



## WARRIOR PROFILE



<b>NAME</b>	PETER J. COOK
<b>Rank</b>	O-4/Major
<b>Status</b>	Veteran
<b>Service Branch and MOS</b>	USMCR/4304/7202/7320/7208
<b>Hometown</b>	Springfield, New Jersey
<b>Current Location</b>	Springfield, New Jersey
<b>Injury or Illness</b>	Amputation Left Forearm, TBI
<b>Event(s)</b>	Swimming and Shooting

## PERSONAL PROFILE

Maj. Cook's career in the Marine Corps began in college with his enrollment in the Platoon Leaders Class Program in 1978. In January 1980, he enlisted and attended boot camp at MCB Parris Island, S.C. and trained as a computer operator. He was first stationed at MCLB Albany, Ga., followed by duty at HQMC DC and MCDEC Quantico, Va. While at Quantico, he applied for the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1982. In April 1983, he earned a reserve second lieutenant commission. Following The Basic School, he trained as an air support control officer and in March 1984 was assigned to Marine Air Support Squadron 1 (MASS-1) MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. Leaving active duty in October 1986, he joined Reserve Marine Air Traffic Control Squadron 48 Det B at NAS Willow Grove, Pa. He attended formal training at Naval Air Traffic Control School NAS Memphis, graduating in April 1987 as an air traffic control officer.

In the summer of 1986, he was hired by the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic control specialist working at Washington Radar Center in Leesburg, Va., and Newark International Airport until 1992. During the first Gulf War, he served as Detachment Officer-In-Charge MATCS-48 Det B in stateside duty. After leaving the FAA in 1992, he served in numerous reserve duty assignments as an air command & control officer around the country until he was injured in an auto accident in 1996. Suffering from a crush injury with intense chronic pain issues, he endured amputation surgery of his left forearm in October 1997 and was placed on the Permanent Disabled Retired List (PDRL) in May 1999.

He is currently retired and residing in the great state of New Jersey with his lovely wife. The hardest part of his recovery has been the intensity and loneliness of chronic pain. What has made the greatest impact on his recovery has been the love and support of his wife and family. What he enjoys most about the Warrior Games is the opportunity to again interact with fellow Marines and service members, as well as to compete in a challenge, even to the point of pain/exhaustion.

