



Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

**Patriot of the Month; September 2009
John P. Cook**



The Missouri State Society NSDAR is pleased to honor Colonel John P. Cook as a Patriot of the Month for September 2009.

Colonel Cook served seven years enlisted service before being commissioned in the Medical Service Corps in 1983. Following the Officers Basic Course, he attended flight school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, followed by a UH-60 Blackhawk transition.

In 1985, Col. Cook was assigned to the 214th MEDEVAC Detachment, Howard Air Force Base, Panama where he flew MEDEVAC, Disaster Relief, and Drug Interdiction missions throughout Central and South America.

Returning to the United States in January 1988, he attended the Aviation Officers Advanced Course and the Aviation Safety Officers Course. He was then

assigned to the Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston, Texas where he served as an instructor and class advisor for the Officer and Advanced Courses. During this time, he also deployed to Saudi Arabia flying combat MEDEVAC missions with the 7th Corps.

After Colonel Cook's return from the desert, he attended the Army-Baylor Program in Health Care Administration in Jun 1992. He attended his residency training at the MEDDAC in Heidelberg, Germany. There he served as the Chief, Clinical Support Division until April 1996. He then became the commander of the 45th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Katterbach, Germany, in May 1996. During his command, the 45th carried out self-deployments to Albania, Bosnia, Ireland, England, Egypt, and Lithuania. In August 1998, Col. Cook became the Executive Officer for the 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion, Wiesbaden, Germany. In May 1999, he was assigned to the Medical Service Corps Branch, HRCOM in Washington, D.C. He served as a Career Manager/Assignment Officer for over 900 MSC officers around the world. He assumed command of the 6th AMEDD Recruiting Battalion, Las Vegas, Nevada on July 11, 2001. In August 2003, he became the Deputy Commander for Administration of the Schofield Barracks Health Clinic, Hawaii, until July 2005. He then attended the Senior Service College at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Col. Cook holds a BA in Political Science from California State Hayward, a Masters in Health Care Administration from Baylor University, and a Masters of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University. He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Medals and Citations that John was awarded are:

- Meritorious Service Medal (50LC),
- Air Medal
- Army Commendation Medal (50LC),
- Army Achievement Medal (40LC),
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- NATO Medal
- Expert Field Medical Badge
- Senior Aviator Badge
- Parachutist Badge

- Air Assault Badge
- Army Recruiting Badge
- French Commando Badge
- German Sports Badge in Gold
- Order of Military Merit
- Oder of Military Merit

Colonel Cook's wife, Evi, is from Heidelberg, Germany.

The Osage Chapter proudly nominates Colonel John P. Cook as Patriot of the Month