

Sarah Marie Deal



U. S. Marine Corps pilot Sarah Marie Deal, the first female pilot in the corps, is a Pemberville native. Sarah was born to Richard and Marjorie Deal in Bowling Green, OH on September 14, 1969. She is the fourth child of five: brother and sisters include, Rachelle, David, Darlene and Denese.

She was a 1987 Eastwood High School graduate, lettering 4 years in Cross Country, 3 years in Track and 1 year in Basketball.

Sarah then entered Kent State University where she played club soccer, competed 2 years on the Kent State University Competitive Flight Team at the National Intercollegiate Flying Associations Competitions. She completed Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia for the United States Marine Corp and graduated from Kent State University in

1992. She joined the Marines in 1992 during her summer break from Kent State University. After studying aerospace flight technology, she earned her commercial and private pilot's license and is a certified flight instructor.

After the Department of Defense declared in 1993 that women could participate in combat, she began her military flight instruction in Pensacola, Florida and two years later she became a pilot.

Sarah was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1999.

She married Philip Burrow, a former Navy F-14 pilot and retired Navy reservist. Her husband currently flies the Boeing 757 and 767 for United Airlines. They are the parents of twin boys, Troy and Brandon born September 2001 and Eric born November 2006 and they live in St. Joseph, Michigan, near the shores of Lake Michigan.

Sarah's choice to join the Marines was a simple one. First of all my father was in the Marine Corps. Second of all he said, "don't join the Marine Corps," she said, explaining that his words made it a challenge she could not resist.

Her choice to pilot helicopters was an easy one too, she says. I like to fly helicopters because helicopters can go anyway you want them to and that's what sold me on helicopters.

Sarah has served in Afghanistan and Iraq. She typically flew 10 – 11 hour missions,

carrying bridges, Humvees, water, generators, assault weapons, mail, dogs, injured children, dignitaries, prisoners and both surviving and non-surviving American and Afghan troops.

Sarah's 52,000 pound chopper weighs 57,000s when filled with fuel, but they never fill it up because of the extreme heat. The cockpit of her helicopter is not air conditioned and can reach 130 degrees inside. It's like a little oven in there. It got really hot and I would have to wear gloves because it's too hot to touch the sticks. Sandstorms were a problem in Kuwait and worse in Iraq. Everything is orange-ish. It's like stepping on the moon----your footprints would be there.

Her first fleet squadron was HMH-466, the "Wolfpack" based at MCAS Tustin, Santa Ana, California, where she reported for duty in October 1995. She deployed twice with the "Wolfpack" to Okinawa, Japan. Upon returning from her second deployment, Captain Deal transferred to MAG-16 HQ in San Diego to be group adjutant. After six months, she went to HMH-361, which was short of pilots. After a short period with the "Flying Tigers," she was sent to Fleet Aviation Specialized Training Group Pacific at North Island, California.

Sarah was deployed in April 2002 to the Middle East for Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, returning on July 2003. Then Major Deal was assigned as executive officer of Marine

Wing Headquarters Squadron 3 at MCAS Miramar.

After 12 years on active duty, Major Deal transferred to the Marine Corps reserves at the end of June 2004, working as static display coordinator for Miramar Air Show for 3 years. In 2006, she was asked to join HMH-769 at Edwards AFB, which was short on pilots, and she started flying the CH-53E again.

After a stint based in Pennsylvania, Sarah received an order in December 2008 to mobilize for a seven month deployment to Afghanistan, where she flew over 300 combat hours. She returned home on the eve of Thanksgiving 2009.

In April 2010, Sarah served with the Marine Corps Reserves promotion boards in Quantico, Virginia. This was followed by a stint at the Great Lakes Naval Station north of Chicago, Illinois and in 2011 with a recruiting station in Lansing, Michigan. Then she transferred to Camp Smith, Hawaii to be with the safety department and oversee command climate workshops.

Sarah's military awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation (April 2004, December 2003 and June 2004), Air Medal with Strike Flight 4 (November 2009), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (November 1999 and March 2002), Presidential Unit Citation (April 2003), and Afghanistan Campaign (November 2009).

Three years later in August 2016, Sarah

transferred to the Defense Logistics Disposition Services as part of the transformation section, where she is today.

Sarah Deal was nominated by Richard and Marjorie Deal

Lloyd Dierker



Lloyd was born August 30, 1930 on a farm near Pemberville, Ohio to Lawrence and Esther Dierker. He was one of seven children. In 1959, he married Ruth Pfouts, together they had five children, Mike, Teresa, Gary, Jeff and Betsy. They also have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church where he served on the church council and was a Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

He graduated from Troy – Luckey High School in 1950. While in High School he played basketball for Frenchy Filiere his Freshman through his Senior years. He also played baseball all four years in high school. During the summer months he played baseball on the Pemberville School diamond where he was the pitcher and

third baseman.

Lloyd was drafted out of high school by the New York Yankees as a pitcher and went to training camp and came back home with a contract and schedule, but never got to play.

When he got home there was a letter from the U.S. Government that he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in Korea from 1951 – 1953 and was assigned to the Air Force as an engineer.

When he returned home from the service in 1953, he went to work for BG Nash Rambler and later it became the Lincoln – Mercury dealership. He worked there for 25 years as a mechanic.

He coached Semi – Pro – Women's basketball for the BG Athletics from 1956 – 1961. He taught the ladies the full court boys rules. Lloyd's two sisters Evelyn Heinman and Eloise Dierker along with his wife Ruth played on this team. Their team was the Ohio State Champions and then they played in the National Women's tournament in St. Joe, Missouri. They drove all night to get there for the game and the other team flew.

In 1966, he helped create the Webster Little League baseball program and was instrumental in helping to construct the design of the two baseball fields and the bleachers at Webster. The first concession stand at the Webster baseball field was the "old concession stand" from the Pemberville Legion diamond. He coached many teams at Webster.

In 1971, Frenchy Filiere approached Lloyd about teaching basketball fundamentals to the younger boys. So they came up with the 5th & 6th Grade boys basketball program at Eastwood.

In 1978, he was employed for the Eastwood School District at the Webster Elementary School as a custodian for 24 years retiring from there in 2003.

Also in 1978, Lloyd began driving the band van to all the football games, and also to all the parades, which was many. He was a great band booster and was known to all as the "Band Man Van" and the "Governor". Each year he took one week of his vacation to go to band camp in August and he helped out for 23 years. Because of complications in his feet from diabetes, he was pried from the driver's seat in 2004.

In the summer of 1980, Lloyd started to help coach the Luckey Women's softball teams and coached about three years.

In 2009, he was selected to be the "King of Yesteryear" at the Pemberville Free Fair.

You could always find Lloyd at the basketball games sitting in the front row of the bleachers at the high school giving advice to the players.

Jodi (Juergens) Evans



Jodi (Juergens) Evans was born in Bowling Green, Ohio in 1968 to Curt and Barb Juergens. She has an older brother Jim.

She graduated from Eastwood High School in 1986 having earned 12 varsity letters in volleyball, basketball and track. She earned First Team All-League and First Team All-District in volleyball during the 1983-1986 seasons. Jodi was the most valuable player on the 1985 State Runner-up Championship volleyball team for Eastwood High School. She earned a Third Team All-Ohio award for volleyball her senior year. Jodi also earned First Team All-League and First Team All-District in basketball during the 1983-1986 seasons. She scored over 1000 points (not the 3-point shot) during her basketball career. She is the 5th all-time leading Eastwood scorer in girls basketball

with 1127 total career points. Jodi earned a First Team All-Ohio award her Senior year in basketball.

Jodi earned an athletic scholarship to The University of Akron and graduated from The University of Akron in 1991. At Akron she earned four varsity letters on the Akron Zips volleyball team. She earned Conference First Team awards for 1988 and 1989 and was the Zips Most Valuable Player for 1988 and 1989, Best Offensive Player for 1988, Captain for the 1989 season and was the Conference Player of the Year for 1989.

At Akron Jodi was also a member of the Akron "Millennium Club" where she had over 1000 kills and 1000 digs. In 2003, Jodi was inducted into the University of Akron Athletic Hall of Fame. Jodi is the first female Eastwood athlete to be inducted into a Division One University's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Since graduating from The University of Akron, Jodi has used her Education degree to be a teacher and coach. Coaching is and has been a huge part of her life. She coached volleyball, basketball and softball teams in the Akron area. She then taught and coached volleyball at the varsity level at Shelby High School and Doylestown. Jodi is presently teaching in the Akron Public School System.

Jodi and her husband Adam reside in Wadsworth, Ohio with their children Kacie 16 and Mitchell 14. Jodi also coaches club volleyball for the Academy Volleyball Club in Cleveland where her

daughter Kacie plays on a national level team. Mitchell plays football and basketball.

She feels her greatest accomplishment playing volleyball was being inducted into The University of Akron Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. Jodi is very proud to be an Eastwood Eagle graduate as it has given her the confidence and ability to help younger players achieve their goals.

Jodi (Juergens) Evans was nominated by Jim Juergens

Terry A. McKibben



Terry A. McKibben was born in 1957 to his parents, William and Faye McKibben, in Bluffton, Ohio. He has two older siblings: Deb Downey (from Otsego) and Bill McKibben. Terry attended Bluffton High School and graduated in 1976. While in high school, Terry ran track and cross country. He was a state qualifier twice in cross country and once in track as a pole vaulter. During the summer months, he worked as a life guard, mowed yards, and was a detailer at a local car dealership. Following graduation, Terry spent the next four years as a student at Bowling Green State University. He majored in biology, with a minor in chemistry.

While in college, he competed in track for two years, mostly as a pole vaulter and sprinter. He was also a member of the men's gymnastics team. In addition to being a full

time college student, Terry worked in construction-- building houses, pouring concrete, and erecting grain dryers. Life guarding continued to be another job he had. After graduating from BGSU in 1980, Terry married Katie Blaes in July of 1981. Together the McKibbens have three children. Erin is the manager of the Wood County Humane Society; Ryan owns his own construction business, and Colin is an IT /Programmer for General Electric in Cleveland. Terry and Katie have resided at Cloverdale Road, Portage, Ohio since 1983.

Terry McKibben, the Teacher

Mr. McKibben landed his first teaching job at Eastwood in 1980. He taught biology I for his entire career at Eastwood. Additionally, Terry taught chemistry I, honors chemistry (chemistry II), general science, global science, science 9 honors, and science 10. He also created and taught an elective class of forensic science. In 1988, Terry received his Master of Arts degree in Science Education from the University of Toledo. Terry taught for a total of 35 years at Eastwood before retiring in 2015.

While at Eastwood, Terry was the creator of Eastwood High School's Marine Science program that officially began in 1990. He continued to direct and co-teach it with Mike Godfrey for 25 consecutive years. This special program at Eastwood has benefited more than 500 students and staff. This Marine Science program involved the selection of an average of 16 students who attended class one evening a week during the school year, culminating

in a week long excursion to the Florida Keys to apply what they learned in class. Students were responsible for an extensive field notebook, and they studied various habitats including coral reefs, mangroves, swamps, rocky shores, turtle grass beds, and sandy beaches. Learning experiences at the Dolphin Research Center, the Turtle Hospital, and the Dry Tortugas helped extend the students' knowledge of marine science. For a number of years now, students have received college credit for this class. The impetus for this Marine Biology Program began with Terry being accepted into a National Science Foundation Program at BGSU, known as Ocean Focus. For two years after his initial involvement, he served as a staff member of BGSU's Ocean Focus program, headed by Cindy Stong.

Eastwood's Adventure Course was designed by Terry, built in 1988, located at the Eastwood School woods just North of the middle school. It was built to allow students to develop leadership skills by engaging in various challenges that require teamwork, problem solving, cooperation, listening, and patience. This course is utilized by Eastwood students and many other outside groups such as sports teams, college students, boy scouts, and even the Eastwood Board of Education.

Terry was a 20 year facilitator of Eastwood School District's Carpe Diem Leadership program. Carpe Diem, which is held twice a year, typically involves 24 students, along with 3-4 teachers, embarking on a three day/two night experience at Camp Palmer. Students participate in a variety of activities

that involve breaking down stereotypes, developing leadership skills, and ultimately, learning to give back to the community. This program still continues today.

Terry was selected as a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar after being nominated by Eastwood's then superintendent, Fred Schnoor. Upon learning about the availability of Martha Holden Jennings grants, Terry wrote and received two of these grants, worth almost \$6000, to develop an Elementary Science Backpack Program for Eastwood students in grades K-6. Children could take home a science topic of interest in a backpack that contained all the materials, books, and ideas needed to learn about this particular topic. A third Martha Holden Jennings grant of \$2000 was received by Terry as seed money to begin the Marine Science Program.

Since 1996, Terry has served as Eastwood Local School's coordinator of the Talented and Gifted program. Even after his retirement from regular teaching, he continues to be the coordinator. Terry was required to obtain a gifted validation through BGSU involving 20 semester hours of graduate work. His work for this program includes identifying gifted students in all grades and helping to design services for these students, whether it be enrichment in the regular classroom, the Eagle classroom, or subject/whole grade acceleration. (This current school year, there are over 35 students district-wide who are either subject or whole grade accelerated.)

Mr. McKibben represented Eastwood's teaching staff as president of the Eastwood

Education Association for four years and vice president for another four years. He also served on the negotiations team multiple times.

Terry McKibben, the Coach

While at Eastwood, Terry coached middle school football (1980-1981.) His team went 5-2 each of these two years. He also served as assistant boys track coach during those two years. In 1982 Terry became Eastwood's high school and junior high school boys and girls cross country coach. He continued to coach these cross country teams for approximately eight years. During that time, one high school team was a regional qualifier and Terry also had several individuals qualify for state. In the spring of 1983, Terry became the head boys track coach. His coaching duties continued for about seven years. Several of his athletes qualified and/or placed at state. For almost 20 years, Coach McKibben ran the high school basketball intramural program for both boys and girls.

After coaching at the high school level, Terry also served as the pole vault coach for BGSU's men's track team and for the men and women's track team at the University of Findlay, for a total of seven years. Also during this time, Terry helped coach his son's Southwood baseball team for two years.

Several years ago, Terry (with the help of Brian Sabo) organized and managed a Street Vaulting Competition at the Pemberville Free Fair for three consecutive years. This event attracted champion vaulters locally and from all over the

tristate area.

Terry McKibben, the Scout Leader

Terry received the distinguished honor of becoming an Eagle Scout in 1972. He describes his love of scouting as his excuse to never “grow up.” In 1998, Terry began to serve as Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troup 344 in Pemberville. He continues to serve in this capacity today. Terry serves as Advancement Chairman and as High Adventure coordinator for Troup 344. He has mentored close to 50 Eagle Scouts for the troop, including both of his sons. The High Adventure trips have taken older scouts backpacking in Yellowstone, Yosemite, the Rockies, Sierra Nevada Mountains, Ansel Adams Wilderness in California, part of the Appalachian Trail, and the Uintas Mountains in Utah. In addition, he has led trips that include canoing on the Allagash River in Maine (close to 100 miles), house boating and water skiing at Cumberland Lake, Kentucky, snorkeling adventures in the Florida Keys, and scuba diving in the Crystal River of Florida. In total, Terry has taken scouts on 16 different High Adventure trips.

Terry’s involvement in scouting is very diverse. Terry has received the Wood Award and the Wood District Award of Merit from the Wood District of Erie Shores Boy Scout Council. Terry has been responsible for organizing the Wood District’s Boy Scout Camporees for the past three years. He was an Ohio Boating Education Course instructor. He has taught backpack cooking and how to

organize high adventure trips at the “University of Scouting” for boy scouts and leaders of the Erie Shores Council. Scout leader McKibben has been trained in Wilderness First Aid, and ironically, as a result, he was one of the recipients of the Black Swamp Humanitarian Award in 2009, for his part in saving the life of an adult chaperone while on a High Adventure trip with the scouts. Troup 344’s website, that contains the troop’s own cookbook, was developed and organized by Terry.

Within the community, Terry helps with the Pemberville Five Miler by organizing the timers and securing scouts to serve at the various water stations throughout the race. He also has helped supervise the boy scouts parking cars at the Luckey Fall Fest. During the Pemberville Fair, he assists the scouts in cooking and serving their annual pancake breakfast.

Terry McKibben, the Tree Farmer and Builder

Terry and his wife, Katie, began planting a Christmas tree farm on seven acres of their property located on Cloverdale Road, back in 1984. Beginning in 1990, and for a total of 21 years, Terry provided a “choose and cut” Christmas tree experience for hundreds of people from the Bowling Green area and surrounding communities. He even had customers from Cleveland, Chicago, and Nashville. He also made it a point to hire various boy scouts who wanted to work to earn money for their High Adventure trips. Each year he sold anywhere from 500-600 trees of about eight different varieties.

In the January of 2016, Terry joined his son's American Heartland Construction Company doing home construction and remodeling.

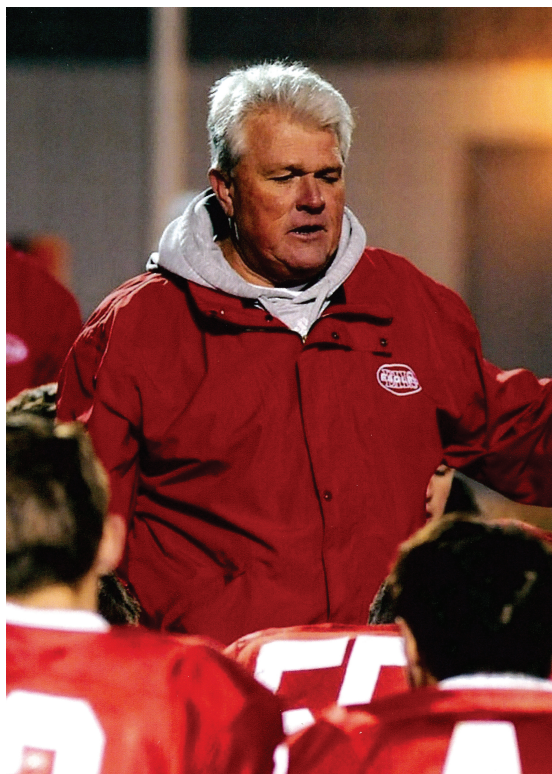
In Terry's spare time, which isn't very much, you may find him doing stained glass work, playing cards, woodworking, and traveling with his wife.

Terry McKibben, the Individual

Terry McKibben displays special personal qualities, has achieved numerous accomplishments, and has made significant contributions to his school and community, all of which warrant him the well-deserved honor as an Eagle Way Hall of Famer. He is a man of diversified interests and skills, as well as a very dedicated and innovative educator and scout leader. He is confident, intelligent, and hard working. He is dependable and organized. He possesses a competitive spirit, a special sense of humor, and amazing leadership skills. It is my honor and privilege to have nominated Terry A. McKibben for the Eagle Way Hall of Fame.

Terry McKibben was nominated by Teri Hansen

Jerry Rutherford



Jerry Rutherford is the son of Bud and Maxine Rutherford and grew up in Green Springs, Ohio. Early on, he learned the value of education, hard work and dedication. His dad, Bud, was a teacher and coach at Green Springs Schools. He graduated from Clyde High School in 1977 and went on to play football at Baldwin-Wallace College under the legendary Lee Tressel, graduating in 1981. He taught Math and Physical Education at Eastwood for 32 years, retiring in 2013.

Jerry and his wife Connie have been married for 31 years. They have three sons, Craig (Megan), Eric (Christine) and Jeffrey (Libbey), and a grandson, Bryce. Their families all live in the Eastwood community, and have been actively involved in the football program both coaching football and helping to take care of the facilities.

Jerry began his career at Eastwood as an assistant coach in 1981, and took over as head coach the following season, stepping down after 35 years in 2016. He is the longest tenured football coach in Eastwood history. His teams were 227 - 140 overall and 168 - 75 in conference play, winning 10 conference championships and finishing second in the conference nine times.

Eastwood qualified for the state playoffs for the first time in school history in 2002 beating Upper Sandusky 35 - 6. The Eagles also advanced to the state playoffs 9 additional times during his tenure, advancing to the state quarterfinals in 2007. During Coach Rutherford's time as head coach, Eastwood finished the regular season undefeated in 1988 and 2011. The Eastwood Flag Football program was started by Coach Rutherford, and continues for both boys and girls in the community.

Jerry was honored as the 2011 Associated Press District Coach of the Year. The Toledo Wistert Chapter of the National Football Foundation has honored him five times in 2002, 2004, 2007, 2011, and 2016 for his coaching accomplishments. During his time as head coach, 29 scholar-athletes have been recognized in the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

Even with the team's outstanding success on the field, Jerry will most remember the relationships he built with his players, assistant coaches, and all of the people he came in contact with over the years.

Jerry Rutherford was nominated by Gary White