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Patriot of the Month**



**Nicholas Reeve
Haskins**

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Nicholas Reeve Haskins was born in Berlin, Germany to parents who were in the Air Force. His mother passed away from a service connected disability when he was four. Nicholas was ultimately raised by his maternal grandparents.

From an early age Nicholas thought of the military as a career choice and attended Marion Military Institute but other interests overshadowed that career choice. After two years of college he went to Japan where he was engaged in professional wrestling and taught English as a second language. After September 11th, he rethought the possibility of entering the service and ultimately decided to join the U.S. Air Force.

Nicholas joined the U.S. Air Force on February 21, 2006, and attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He attended technical school and advanced weather school at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He was transferred to Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois with the 15th Operational Weather Squadron. At Ft. Hood Air Force Base, Texas he went to Combat Weather Training and at Fairchild Air Force Base, he was in the

Escape and Conduct After Capture School. At Ft. Dix, New Jersey, he attended Army Combat Skills Training.

The military was a challenge that Nicholas really enjoyed. His time at Marion Military Institute had prepared him well for the hard work which he undertook. His schooling for his weatherman duties and deployment took almost two years. He enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow troops at several stateside bases as he was learning the skills needed to fulfill his new job. Many of his experiences in becoming an Eagle Scout helped prepare him for the military.

When he deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan, Nicholas asked to be attached to the 3rd Infantry Division, a unit in which his grandfather had served during the Korean War. While serving there he was awarded two Commendations by the Army for outstanding performance.

Nicholas' awards include:

- **Army Achievement Medal w/bronze oak leaf**
- **Good Conduct Medal**
- **Afghanistan Campaign Medal**
- **United States Air Force Achievement Medal**
- **Basic Training Honor Graduate**
- **Expert Marksman**
- **Overseas Short Tour Medal**
- **Global War on Terrorism Medal**
- **National Defense Medal**
- **United States Air Force Longevity Medal**
- **United States Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon**
- **NATO Iraqi Sudan Afghanistan Medal**
- **Air Force Training Medal**
- **3rd Infantry Combat Patch**

Nicholas' family is proud of its history of serving the United States. He has three ancestors who served during the Revolutionary War.