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Patriot of the Month  
September 2021



## John "Jack" McGrann

### United States Army National Guard



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Jack comes from a long line of military veterans, his father, and grandfathers in every generation since the American Revolution have served. He became a cadet member of the Civil Air Patrol at the age of 12 and in high school joined the Air Force JROTC. Upon graduating from high school in 1994 he enlisted in the Arkansas Army National Guard and served as a helicopter crew chief during his first two years of college at John Brown University.

He completed an associate degree in Cross Cultural Communication from John Brown University and then transferred to Henderson State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Aeronautics. During college he earned his Commercial pilots license with multiple ratings while also serving part time with the Army National Guard. He attended Officers Training School between college semesters and was then commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

After college he married, then transferred to the Kansas Army National Guard and began full time service with the Aviation Battalion where he was chosen to become a Blackhawk helicopter pilot. He has served at various different leadership levels including as 108th Aviation Regiment 1st Battalion Commander, Company Commander during Katrina Hurricane Response and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Jack served three tours of duty in the Middle East, twice to Kuwait and once in Iraq. While serving in Iraq on June 2, 2007, his helicopter was shot down by enemy fire while transporting several regional chaplains. Jack and his co-pilot managed to land the helicopter, and all were safely rescued.

Jack has received numerous military service medals including the Bronze Star, Air Medal, National Defense Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Sharpshooter, Meritorious Unit Citation, and in 2017 he received the Order of St. Michael award.

Jack is married and has two children, a daughter and a son.

He is currently a Lt. Col. serving at Ft. Leavenworth Kansas as Chief Red Team leader and will be retiring in January 2022 after 27 years of service.

Taneycomo Daughters are honored and are proud to honor and recognize Jack McGrann as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and invaluable service to our great nation.