



**Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution
Patriot of the Month
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Troy Vaughn

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Troy Vaughn graduated from Hannibal High School, Hannibal, Missouri, in 1984. He enlisted in the Missouri National Guard and worked as a ground crewman on helicopters for the 635th Attack Helicopter Battalion, assigned to Whiteman AFB. He graduated from the University of Texas–San Antonio, and earned his master’s degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Troy went on active duty in 1987 and served as an infantryman at Ft. Drum, New York. While there, he attended Ranger School and Air Assault Training. Troy attended Special Forces selection and began his training. He graduated as an 18D and was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group where he also attended the Combat Diver course.

During his 28 years of service Major Vaughn has been assigned to numerous overseas deployments and spent twelve months in Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy. Troy decided to increase his medical knowledge, and in 1996 attended the Inter Service Physician Assistant Program and was commissioned. He was stationed at Ft. Polk, Louisiana, at the 1/509th PIR as their Battalion PA until returning to the 3rd SFG at Ft. Bragg, NC. As a PA at 3rd SFG he was deployed to Afghanistan and helped to establish the Kabul Military Academy for the Afghan National Army. Troy has had 14 combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq and continues to serve his country.

Honors and awards Troy has earned are:

- ★Soldier's Medal, 3 Bronze Stars
- ★Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- ★Meritorious Service Medal
- ★Air Medal
- ★(2) Joint Commendation Medals
- ★(4) Army Commendation Medals
- ★(2) Joint Achievement Medals
- ★(5) Army Achievement Medals
- ★Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- ★Iraq Campaign Medal
- ★Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- ★Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- ★Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- ★Humanitarian Service Medal.

Troy is a direct descendant of four Revolutionary War Patriots and several Civil War veterans. Both sides of Vaughn's family have served with pride, honoring and protecting the freedom of the United States of America.

It is with great pride the Hannibal Heritage Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution nominate Troy Vaughn as their Patriot of the Month.