## Missouri State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Proudly Honors



## Patriot of the Month October 2016

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## Arnold "Cori" Clickner

United States Army National Guard United States Army

Arnold "Cori" Clickner enlisted in the Army National Guard on October 30, 1978 while he was a senior in high school. He graduated from high school on a Thursday and left for basic training the following Sunday and went to Fort Jackson. South Carolina.

He has three Military Occupational Specialties, Cook, Supply Specialist, and Military Police. Cori took classes through the University of Vincennes in Indiana through satellite classes in Missouri. With military classes and college classes combined, he has 126 college credit hours.

During his military career, Cori received training in the following states: Missouri, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Minnesota, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Kentucky, Georgia, and Virginia. He also received training in the following countries: Germany-three times, Honduras-one time, Panama-six times, and Italy-three times. He was federally mobilized for duty to Iowa for Operation noble Eagle, Kosovo for Operation Guardian, Qatar for Operation Enduring Freedom, and Baghdad, Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for four years as an Instructor for the Army National Guard for deploying units.

Cori received the following medals:

Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device and 30 year Gold hourglass

Iraq Campaign Medal w/2 campaign stars

Army Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal (4th award)

Army Good Conduct Medal

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (9<sup>th</sup> award)

National Defense Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award)

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> award)

Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup> award)

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup> award)

Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (9<sup>th</sup> award)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device

Armed Forces Reserve Medal L/w/M Device

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal

Combat Action Badge

German Army Marksmanship Badge Silver

Meritorious Unit Citation Medal

Valorous Unit Citation Medal.

## State Awards include:

Missouri Commendation (2<sup>nd</sup> award)

Missouri National Guard Recruiting Award

State Emergency Duty (10<sup>th</sup> award)

Missouri Funeral Honors Award

Missouri National Guard Twenty Year Service Award w/35 Year Cluster

Louisiana State Emergency Duty Award.

Cori retired from the Missouri Army National Guard and the United States Army in October 2015 with the rank of Master Sergeant after serving in the military for 37 years. Between Cori and his Dad their military service combined totaled 76 years. Cori states what he enjoyed most was serving with all the people in the Missouri Army National Guard and the United States Army.

Cori married Peggy Kirkendoll and they have four children and three grandchildren. He has three brothers and two sisters. He is employed as an Asset Protection Associate.

Armstrong Daughters are proud and honored to recognize Arnold "Cori" Clickner as Patriot of the Month for his patriotism and service to our great nation.