

# Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors

## Patriot of the Month

### December 2017



## Royal C. Atwood

### United States Army

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Royal was born into a military family in Georgia. Not planning on joining the Armed Forces, he focused on his education. He attended Capella, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Webster State University, and Brigham Young University. Deciding to help his young and growing family, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1999.

Entering the service at the Los Angeles Military Entrance Processing Station, he completed his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He then completed the UH-60 (Black Hawk) Helicopter Repairman Course at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Upon completion he was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, as a helicopter mechanic. Entering Officer Candidate School in 2002, Royal was commissioned as a Lieutenant in Air Defense. He is currently serving with the rank of Major. As an officer, he has served at Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Bliss, Texas; Okinawa; Fort Drum, New York; and was deployed to Afghanistan.

For his service, Royal has received many medals including the Army Achievement Medal; Army Commendation Medal (4 awards); Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards); Expeditionary Medal for Bosnia; and National Service Ribbon for the War on Terror.

In civilian life, Royal is the owner of a salt water disposal technology company that disposes of oil and gas produced water above ground. He met his “educated and accomplished librarian” wife, Misty, in California. They were married in San Diego in 1996 and are parents of one daughter and two sons, both Eagle Scouts.

Platte Purchase Daughters are very proud and honored to recognize Royal C. Atwood, PHD as Patriot of the Month for his patriotic dedicated service to our great nation.