

James L. Cooney

Objective

Seeking a seat on the State of Alaska Board of Game in order to continue to conserve and develop Alaska's wildlife resources and to provide diversity of interest and points of views on the board

Education

2004 **Gonzaga University**, Spokane, WA
Bachelors of Business Administration
Major: Finance

Summary

- 29 years of hunting experience throughout the United States, including 14 years of hunting in Alaska
- 9 years as an Assistant Hunting Guide in the state of Alaska
- 6 years volunteering for the Alaska Wild Sheep Foundation, including 4 years as a director on the board
- 3 years volunteering for the Safari Club International Alaska Chapter, including 2 years as a director on the board
- 17+ years of Department of the Army experience to include 4+ years as an active duty, combat arms officer

Personal/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Selfless Service

- Volunteered as a director on the Alaska Wild Sheep Foundation Board, leading the chapter to raise over a million dollars for ADF&G wildlife conservation projects (2017-Present)
- Volunteered for a one year deployment as an Army Civilian in HQ, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (2017-2018)
- Volunteered to serve as the Chairman for the annual fundraiser for the Alaska Wild Sheep Foundation (2016 & 2017). All proceeds from the events went to ADF&G for wildlife conservation projects
- Volunteered as a director on the Safari Club International Alaska Chapter Board, serving as the Live Auction lead for annual fundraising events. Fundraiser proceeds went towards wildlife conservation and preservation of freedom to hunt in the state of Alaska (2015-2017)
- Spent 16-consecutive months deployed in Iraq as an Army Officer (2005-2006)
- Volunteered to become an Officer in the U.S. Army (2004)

Awards/Affiliations

- SCI Alaska 2017 Outstanding Member of the Year Award for exemplary service and dedication to the chapter
- Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award (2018) for exceptionally meritorious service of major significance in Afghanistan
- Life Member, Wild Sheep Foundation
- Life Member, National Rifle Association
- Life Member, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Life Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America (1999)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2018-Present: Deputy Chief, Soldier/Equipment Integration, US Army Alaska, JBER, AK
- 2017-2018: Deputy Chief, Global Force Management, US Forces-Afghanistan, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan
- 2012-2017: Integration Analyst, US Army Alaska, JBER, AK
- 2008-2011: Operations Specialist, US Army Alaska, JBER, AK
- 2007-2008: Combat Arms Officer, US Army Alaska, JBER, AK
- 2005-2006: Combat Arms Officer, Iraq
- 2004-2005: Combat Arms Officer, Fort Wainwright, AK