



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

**May 2007 Patriot of the Month
Nicholaus "Nick" Wander**



SPC Nicholaus "Nick" Wander attended a JROTC high school in St. Louis and enlisted with the US Army 101st Airborne Division after graduation. After extensive training, his unit was deployed to Iraq.

Nick was injured when his vehicle was hit by an IED. He was rendered unconscious and suffered some hearing loss, but was soon back on active duty.

At the present time, Nick is back at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with the 101st Airborne Division. His unit is expected to redeploy in August or September 2007.

Nick is married. He enjoys all sorts of sports, and especially loves playing hockey as a goalie. He is respected by his peers and superiors and loved by family and friends.

Nick is the son of Janis Bastian of the Webster Groves Chapter. She proudly nominated Nick for Patriot of the Month. The Webster Groves Chapter had sent many packages to Nick and his fellow soldiers, so it was a special treat when he was able to attend a chapter meeting. After the meeting, members of the chapter, along with Nick, went to dedicate, donate, and raise a new flag at the Webster Groves Public Library. Nick participated in the ceremony by lowering the old flag and raising the new one.