



**Missouri State Society  
Daughters of the American  
Revolution**

**PATRIOT OF THE MONTH: Joseph Michael Cunningham, LCpl., USMC**

Joseph Cunningham's grandfather, Glen Paul Cunningham, was a fighter pilot, and his grandmother, Helen Winston Cunningham, served in the Marines. Joseph grew up admiring the Marine Corps. Perhaps that is why in September, 2004, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted. Joseph was trained at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, California; Pensacola, Florida; and Cherry Point, North Carolina. He is currently serving in Iraq, working with surveillance missiles.



Joseph was promoted meritoriously to Lance Corporal because of outstanding class work.

Joseph's parents home schooled their seven children on the family farm. He is the middle child of seven brothers and sisters. He has a healthy work ethic learned by working on the farm and belonging to 4-H.

Joseph is a member of the Baptist Church. He plays a musical instrument and one of his hobbies is woodworking.

He has completed 60 hours of college courses in the Marine program and plans to complete college after his tour of duty.

Joseph's grandmother, Helen M. Cunningham, proudly nominated Joseph for Patriot of the Month. She is a member of the Gilead Rupe Chapter and she was honored as Patriot of the Month in March 2005.



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