



## Derek Cook

Derek Cook was born in Memphis, Tennessee. At the age of 21, Derek enlisted in the United States Marines in August 1985. Derek was a Private First Class awarded for being the series highest shooter when he completed recruitment training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, SC. After 1.5 years of training of his first enlistment, Derek had completed the specialty for Electronic Countermeasures. As a Corporal, he was assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11. Derek, wife and daughter Rachel lived in Tustin until base housing would be available on El Toro MCAS. Derek completed deployments to Japan, on the UNSN Curtis, USS Midway and Operation Desert Shield / Storm. During Desert Storm, he served on a combat Reactionary Force based out of Bahrain from Aug. 1990 until March 1991. In Jan. 1992, Sgt. Derek Cook exited the Marines and he and his family, which later included a son Cody as well, remained in Southern California. To this day, Derek holds a tremendous honor to have served as a United States Marine. Derek enjoys being with his family and is active in his Church where he uses his Marine skills to serve as a volunteer security guard. As a HealthCare Executive for the past 32 years, he has proudly employed countless Veterans.

