship your boxes in November, in time to reach our hospitalized warriors for the holiday season.

Please support this cause and help bring cheer and chocolate to our servicemen and women!





**KEY LARGO CHOCOLATES**

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