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ATTN: Nominations  
Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, Ky. 40505

Dear Sir:

My name is Rob Dollar, and I'm a retired journalist and author who lives in Hopkinsville, Ky. I'm also a 1975 graduate of Fort Campbell High School, where I played football for three seasons for Coach Marshall Patterson.

I understand Coach Patterson already has been nominated for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. However, the nomination has not been screened and acted upon.

Please put the following essay I've written with the support materials for his nomination.

Again, this man is most deserving of induction into the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



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## A HALL OF FAME COACH

The angel Clarence Odbody has a memorable line in the classic holiday movie, "It's A Wonderful Life." "Strange, isn't it?" he remarks to George Bailey. "Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around, it leaves an awful hole, doesn't it?"

Back in the mid-1980s, on a chilly fall Friday night, that very thought was dancing around in my head as I walked across the field at the football stadium in Russellville. At the time, I was a journalist working for a Hopkinsville newspaper, and I had been drafted to help out the Sports Department that night by covering a high school football game between the Fort Campbell Falcons and Russellville Panthers.

I'm sure the fact I knew the legendary coach, Marshall Patterson, had something to do with the assignment. After all, I had played football for him during the 1972, 1973 and 1974 seasons, and it was at Fort Campbell High where I picked up a nickname for life--"Broadway Joe." As a brash, young, long-haired quarterback who knew everything, I could throw a football a country mile just like my idol of the time, Joe Namath of the New York Jets. Of course, it also was true I couldn't run and chew gum at the same time, which was the reason I rode the bench my entire playing career.

It had been more than 10 years since I last saw the giant of a man I knew as "Coach P." As I approached him and the same assistant coaches--Houston Mills, Ronnie Bell and Rocky Cobb--who had terrorized me during my playing days, I felt butterflies in my stomach. I didn't know what to expect. Yeah, I was one of "Marshall's Boys." But, I had never been a gem when it came to playing high school sports. Most of the time, I was an angry young man, blaming coach for not playing me. If there was anyone he might want to forget, it was probably me.



As the team went through its pre-game warm-ups, Coach P paced back and fourth, staring down at the ground. Then he lifted up his head and spied me walking toward him. A big smile of recognition broke across his face. And then I heard that familiar booming voice: "Hurry up, Joe. Go suit up. We might need you tonight." It was like I had never left high school.

As it turned out, FCHS didn't need me that night, which was a good thing. They beat Russellville like a drum, and Coach P was in a good mood when I conducted my after-game interview. The man had not changed at all...It was still all about playing as a team...It was "WE" and not "I"....

It was another 20 years before our paths crossed again, this time at a FCHS reunion of the 1975, 1976 and 1977 classes. Coach P had since retired from the Fort Campbell Dependent Schools and also from coaching football at a Clarksville, Tenn., high school for several seasons. I made it a point that night to thank him for being such a positive influence on my life and the lives of thousands of other classmates.

As Military Brats, many of us had fathers who were away from home far too often...When our dads couldn't be there for us, Coach P always was...He willingly filled the void and guided our lives in the right direction. He made a difference.

There are countless FCHS graduates around the country who owe who they are today, in part at least, to Coach P's mentoring and success as a role model. They are serving in the military, teaching, building homes and skyscrapers, and working for the government.. Some are even captains of industry. But no matter what these former Falcons do for a living, all are making a difference when it comes to making this world a better place.

Many are at the very top of their professions like Maj. Gen. Jeff Jacobs, commander of the Army's Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. At 55, Jeff is still jumping out of airplanes. If my memory serves me correct, it was Coach P all those years ago who helped Jeff meet the physical fitness requirements that allowed him entry into West Point.

Dave Blackwell, the dean of the University of Kentucky's College of Business & Economics, was another Marshall Patterson success as were Ed Overcash, a former Naval "Top Gun" aviator and current pilot for Delta Airlines, and Mike Cassity, who has been a college football coach at the University of Kentucky and several other major universities for more than 35 years.

Coach P often lectured his players that the game of football was just like life... You always had to leave everything on the field and never give up....I'll never forget the day in August 1974 when the Watergate scandal forced President Richard Nixon to resign the presidency...Coach P called the team together in a huddle before practice. He wanted everyone to understand what a sad day it was in America, while still reinforcing the important lesson that there is no gray area when it comes to right and wrong.

Over the course of his career at FCHS, Coach P won a state wrestling championship and took his football team to four state championship games, winning three of them in 1976, 1978 and 1979. Those were the days before everyone, including teams with losing records, automatically made the state playoffs every year, and average athletes got trophies or honors just for showing up for a sport. Upon his retirement, Coach P ranked No. 14 in wins among Kentucky high school football coaches.

As the school's athletic director, Coach P also oversaw the development of the girls sports program at FCHS, which resulted in several other state championships.

His accomplishments are even more amazing if you consider he spent nearly his entire career as a coach on an Army post. Because of the transient nature of the military, Coach P had to rebuild his teams from scratch during most, if not all, of his years of coaching...And, despite this incredible handicap, he still managed to produce winning teams year after year.

In October 2012, FCHS graduates from the 1960s and 1970s gathered to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the founding of Fort Campbell High School. Coach P was the first football coach at the school, so a lot of time was spent by some old and greying men, reliving our glory days on the football field.

It was at this reunion that many of us were stunned to learn that our great coach had not yet been inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame. For whatever reason, Marshall Patterson is not among those legendary Kentucky sports icons who have been forever honored in the Hall since the induction of the inaugural class way back in 1988.

Coach P is now in the sunset of his life, plagued the past few years by serious health problems that have kept him at home. He was unable to make it to the recent reunion to see the many members of Falcon Nation who still love him. I'm sure it broke his heart. But, for those of us so influenced by this great man, the bigger heart-break belongs to us as we try to make sense out of this great travesty. How is it even possible for there to be a KHSAA Hall of Fame, when Marshall Patterson isn't in it?

Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing" is a well-known quotation in sports. So is "A winner never quits, and a quitter never wins." If you were one of Marshall's Boys, "you never forgot either of those commandments.

Coach P is a winner who deserves to be in the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Somehow, somebody along the way dropped the ball, and what this great coach and human being did during his lifetime was forgotten.

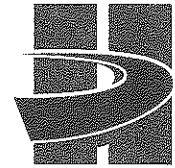
Without Marshall Paterson, a man who molded the lives of thousands of Military Brats, the Hall will never be anything more than a sad joke. That is a fact.

The KHSAA can count on one thing: There won't be any quitting in Falcon Nation until the day when Coach P rightfully takes his place in the Hall of Fame.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, I had the opportunity to read an article from a good friend and local news reporter, Rob Dollar, concerning former Fort Campbell High School Coach Marshall Patterson. Rob pointed out that Coach Patterson has yet to be inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

As a Kentucky native and former KHSAA athlete at Christian County High School from 1987-1991, I have long been proud of the KHSAA and the athletic competition in the Commonwealth. I participated in football, track, power lifting, and wrestling throughout my high school career.

It was through football that I would come to know Coach Patterson. Granted, I never got to know Coach Patterson well. I did get to know his teams well as we competed against them frequently during summer scrimmages. His teams were always tough, fast, and disciplined. They never beat themselves with penalties or foolishness.

It'd be easy to dismiss Coach Patterson's impact because he coached at Fort Campbell. We want to assume that this provided him with some sense of utopian school. It's actually quite the contrary. Coach Patterson had to essentially rebuild his team every year as he'd lose players because of troop movement and duty assignments.

Yet, the Falcons continued to win and win big. Over the course of his career at FCHS, Coach Patterson won a state wrestling championship and took his football team to four state championship games, winning three of them in 1976, 1978 and 1979. Upon his retirement, Coach Patterson ranked No. 14 in wins among Kentucky high school football coaches.

I respect the KHSAA and the Hall of Fame selection process. I urge the KHSAA to honor Coach Marshall Patterson with induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. He's in his twilight years and time is of the essence.

As a proud Christian County Colonel, it only seems fitting that Coach Marshall Patterson should enter heaven as a Hall of Fame Coach and be able to shake the hand of his good friend and recent Hall of Fame Inductee, Coach Jim Perrin.

Thank you for taking time to review this letter and for all you do. May God continue to bless the KHSAA, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and our great country.

Sincerely,

Carter Hendricks  
President/CEO  
Christian County Chamber of Commerce

cc: Rob Dollar, Alumnus, Fort Campbell High School  
Patricia Keenan, Athletic Director, Fort Campbell High School



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AUG 26 2013

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter of recommendation for Mr. Marshall Patterson to be considered and nominated for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. I started playing under his tutelage when he first started coaching at Fort Campbell Junior High School, 1960-61 and 1961-62, and then when he was promoted to high school coach, 1962-63. Those first years were trying times because at the time segregation was very prevalent. Trying to schedule schools from Kentucky and Tennessee to play was extremely hard but through perseverance he prevailed. I do hope you do consider his application to the Hall of Fame for he deserves it. Unfortunately if by chance he is selected he would have no remembrance of the occasion because four years ago he developed Alzheimer's disease and progressively lost most of his memory. If you have any questions please call me at (918) 426-4946 or email at [sam\\_green11@yahoo.com](mailto:sam_green11@yahoo.com). I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Samuel D Green*

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AUG 26 2013

August 21, 2013

Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mr. Marshall Patterson, Fort Campbell High School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to be nominated for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Over the course of his 32 years at Fort Campbell High School, the accomplishments that he achieved deserve him to be in the Hall of Fame. In those years he won three (3) football State Championships, 1976-78-79, , was named Coach of the Year three times, and had a 1982 team ranked #17 in the nation by USA Today. Upon his retirement in 1995, Marshall Patterson had accumulated a record of 227-120 (.652) that ranked him the 17th winningest football coach (now #24) in Kentucky high school football. While coaching football he started the wrestling program and served as wrestling coach for 17 years and won a State Championship in 1971 and Runner-ups in 1970 and 1978. During those years he had numerous individual State Champions.

While coaching he had the double duty of Athletic Director. During that time he accumulated 27 team State Championships and in those championships he oversaw the development of the girls' sports program, especially the track program.

For 33 years he was the sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

His accomplishments were even more amazing when you consider he spent his entire career as a coach on a military base. Because of the nature of the military, Marshall Patterson had to rebuild his teams from scratch for most of his coaching years. I can attest to that. I first met Marshall Patterson in the school year 1960-61 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) when he took the job of head football coach/P.E teacher at Fort Campbell Junior High School. I was the starting quarterback for him and for the next two years we had a record of 13-1. We were looking forward to the opening of the new high school in 1962 with a good nucleus for a good football team. When school started only eight (8) of the 35 that were to return were there. So the building process began again.

Before regulations were changed, dependents weren't allowed to stay on post when their fathers received orders for overseas. With new regulations things changed and dependents were allowed to stay on post. Many of the student athletes (after my time leaving) had fathers that were away from home for a period of time. When the fathers couldn't be there for them, Marshall Patterson became a surrogate father to them. He

would guide their lives in the right direction and made a difference. There are countless FCHS students/alumni around the country who owe what they have become, in part, to Marshall Patterson's mentoring and success as a role model. While under his tutelage (teacher/coach) I learned so much about life through sports. He would lecture us that the game of football was just like life...you always had to leave everything on the field and never give up. Throughout my life I have applied what he had taught me.

I conclude that Marshall Patterson is a winner to all that know him and deserves to be in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. To many whose lives were molded by him and the accomplishments that he achieved, the Hall of Fame would be the ultimate reward to a great man. His induction would be the final touch to a great career for this institution, Fort Campbell High School.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel D Green". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Samuel D Green



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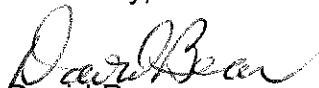
Dear Nominations Committee:

Attached you will find my nomination for Coach Marshall Patterson for entrance into the Kentucky Coaches Hall of Fame. I would appreciate having this nomination added to Coach Patterson's KHSAA Hall of Fame packet.

If you have any questions concerning my nomination, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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October 11, 2013

Dear Selection Committee:

I am honored to nominate my former coach at Ft. Campbell High School, Coach Marshal Patterson (Coach P), for selection into the Kentucky Coaches Hall of Fame. It is with a sad heart that as I write this letter, Coach Patterson is suffering from Alzheimer's, and should he be selected, will likely not be able to appreciate and enjoy this honor he so richly deserves. That said there are literally thousands of people, to include former students, players, educators, and even opposing coaches who feel strongly that Coach Patterson's selection for this tribute is long overdue.

Many of these people will not take the time to send letters of recommendation. Unlike the vast majority of coaches whose names you will consider, due to the significant turnover in population at Ft. Campbell High School, most of those who would support Coach Patterson's induction, live all over the world. They are unaware of this effort, and in truth, most would imagine, as I did, that he was selected for induction many years ago. A significant number of those who were his contemporaries in teaching and in coaching that would provide strong endorsements, to include several of his assistants, have passed away or are ill. I sincerely hope that you will take these circumstances into consideration when evaluating his nomination.

In the letters you receive, I expect people to discuss Coach Patterson's influence on them directly. Although I intend to do this as well, I think there are many other aspects of his record that should be considered.

During the earlier portions of Coach Patterson's career, particularly the 1960's and early 1970's, the high school population at Ft. Campbell was highly transient due to the Vietnam War. Most coaches are concerned about replacing seniors when they graduate or players who are injured, but Coach Patterson not only had those issues, he also had to deal with many of his players leaving in mid-season due to their parents being transferred by the Army. It was not uncommon for a star player to be on the football field or the wrestling mat for the Falcons one week, and be in Washington, Germany, or Japan the next week.

As with most coaches, and I have been one, often it is necessary to take on the role of a parent. This was especially true with Coach Patterson as many of his players had fathers and mothers who were overseas fighting for and defending the United States. In these cases, Coach Patterson frequently assisted not only the student/player, but also the family in coping with the separation. Unfortunately, there were all too many times over his career that Coach Patterson also had to deal with students/players whose parents were killed overseas. These became trying times, not only for the individual involved, but also for the team, the school, and the entire Ft. Campbell community. Coach Patterson was one of the key elements that helped bind these groups together during these difficult times.

In today's world, the internet can often be an impartial path to discover the impact a person has had on their community. I did a simple search for "Marshal Patterson," and although I have not had contact with him in many years (I played for him in 1968 and 1969), the results were exactly what I expected. Not only were there numerous newspaper headlines lauding his achievements, but also several comparing the success of others to Coach Patterson.

"Berner tops Patterson numbers," a headline referring to recent Ft. Campbell Coach Shawn Berner and a mark he achieved in 2009.

On one site that allowed individuals to make comments, I found the following:

"He was Ft. Campbell High School. He mentored and taught multiple generations of students who have achieved more because he provided us with a framework to build upon. He was a second father to his teams."

However, one article concerning Coach Patterson's selection as Kentucky Coach of the Year in 1982 (he was selected 3 times during his career) included this statement from Coach P.

"You don't make players, the only thing coaches do is help the players become what they want to be."

### **How does a 135 pound kid who never played organized football become your starting center?**

In August of 1968, I arrived with my family at Ft. Campbell, and I wanted to be a football player. I was a sophomore, and although I had never played organized football, I thought I was a pretty good athlete and decided to join the team. It was a typical hot, humid day in Kentucky when I went out for my first practice as a "receiver," and it was almost my last day. I was overwhelmed by everything that was expected (they had been practicing 3 weeks already), and the weather did not help. To make things worse, the receivers/ends practiced most of the day with the linemen and at 135 pounds, I was one of the smallest. My father encouraged me to stick with it, but after 5 weeks of the season we were 0 - 5, and I had only been in on two plays in a junior varsity game... on defense.

Coach P was my physical education teacher and since he was also my football coach, I wanted to impress him in class. One day in class, we were learning "football fundamentals," including passing the ball, good stances, and long punt snaps. With just a little instruction, I quickly was able to perfectly hike the football to the punter nearly every time. Coach Patterson came over to me and said "David, at practice today I want you to start working out with the offensive linemen as a center." I was "4<sup>th</sup>-string" center, the junior varsity season was over, and I obviously was not going to play on Saturdays. Three weeks later, after both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-string centers had been injured in practice; the starting center got hurt (leg broken) in the first half of the next to last game

of the year. Beginning the second half of that game, I was the starting center and played 11 more games for Coach P at that position. Prior to my senior year, my father was transferred; however, I became the starting center at 150 pounds for a school easily seven or eight times as big as Ft. Campbell.

I apologize if I bored you with this story, but my life changed that day in Coach P's physical education class. The confidence he showed in me over the next year has stayed with me throughout my life. I am a 1975 graduate of West Point, airborne qualified, and 30+ year teacher and coach. There are other people to whom I could attribute my successes and they certainly contributed; however, Coach Patterson truly instilled in me the qualities, both mental and physical, that have taken me through my life.

Approximately ten years ago, after having no contact with my school, my classmates, or my coach for over 30 years, I was fortunate to attend a high school reunion at Ft. Campbell. I cannot express to you how I felt seeing many old friends who had shared with me my two short years at the school. However, on the Friday night when we attended the football game and Coach P was in the stands with us, I have rarely had the exhilaration as I did when I shook his hand. He did not remember the 150 pound center from the 1969 season; I did not expect him to; he had coached hundreds if not thousands of others just like me during those interim years. To Coach P, I was "one of his boys" and to this day, I am both happy and proud of that honor.

This year you will look at many nominees to be considered for induction into the Kentucky Coaches Hall of Fame. Although these recommendations are certainly important, it is the impact a coach has had on his players, his school, his community, and the Kentucky football program that is crucial. During the selection process, Coach Patterson's name will come up, and you will ask "Should we vote for this man?" Maybe the question you should ask is "What took us so long to realize Coach Marshall Patterson is so deserving of this recognition?" Due to his illness, Coach P will not know that you voted for him and in all likelihood will not realize the significance of the tribute, however, there are thousands of people whose lives he impacted that will be appreciative and gratified.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I cannot think of a more qualified individual for this honor than Coach P.

Sincerely,



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Nomination Committee:

Congratulations on selecting an outstanding 2014 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame class, but this prestigious group continues to be short one deserving member: former Fort Campbell High School football coach, Marshall Patterson (Coach P). I understand you already have a formal nomination on file along with several letters of recommendation supporting Coach P's induction, so I don't need to restate the statistical accomplishments (227 wins, three state championships) or the fact that he built a football powerhouse from scratch despite the ongoing musical chairs of players created by regular military reassignments and deployments. On paper alone, Coach P is worthy of being in the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame, but his biggest mark was mentoring thousands of students—not just student athletes—at Fort Campbell High School for more than three decades.

While I don't discount the impact or value of other coaches as mentors to their athletes, Coach P took that responsibility and commitment to another level. He literally did serve as a father figure to me and many others for months and even years at a time while our fathers were stationed overseas or supporting a military conflict. Beyond making sure we were staying out of trouble, Coach P challenged us to excel in the classroom and on the field while helping our mothers maintain a household in our fathers' absence. Personally, I played quarterback for Coach P from 1989-1991, a significant portion of which my father was in the Middle East fighting the Gulf War. We didn't win any state championships, but did win a lot of games and I have a lifetime of memories. Without question, I would've preferred my father to be there at time, but the next best thing was having Coach P provide direction and encouragement that helped shape the man I am today. It was a bonus that he transformed a 5'9", 160-pound marginal athlete into a scholarship college football player.

There are countless other stories like mine from fellow Fort Campbell High School alumni that further exemplify Coach P's selfless character. While each story is unique, they all share a common thread of caring and compassion. Coach P racked up wins and state championships in unusually challenging circumstances, and happened to change lives in the process. How is that not worthy of a place in the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame? On behalf of all past, current and future Fort Campbell High School students and their families, I implore you to induct Coach Marshall Patterson in the next Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame class. Thanks for considering my recommendation.

Regards,



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I am writing this letter in support of Fort Campbell High School's Coach Marshall Patterson's nomination to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Coach Patterson was the Head Coach when Fort Campbell took the state championship in Football 3 times and Head Coach when Fort Campbell took the state Championship in wrestling. Fort Campbell also took numerous state championships when he was Athletic Director in Boys and Girls cross country, Boys and Girls Track.

The most important thing is he molded students from very diverse backgrounds into respectful, decent students. These students worked together to accomplish what would be probably and improbable task for most coaches, a state championship. However he accomplished this when the odds were stacked against him. Students seldom stayed the entire 4 years at the High School. Their dads were transferred or were sent to war and moved away. My Sophomore class had 12 athletes who played football. Only 3 Graduated from Fort Campbell High School, to include myself. Unfortunately I was injured my Senior year and only 2 were left to play. Even with these odds against Coach Patterson we made it to the state playoffs.

Personally Coach Patterson inspired me to better myself. I was one of the weakest players on the team my sophomore year. My senior year I broke the school records for bench press and military press. Unfortunately, I did not play a regular season game and could not wrestle my senior year.

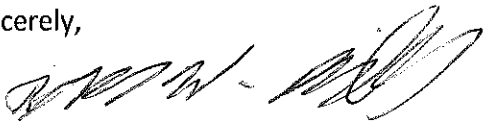
I wonder how many more State Championships Coach Patterson would have got if even half his players would make it to their senior year. I am pretty certain it would be even more substantial than his record is now.

The respect and dedication I learned from him helped me become a Nuclear Biological Chemical Officer in the US Army and now a Health Physicist(Nuclear Safety).

Please consider Coach Patterson for this nomination. Coach Patterson also has distinct disadvantage in this nomination in that most people have moved away from Fort Campbell and do not know that now he suffers from Alzheimers. I know some people are bean counters and just count how many letters someone gets and just use that for consideration. Unfortunately, Students from 30 -50 years ago are spread out across the

country. If their dad died in the war they moved away and may have wanted to forget this painful time in their life. Also as stated most student may have only spent 1-2 years at Fort Campbell. Please for this time just don't look at the number of letters and consider this great man.

Sincerely,

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Norman Miller

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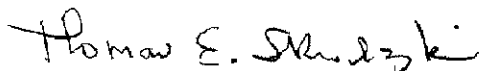
Sirs:

I would like to strongly support Mr. Marshall Patterson for induction into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. He is a most deserving candidate. His record speaks for itself not just for his winning percentages and titles as a coach and athletic director, but for himself the person and man he was to so many families and youths of Fort Campbell's Soldiers. His tenure spanned the decades of Vietnam, and up through Desert Shield/Desert Storm and other deployments. During all of those periods of turmoil he became a second father for countless sons and daughters who spent their early years at Fort Campbell High School while fathers and mothers were away in service to our country.

His winning ways are hard to imagine despite the turnover of students who constantly rotated in and out of the installation. He had to compete against feeder systems available to other coaches in more stable conventional home town environments, yet he produced winning teams year after year.

Marshall Patterson is a gentleman in every respect. He did everything proper and by the book while treating his students of the game with the utmost dignity.

I spent my last seven years at Fort Campbell and both my children graduated at Fort Campbell HS, each lettering in several sports. I was the Booster Club President for two years and had an up close experience with Coach Patterson. I was also the Garrison Commander responsible for the installation schools. I was a witness to how he represented the high school and the Fort Campbell community every day. He is a most deserving candidate, please induct him this year.

  
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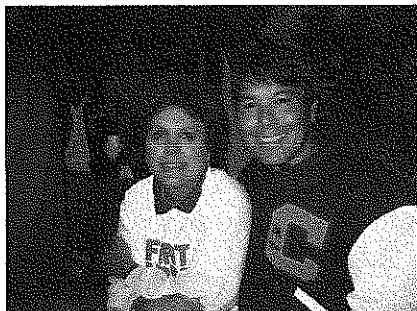
Re: HOF Nominations: Marshall Patterson, Fort Campbell High School

I was a high school wrestler for Coach Patterson in both 1971 and 1972. I loved wrestling and though I was competitive and always gave the varsity guys my best shot, I just couldn't crack the starting lineup. Let me tell you about a creative way Coach Patterson dreamed up to give all of us JV guys a chance to earn a varsity letter, and to stay fully committed to be the best we could be, whether it was pushing the heck out of the varsity guy, or being prepared for our fifteen minutes of fame in case our first team guy was injured.

He would form two FCHS teams, alternating a varsity and JV wrestler, and each team would wrestle two local teams back-to-back at our gym. He called them "double-dual" wrestling meets. Through this format, I obtained a varsity letter by beating varsity guys wrestling for Christian and Caldwell Counties (I'll never forget the teams, believe me), and he did this more than once over a period of years before costs and injury concerns eliminated his dual meets. Few coaches have the creativity to do something like that, to get all the JV guys to push, and to strengthen the team two or three places deep at every weight class. That varsity letter, earned on a Kentucky state championship team, is still very special today.

Some twenty years later, the letter jacket I wore with pride for so many years started to mysteriously shrink, I'm sure it wasn't me, and I called Coach Patterson, engaged in small talk hoping he might remember me, and asked if I could buy a current model of the FCHS letter jacket as a replacement. He replied that he would be happy to order one for me, and without skipping a beat asked if he could include the wrestling and golf icons on the jacket. I was surprised he would remember my varsity sports after all these years, but Coach Patterson always invested himself in all of his athletes and P.E. students so I shouldn't have been surprised at all.

I'm certain you have all the documents and other records to support his coaching chops, but I wanted to add a personal note. Please give him the full Hall consideration he deserves.



Sincerely,  
*Mike McNair*

Mike McNair  
Former FCHS student

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SUBJECT: Nomination of Coach Marshall Patterson for KHSAA Hall of Fame

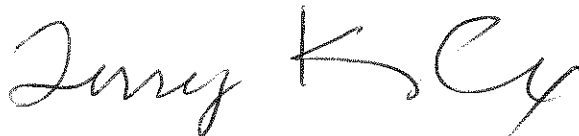
I am a graduate of Hopkinsville High School. Immediately upon graduation I attended UK's Hopkinsville Community College then Austin Peay State University earning a BS and MA plus 30. I taught at Fort Campbell High School and was also an assistant coach under Coach Patterson. As a Hopkinsville High Tiger we had the greatest respect for Coach P's wrestling teams. As an assistant coach serving under him I learned about the countless hours Coaches commit to high school students. There is no doubt in my mind that Coach P was one of the top coaches and athletic directors when it came to producing State Champions in football, wrestling, cross country and track.

I would also like to point out to the committee that after teaching high school for five years I had the honor to serve in the United States Army for 20 years. As far as I know there are only two on post Army high schools in the nation, Fort Campbell and Fort Knox. Years ago the games, matches, etc between the schools were known as the National Army High School championship events! That being said, a vote for Coach P's induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame is also a nod to all those military dependents and their parents who served our nation while stationed at Fort Campbell. Recognition of individuals is also recognition for groups of other such as these great Americans at Fort Campbell.

From my foxhole Coach P is most deserving of this recognition and it is my hope the committee sees the wisdom of my recommendation.

Very respectfully,

Terry K Cox



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KHSAA Hall Of Fame  
Attn: Nominating Committee  
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RE: Marshall Patterson

Dear Committee:

Please accept this correspondence as an endorsement for the nomination of Marshall Patterson to the KHSAA Hall Of Fame.

I am a graduate of Fort Campbell High School, and I had the honor and privilege of playing football for "Coach P" for two seasons. During my Senior season, I was a starter and ended my high school career with a Kentucky High School State Championship.

Coach Patterson's on-field accomplishments were tremendous, however, his impact on myself, and on many, many other players and students, was also tremendous. He was a great role model, and he instilled the basic principles of honesty, discipline and teamwork in all of us. Coach Patterson always had a kind word for anyone that he interacted with, had a great sense of humor, and was nurturing and full of encouragement. He was a surrogate father to many of us "military brats" whose biological fathers were serving our County in various capacities around the United States, and around the World. In short, Marshall Patterson is one of the finest people I have ever met and he deserves to be in the KHSAA Hall Of Fame.

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By: 

Robert W. Darnell

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TO: DAWAHARES/KHSAA  
HALL OF FAME  
ATTN: NOMINATIONS  
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LEXINGTON, KY. 40505

RE: KY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC  
ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I AM WRITING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR,  
COACH MARSHALL PATTERSON FROM  
FORT CAMPBELL, KY. TO EARN INDUCTION  
INTO THE "HALL OF FAME."

I AM A GRADUATE OF FT-CAMPBELL FROM 1970.  
HAVE KNOWN COACH PATTERSON SINCE 1963. HE  
DESERVES THIS. HE HAS BEEN LIKE A FATHER TO  
SO MANY KIDS AT FT-CAMPBELL WHILE THEIR  
FATHERS OR MOTHERS WERE OFF AT WAR.

PLEASE STRONGLY AGREE TO GET COACH MARSHALL PATTERSON  
INTO THE "KY. HIGH SCHOOL ASSOC. HALL OF FAME".

THANK YOU

J. R. Weesner



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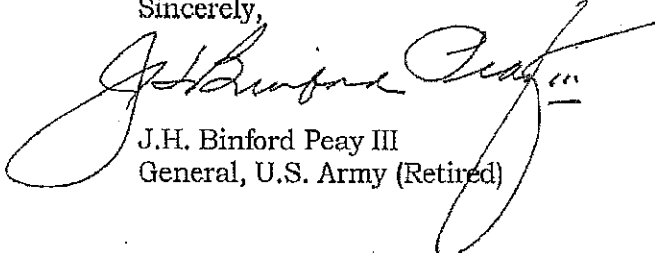
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to endorse that of many supporting Coach Marshall Patterson for induction into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. I observed him during two separate assignments while at Fort Campbell, the latter being 1989 thru 1991 and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division's deployment to Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Coach Patterson was a real hero during this period when many service parents were absent for a long year during the Gulf War. He, in many ways, was a substitute parent, counseling hundreds of young people and clearly he had a major impact on their lives. His game winning records are legendary in the region...especially noteworthy when one considers the continuing yearly turn-over of players on his teams, as their parents were with regularity transferred to new stations.

Coach Patterson represented the Fort Campbell High School and the Command so well. He was recognized as a true gentleman, a role model for many to emulate...and a legendry winning coach.

Sincerely,



J.H. Binford Peay III  
General, U.S. Army (Retired)

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To the KHSAA,

My name is Joe Wilson. I worked for more than 20 years at the Kentucky New Era in Hopkinsville as a sports writer and sports editor. I am now the sports director at the Hopkinsville YMCA.

I am writing to request that former Fort Campbell High School football and wrestling coach Marshall Patterson be included in the next class of the KHSAA/Dawahares Hall of Fame.

Coach Patterson was the first football coach in Fort Campbell High School's history and held that position for 32 years. He won three state championships and competed in four state title games. His 1982 team was ranked nationally by USA Today, and Patterson retired in 1992 with a 227-120 record (.652). In addition to serving as the school's athletic director for three decades, he won a state championship as the Falcons' wrestling coach and competed in two other state wrestling championships. During his 33 years as the school's AD, Fort Campbell won 27 state championships in various sports.

More importantly, Coach Patterson served as a father figure for many young people whose fathers were serving in our military. He is one of the most recognizable and respected men among high school sports in western Kentucky even today.

Coach Patterson is one of the most qualified applicants you will ever have and greatly deserves this recognition, especially now as his health is rapidly declining.

Please consider him for your next class.

Thank you,

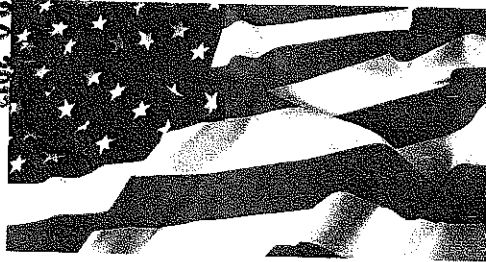
Joe Wilson

Sports Director

Hopkinsville YMCA

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

Please consider my hand-written letter. I am 58 years old.

For 18 years I was Dept of School at FCKY and it was my privilege to watch Marshall work his profession. He was the best coach, teacher, and person.

Leon B. Little

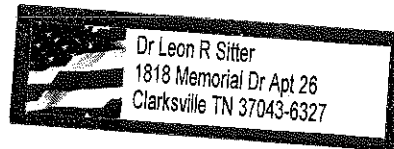
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Dear Cosentino:

Marshall Patterson was a great coach and athletic director. His outstanding record of victories and State Championships speak for themselves.

Marshall was much more than a coach. He was a terrific teacher, role model for all youth, a disciplinarian, a promoter of sportsmanship, and a tireless worker for our high school and community.

Truly, Marshall Patterson belongs in your Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Leon R. Sitter



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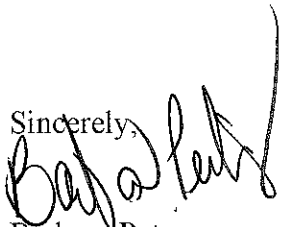
I went to Fort Campbell High School from 1979-1981. One of the first people you meet when you got there was Coach Patterson. From the first pep rally to his presence when walking the halls, Coach Patterson exemplified all that FCHS stood for. He had pride in the school, took great satisfaction in working with the athletic department, but most importantly made the students feel honor and self respect.

I was a mat maid (wrestling cheerleader) my senior year and his ability to help students to strive for the best while also being able to joke around and make everyone feel like family was second to none. Coach Marshall Patterson is everything a high school coach should be. I am confident you will see fit to place him in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Hall of Fame.

*Hail, oh hail to dear Fort Campbell School of faith and pride;  
Loyal friends of thee forever  
Always by your side.*

*Proudly standing past and future Looking towards the sky;  
We'll remember you forever  
Dear Fort Campbell High*

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Peterson  
FCHS  
Class of '81

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**From:** Beth Collier [tn3creeksfarm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 10:36 AM  
**To:** Keenan, Patricia, Ms., CIV, OSD/DoDEA-Americas  
**Subject:** Coach Patterson

I graduated from Ft. Campbell in 1966. I wrestled under Coach Patterson 64-65, 65-66. He was a great coach but even more he was a great person. I hope this short story will illustrate. My senior year we were traveling to the state wrestling championships in Louisville. We were in 2 vehicles. We arrived at the outskirts of Louisville about time for supper. We pulled into a small restaurant and began to unload. It was raining fairly hard. I was in the first group to enter the foyer of the restaurant and both of our black wrestlers were in my group. The manager met us at the inner door and stated we were not able to enter due to the black wrestlers being in our group. Coach Patterson arrived then and asked what was wrong. Of course he was outraged. This was the only time I ever saw him visibly shaken by the situation. But he quickly got himself under control and like the gentleman he was he politely told the manager that we would gladly eat elsewhere. He was the most dedicated coach I ever experienced.

Steve and Beth Shafer

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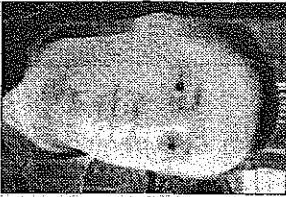
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# Patterson belongs in KHSAA Hall of Fame

The list of names in any hall of fame will often surprise you.

There's always at least one name you assumed was there who isn't.

That was the case for me a couple weeks ago when I learned former Fort Campbell football coach Marshall Patterson was not in the Kentucky High School Athletics Association Hall of Fame, despite coaching Fort Campbell to the 1976 and '78 1A state football championship



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and the '79 2A state championship.

He retired in 1993 with a 22-7-1 record and was 20-12 in the playoffs.

He also spent many of his 32 years as the school's athletics director. "We've been trying to get Coach Patterson inducted into the Hall for a few years now," said Patterson pupil and accomplished author and journalist Rob Dollar. "He was actually nominated for the Hall several years ago,

but his nomination has never made it to the screening phase of the selection process." I'm not the only person who thought Patterson was already enshrined.

"This thing got started by some of us when we found out Coach P was not in the Hall," Dollar continued. "Many of us had assumed he was, since he is a legend."

The KHSAA will be inducting its next class on April 1, and Dollar is hoping Fort Campbell supporters will assist in the effort to get Patterson elected.

"He treated all of his players with respect,



Photo contributed  
Marshall Patterson is shown working with a Fort Campbell football team.

and he taught that life was a lot like football," Dollar expounded.

"There were ups and downs, but you always

or were sent to war and moved away."

Decades later, Miller says Patterson's impact on his life remains.

"The respect and dedication I learned from him helped me become a nuclear biological chemical officer in the U.S. Army, and now a health physicist."

We could go on and on with Patterson's accomplishments.

During his tenure as athletics director, Fort Campbell teams and individuals combined to win 27 state championships. His 1982 football team was ranked No. 17 in the country by USA Today, and his 1980 team lost in the state championship game.

Sadly, Patterson's health has declined in the last few years, and his family and supporters are counting on the Fort Campbell community to help him take his rightful place in the Hall of Fame.

Dollar remembers the last time he got to talk to Patterson and how he told the coach about the impact he'd had on his life.

All of this, and we haven't even mentioned that Patterson coached Fort Campbell to a state championship in wrestling in 1971 and to runner-up finishes in 1969 and '70.

A former wrestler of Patterson's, Norm Miller, posted his letter to the KHSAA online.

"The most important thing is he molded students from very diverse backgrounds into respectful, decent students," Miller wrote.

"These students worked together to accomplish what would be probably an improbable task for most coaches, a state championship. However, he accomplished this when the odds were stacked against him.

Students seldom stayed the entire four years at the high school. Their dads were transferred

"The last time I saw Coach P was at a FGHS reunion in October 2006," he said. "This was before his health turned for the worse. I'm so glad I made it a point that night to thank him and the other Fort Campbell High School teachers and coaches for the positive impact they had on my life. Life is short, and sometimes you fail to let the important people in your life know they made a difference."

You can submit your letter to the KHSAA before Nov. 1 and tell them Fort Campbell's legend needs to be duly recognized as the legend he is.

Send letters to: Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame, Attn: Nominations, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, KY 40505.

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To Whom makes the decisions:

It was brought to my attention that there is a current campaign to get the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to induct Coach Marshall "Coach P" Patterson into the Hall of Fame.

As an alumni of Fort Campbell High, Class of 1981 and a member of the State Champion football teams of 1978, 1979 and State runners up 1980, in my opinion this honor is long overdue.

Not that winning games or leading a team to the State Championship game in two different divisions in back to back years should be a requirement for this honor, but I believe Coach P ended his career with a 227-120 record. And please don't overlook the fact that unlike most other high school coaches, Marshall Patterson started every year with basically a new crop of players. Coaching for a DOD school on a military installation presented some unique challenges to say the least. With every transfer in and out of Ft. Campbell some of the talent that Coach P cultivated the year before moved to a different team, in a different state or country. What is an amazing tribute to his talent as a coach was that during the spring and summer leading up to the football season Coach P was not only adept at assessing the talent that he had on hand, but he was very skillful in finding ways to solidify this group of individuals into a team. Again not only a team, but a team that competed evenly against teams that for the most part have known each other all twelve years of their schooling, but also to excel and win championships against some of the powerhouses in Kentucky High School football.

While this event would be to recognize Coach Patterson for an athletic association honor, Coach P was and in many ways still is more than a football coach. Speaking from my personal experience the football field was just the classroom Mr. Patterson used to teach us life's intangible lessons like, integrity, stick-to-it-ness, brotherhood and the visible and not so visible rewards of hard work. Mr. Patterson has influenced my decisions far beyond the football gridiron. One question he asked us, "Do you stop at a stop sign in the middle of the night when you are the only one on the street?" This wasn't a Driver's Ed question as many of us "may" have had only our learner's permit...it was an integrity question. What he really was asking was "Will you do the right thing even when no one is there to watch you?" I hear Coach P challenging me to do the hard right thing even today. Not only has this lesson lasted me and influenced my choices, but I used this as a teaching point when mentoring my Soldiers. Also I have tried to instill this life lesson in my sons. This is just one of the many lessons Mr. Patterson taught me, not only through words but actions, that have lived on in my life and I am sure is multiplied in many of the young men and women who passed through his sphere of influence.

Beyond question Marshall Patterson has made extraordinary contributions and has had superb accomplishments in Kentucky high school sports. He is worthy of statewide recognition and set an example that others still strive to emulate.

Sincerely,



Joseph Williams  
FCHS Class of 1981



October 29, 2013



Ms. Julian Tackett  
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Dear Julian,

I am writing you to recommend that Mr. Marshall Patterson the long- time coach at Fort Campbell High School be included this year's class of inductees to the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I am one of the very few who can recommend Coach Patterson from the perspective of a player and football referee. You know I have been a licensed KHSAA High School official since 1969 (44years) and a player at Hopkinsville High School 1965-1969 which included state championship. During my High school days I recall that Coach Patterson and Fleming Thornton(already in the Hall of Fame) were close friend yet both were very competitive. The one virtue both of these great coaches had besides the desire to win was building character in young men. I also worked as a baseball umpire with Eldridge Rogers for 22 years and interacted with Coach Patterson as the Athletic Director where every detail was in place down to food, towels and hot showers if desired.

Coach Patterson no doubt was a great winning coach, evidenced by his 227 wins in football and 27 state championships in various sports while also serving as Athletic Director at the school for 33 years. He was the epitome of what a coach should be in his coaching, mentoring of players and treatment of game officials. We certainly could use people of his character today in all of our high school sports. Besides his outstanding record do you realize that this was achieved at a high school on a military post?

Besides my career running newspapers I also do work as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. In this position I understand better than most just how incredible his accomplishments were. His coaching career was at a time when the Army never let a soldier stay at one post more than two or three years, which meant he never had the time to build a steady stream of players he could count on. He had to play and win with whatever families lived on the post (only 4400 houses on post) as military who lived off post were not eligible to attend on post schools.

There have been many legendary football coaches from Western Kentucky to include Fleming Thornton, Ken Barrett, Joe Jagger, Jack Morris, Fred Clayton and Al Giordano to name a few. I do not know why Coach Patterson is not already in this elite group, but it is time that Marshall Patterson join the ranks of these others. Time gone by can be a terrible thing as people who have done great things get lost on younger decision makers who never knew of them.

I would hope that my many years of having witnessed his contributions would help secure his rightful place among this group. If I can be of any assistance to the selection committee, feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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I am writing in support of Fort Campbell High School's Coach Marshall Patterson's nomination to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

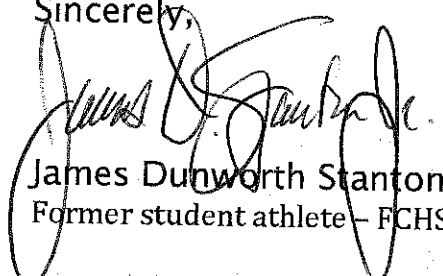
Coach Patterson was the Head Coach and Director of Athletics during multiple state championships in several sports and those results over multiple years and these accomplishments are a matter of public record and certainly speak for themselves. What is important is how he used sports and competition at the high school level to train young men and women for life. He taught toughness, perseverance and hard work to a transient group of students who parents were assigned to duty at Ft. Campbell for brief periods of time. His students were from diverse backgrounds of varied race, creed and color. He taught respect and decency among his students. In fact, he demanded it.

Students seldom stayed the entire 4 years at the High School. Their dads were transferred or were sent to war and moved away. Personally Coach Patterson inspired us to better ourselves and to not accept excuses.

You might wonder how many more State Championships Coach Patterson would have got if even half his athletes were to have made it from Freshmen to Senior year.

I ask for your careful consideration of Coach Patterson for this nomination.

Sincerely,

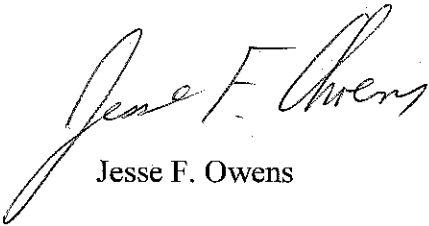


James Dunworth Stanton Jr.  
Former student athlete - FCHS 1974-76

NOMINATION FOR COACH MARSHALL PATTERSON

OCT 31 2013

Coach Marshall Patterson should be a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame because of his history as a coach of both the football and wrestling teams at Fort Campbell High School. Over the decades that he coached at Fort Campbell High School, he has led many young men to state championships in both football and wrestling. He has achieved four team state championships: three in football and one in wrestling; in wrestling he has had numerous individual state champions in the weight classes. He is well known in Montgomery County, many counties in Kentucky, and with his former athletes who live all over the United States. He coached many athletes and went on to coach the sons of some of those same athletes he had coached previously. During the Vietnam War era, Coach Patterson's role as a coach increased to the role of a father figure when some of the fathers of the athletes were called to war. Under Coach Patterson, I was a member of the wrestling team and was a two-time Western Kentucky Conference Champion and a Tri-State Tournament Champion. He taught us discipline, courage and respect; he instilled in us the will to win and the drive to get up when knocked down. Those lessons stayed with me as I went on to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Coach Marshall Patterson deserves to be in the KHSAA Hall of Fame, he has more than earned it, all of his many athletes who live all over the United States and are successful in many walks of life will agree.



Jesse F. Owens

Ft Campbell High School 1970

US Army Officer (Retired)

Kentucky Colonel 2010

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OCT 31 2013

To who in may concern,

This letter is in regard to Marshall Patterson, who I put in the highest regard as a coach and a mentor. I coached with Marshall for 6 years at Northwest High school in Clarksville, Tennessee-a couple years after he retired from Fort Campbell. We were terrible, with not much talent and over that six years he built the program into a play-off team. I learned so much from him not only as a coach, but also as a person. When you talk to others about his character, you will find no better-I promise.

Coach P (as he is called) was the first coach in Fort Campbell's history and held that position for 32 years. He won three state championships and competed in four state title games. His 1982 team was ranked nationally by USA today, and Patterson retired in 1992 with a 227-120 record (.652). In addition to serving as the school's athletic director for three decades, he won a state championship as the Falcon's wrestling coach and competed in two other state wrestling championships. During his 33 years as the school's AD, Fort Campbell won 27 state championships in various sports.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd Hood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Todd Hood  
Head Football Coach  
Clarksville Academy  
Clarksville, Tennessee

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Day, Marsha &lt;mday@khsaa.org&gt;

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**Coach Marshall Patterson**

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To: "mday@khsaa.org" &lt;mday@khsaa.org&gt;

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Coach Marshall Patterson (Ft. Campbell High School) for induction into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I have read most of the letters of recommendation already submitted and there is very little that I can add to them as far as Coach P's accomplishments both on and off the field.

If I had to put his greatness into one category I would have to call it "A Maker of MEN". Coach P took boys and turned them into men.

Thanks,

John Ignacio (FCHS Class of '71)

General Manager, Music City Pick A Part

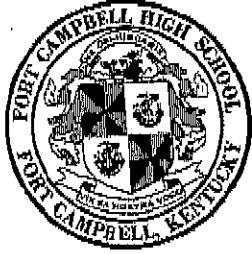
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October 31, 2013

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to strongly recommend the name of Marshal Patterson for consideration for the Kentucky Hall of Fame. I worked with Coach P. for many years. I feel he was a truly outstanding coach, teacher, and role model for the military students who attended Fort Campbell High School.

Coach Patterson was certainly an excellent football coach and athletic director. He had the ability to motivate students to reach their highest potential. He was a gifted athlete himself and he understood not only the skills needed to excel on the playing field but also the psychological factors needed to be successful. In the classroom he was a joy to watch. He loved his work. He loved kids. It showed in every interaction he had with students, parents, and fellow teachers.

Yet with all those superior qualities, Coach P was much more. He was a role model for his students. Many of our students had fathers who were not at home and were in active combat zones. Coach Patterson taught these young men how to make wise decisions and grow into men who would be respected contributing members of society. His beliefs and morals were unquestionable and he lived by a code of ethics that I wish everyone could copy. I don't believe I can think of a finer man and one who is more deserving of this honor. The win/loss records for Coach P's teams are certainly impressive but commitment and love he showed to the students in our school are lasting.

Sincerely,

*Martha Speake*

Martha P. Speake, Counselor  
Fort Campbell High School

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To: KHSAA Hall of Fame

During a 17 year career as a sports writer at The Leaf-Chronicle in Clarksville I have had the honor and pleasure of writing about many famous and great athletes and coaches, but none any finer than Marshall Patterson.

Not only was he one of the finest football coaches, but he excelled as a wrestling coach too.

When you think of Coach Patterson there were more important things than his won-loss record in both sports, when he didn't know from year to year if his players would ship out with their military families. He was a man with superior character and integrity. He left a positive mark on all those he coached, those with whom he coached, parents and certainly a lasting memory on a young 20 something year old sportswriter.

It was an honor to have been around him and to report on his achievements. And it is with great humility that I nomination him to the Kentucky Hall of Fame.

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DAWAHARES/KHSAA Hall of Fame  
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RE: Letter of Recommendation (Mr. Marshal (Coach 'P') Patterson)

To Whom It May Concern:

October 31, 2013

I am writing this letter to endorse the 'Hall of Fame' nomination of Coach Patterson, or Coach 'P', as most of us former athletes have affectionately and commonly referred to him. I first had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Coach 'P' in late August 1967, at the being of my 7<sup>th</sup> grade year in the first high school located at Fort Campbell, KY. There are only two high schools in these United States of America, located on an active military installation. I was impressed with my physical education (PE) teachers deep set eyes, hauntingly observing my every exercise or movement during PE class. He was tough, but fair. I do not believe I acted, felt, nor looked like the athletic type. It was not until the next school year in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, that I first began to wrestle. Wrestling, undoubtedly was the toughest thing I ever physically did . . . and I had it tough, as my Dad was an 'old school' guy with WWII, Korea and 3-tours of Vietnam already under his belt by August of '68. He made us do everything by hand, such as, edge the sidewalk, mow the lawn with a reel mower, and so on.

When I joined the wrestling team that November of '68, I had no idea what I was in store. What impressed me most about Coach 'P', was that I never heard him raise his voice in anger, never use profanity, nor ever through his arms of hands in the air and give up. And, most importantly, he never ever, and I mean never argued with a wrestling official, and football, for that matter, as he was most courteous. This may sound unusual, but I personally have officiated wrestling since I graduated high school in 1972, and I have never seen another coach as cool and calm and collected as Coach 'P'. He always had a suit, tie and street shoes during any dual meet and tournament. He just had that ability to command respect without demanding such. I was eighth string back then, yea # 8, out of 8 people in my weight class. I went to a military school in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, but I was back at FCHS in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Coach 'P' was the same guy—cool, calm and collected, but this time I was the varsity 130 pounder.

I quit at the end of the wrestling season in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but I felt guilty for doing so, but I was not going to let Coach 'P' down anymore. We trained hard, did things I'd never done before, practices seemed very basic, doing the same moves over and over again, yet he always managed to interject something new. The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the entire state of Kentucky in 1970, against all other competitors, no distinction between single 'A' or 'AAAA' teams. Unbelievable for a coach that never wrestled before, and only began coaching wrestling in 1964, as I understand, but we knew our basic moves. Coach 'P' always encouraged everyone to continue in sports, so I took up track. I was not gifted enough to compete in any event, so I was 'assigned' the 2-mile run! I plodded around the quarter-mile track for 2-miles for the next 2-years. During 11<sup>th</sup> grade I had some real

competition in my weight class and unfortunately I was injured for most of the year, partial-separation of the left-shoulder, but during track I had an underclass man (8<sup>th</sup> grade) competing for my spot in the 2-mile. During one meet, my time improved by 35-seconds in the 2-mile, as Coach 'P' was one of the timers during the race, and I could not let him down by not doing my best. I lost by 2 1/100's of a second, but glad I did my best . . . Coach 'P' was my mentor.

My point is, Coach 'P' never gave up on me. He continued to encourage me, even when I was injured, or got beat, and I came back to win my varsity wrestling guy to regain my position, only to lose it again after I was beat in the finals of a tough tournament via best of 2 out of 3 matches. It was that year that the team won the 1<sup>st</sup> and only Kentucky State Wrestling Tournament in 1971, for FCHS. Again, it was about a 350 person school against several with over 4,000. . .we were "David vs Goliath", and Coach 'P's team won. As I remember, the team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the state during the 1972 school year. I continued to admire Coach 'P', as I went on to graduate from Austin Peay State University in 1976, and during the 4-years I was there, I was either on an intramural wrestling team or was the organizer of such. Coach 'P' let me borrow some wrestling uniforms for both myself and the team and let me come to some of his practices during the wrestling season. Most importantly, as a wrestling official, he would provide me some important pointers after the matches or tournaments which improved my wrestling officiating techniques tremendously.

What many other may have not addressed, is how this one coach was able to mold a wrestling team from a military installation whose units were still deployed/involved in Vietnam and families torn apart due to the political and racial unrest during that time, to bring a team together and win a state title. Only a coach of Mr. Patterson's stature could have accomplished such a feat. I still officiate today, 43-years later, and I can honestly say that Coach 'P' was the primary inspiration for me to continue in my athletic pursuits and most notably my continued service as high school wrestling official in Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and, to this day, Maryland. I frequently use Coach 'P' as an example to others to live up to and still accept him as my mentor. I know Coach 'P' has numerous other accomplishments that have been elaborated by others. Not one to write such a letter as this, but of all the teachers, coaches and administrators, Coach Marshall Patterson is firmly in the top 3 percent, and viewed strictly as a coach, absolutely no one has ever come close to his abilities. I deeply respect his accomplishments, and wish the decision makers see fit to honor this highly respected coach of coaches.

Respectfully,



Stephen (Steve) D. Bryant

Major (Ret), U.S. Army/Maryland High School Wrestling Official

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TO: Nominating Committee, KHSAA Hall of Fame

CONCERNING: Marshall Patterson, former football coach, Fort Campbell High School

DATE: October 31, 2013

I am writing this letter to recommend Marshall Patterson for the Hall of Fame. To be honest, I am rather stunned that he has yet to be inducted but hope I am not too late to recommend one of the finest men and football coaches I have ever known. During my career as a sports writer for The Leaf-Chronicle (Clarksville, TN) and the Paducah Sun I wrote about his teams and his athletes over a 20-year career.

The fact alone that he won three state championships at Fort Campbell is a solid resume in itself but how he did it was even more phenomenal. He built the FCHS program literally from the ground floor up. It was truly a rags to riches story. Jack Morris, the legendary football coach at Mayfield High School, always told me how much respect he had for Coach Patterson. And when the two schools were in the same classification, their annual clashes were games of prep football lore.

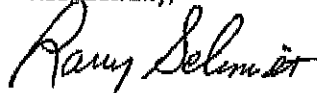
To appreciate what he did, you need to appreciate the environment of being the coach at a military post. Because of the changes in duty stations, Patterson's team was at the mercy of the Army. Returning lettermen were a luxury and rebuilding took on a different meaning. Some say when the right Commanding General was at the post, he had more luck with that issue than others. And there was some pride on the line when Fort Campbell and Fort Knox met annually in the Army Bowl.

Patterson turned boys into young men. They respected him and he very seldom had to raise his voice to get their attention. He was as gracious a loser as we was a winner. He was committed to the principle that football allowed for life lessons. He was a class act.

When he retired from Fort Campbell, he coached at Clarksville Northwest, a school that was truly at the bottom on the food chain for football. He made the Vikings a contender, as well, before he completely retired from the game.

When I think about Hall of Fame coaches in Kentucky football, I know that there has been one huge oversight. I urge you to correct that and induct Coach Patterson into your Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,



Larry Schmidt

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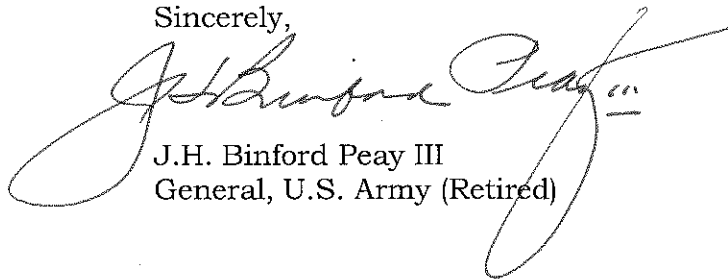
29 October 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to endorse that of many supporting Coach Marshall Patterson for induction into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. I observed him during two separate assignments while at Fort Campbell, the latter being 1989 thru 1991 and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division's deployment to Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Coach Patterson was a real hero during this period when many service parents were absent for a long year during the Gulf War. He, in many ways, was a substitute parent, counseling hundreds of young people and clearly he had a major impact on their lives. His game winning records are legendary in the region...especially noteworthy when one considers the continuing yearly turn-over of players on his teams, as their parents were with regularity transferred to new stations.

Coach Patterson represented the Fort Campbell High School and the Command so well. He was recognized as a true gentleman, a role model for many to emulate...and a legendry winning coach.

Sincerely,



J.H. Binford Peay III  
General, U.S. Army (Retired)



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November 1, 2013

KHSAA Hall of Fame

Attn: Martha

Re: Coach Marshall Patterson -- Fort Campbell High School

Dear Sirs,

I am a 1976 graduate of Fort Campbell High School and am writing to strongly urge you to place Marshall Patterson in the Kentucky High School Coaches Hall of Fame. Coach Patterson was an exemplary coach and role model for students at FCHS. His legacy lives on in both his football statistics and in the hearts of each student he interacted with. He would be a proud addition to the Hall of Fame and a well deserved accolade to a legendary football coach and educator as well as a role model for his peers and students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Melody A. Walls

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Thursday, October 31, 2013

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Kentucky High School Athletic Association  
HALL OF FAME  
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ATTN: Martha

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to add my voice to those already being sounded about admitting former Fort Campbell High School Marshall Patterson into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Frankly, many of us had assumed that Coach Patterson had already been given this honor, and I feel remorse that we didn't follow up until now.

I worked many years in the media covering the Clarksville/Fort Campbell area during Coach Patterson's tenure at Fort Campbell High School and later at Clarksville Northwest High School. During my decade at the Nashville Banner, The Leaf-Chronicle and the Fort Campbell Courier, I was able to see Coach Patterson in action.

His exploits as a football coach, starting a new program and building it to a perennial champion, are legendary along with his stellar work as an athletic director. However, what impressed me most with Coach Patterson was his stellar character and the way he was able to impart it to so many of his players and fellow coaches.

I've met many of Coach Patterson's over the years, many of whom proudly serve in the U.S. Army. To a man, when they mentioned they played football at FCHS, I've asked, "So you played for Coach P?" It's then that their chests puff out and their voices fill with pride and they reply, "Yes Sir!"

Coach Patterson will be remembered for many things during the course of his life. However, the difference he's made in the lives of young people over the years is perhaps his crowning achievement.

It is my sincere hope that being a member of the KHSAA Hall of Fame can be another accolade. It is certainly most deserved and long overdue.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Joanne Bryant  
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Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Sir,

Please accept my enclosed letter of recommendation for Mr. Marshall Patterson, Fort Campbell High School, Fort Campbell, KY for consideration into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. I realize this letter is perhaps a bit unusual, however, I wanted to provide you with a different perspective from someone who has witnessed first hand, the impact this great man has had on so many young men he coached, nurtured and groomed to become the successful men they are today.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at *joannebryant@gmail.com* or 571-332-9026.

Thank you,

  
Joanne Bryant  
FCHS, Class of '72

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October 28, 2013

Dear Nomination Committee,

Please accept my letter of recommendation for Mr. Marshall Patterson, Fort Campbell High School (FCHS), Fort Campbell, KY, to be nominated to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Hall of Fame. I am sure that you have received numerous letters of glowing recommendations from previous athletes - products of Mr. Patterson - who have gone on to become very successful men - many who have become coaches themselves. While, I never knew what it was like to be coached by this amazing man, I was privileged to witness, firsthand, the impact of his coaching.

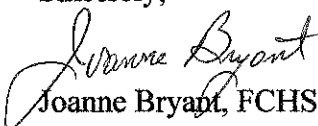
You see, 38 years ago I married my high school sweetheart, Steve Bryant - one of those products of Mr. Patterson. I watched from the sidelines as this "gentle giant" coached, mentored and molded my husband into the man he is today. Steve was coached by Mr. Patterson over a four year period in wrestling and was fortunate to be part of the FCHS 1971 State wrestling team that took first place. I witnessed Coach Patterson, as he guided Steve, not only giving him the skills he needed to be successful on the wrestling mat, but providing him with life long lessons that he turned to many times over the years.

Growing up as a military brat, on military installations all over the world, in the shadow of our parents was, at times, a very daunting experience. After all, we were expected to be a reflection of our parents, however, for many of us, especially during the Viet Nam days, our fathers were missing from our lives during our very formative years. Our teachers, counselors and coaches of FCHS became our surrogate parents. We looked to them for more than just our math, english and social studies - sometimes we needed someone to confide in; someone to lean on; someone to provide those important life lessons - a gentle push in the right direction.

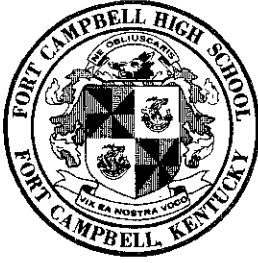
There is no doubt in my mind that Coach Patterson played a very important role in my husband's life. After graduation from FCHS in 1972, Steve went on to graduate from Austin Peay State University and was commissioned into the Army. Steve had a successful 20 years as an Army officer, pursued leadership roles in his post retirement career and helped raise three prosperous children. Steve has demonstrated those important qualities of dedication, honesty, and loyalty he learned from Coach Patterson throughout his life.

Over the years, since Coach Patterson's retirement, he and his wife return to FCHS during the homecoming game which is the highlight for our alumni. It's our chance to once again, thank this great man for all he has done for us. I recognize that Coach Patterson's coaching record would be reason enough for him to be inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Take it from a woman who has seen first hand the impact this man has had on my husband's life and the lives of so many other FCHS athletes - he walks the walk and talks the talk and exemplifies the true meaning of "Coach" in every sense of the word.

Sincerely,



Joanne Bryant, FCHS, Class of '72



# Fort Campbell High School

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DAWAHARES / KHSAA Hall of Fame

Attn: Nominations  
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Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Nominations Committee:

I am writing this in support of Coach Marshall Patterson's consideration for induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

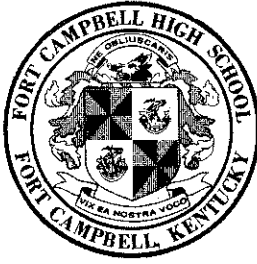
I was privileged to work with Coach Patterson in the 1990's, and can attest to the fact he was a phenomenal coach, educator, athletic director, and colleague. He was our school's first football coach and held the coaching position for 32 years. During this time he took the FCHS team to three state championships and competed in four state title games. His 1982 team was ranked nationally by USA Today. We won 27 state championships during Coach Marshall Patterson's 33 years as FHCS's Athletic Director.

However, I have to also tell you what a phenomenal man and educator Coach Patterson was here. He was more to the students, athletes, and colleagues than a coach; he was an inspiration and mentor to all of us. Some of the best and most memorable advice I got as a young teacher came from Coach Patterson. His compassion, dedication, and love for the students and field of education has reached generations of young people.

I truly believe Coach Marshall Patterson is a remarkable man, coach, educator, and is truly deserving of this great honor of induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Kadie B. Duerr  
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To Whom It May Concern,

Marshall Patterson, Coach P as he is called by those who love and respect him, and I only worked together for two years; but the man made an indelible impression on me, not only because of his remarkable tenure as a coach and athletic director but also because of his compassion, integrity, and passion.

This gentle, soft-spoken man came to my attention during my first week at Fort Campbell High School. With his engaging smile and outreaching hand that engulfed my diminutive digits, he introduced himself in a modest, unassuming manner. As I was to learn quickly, this was Coach Marshall Patterson, the renowned basketball player and coach. Despite his large frame looming over me, I felt comfortable and secure. With the wisdom and patience of Job and with the wit of Mark Twain, he coached me about students. I silently coined his approach—the Patterson Pattern. Using his cooperative spirit, he would offer suggestions that might make a situation more palatable for all concerned. Coach P. wanted each student and teacher to succeed.

He wanted his players to learn first and play later. If the students worked in class, practiced on the field, and showed respect, winning would result naturally. A student with an academic problem, he mentored; a student with a discipline problem, he modified the student's focus. Using his cooperative spirit, he would offer suggestions that might make a situation more palatable for all concerned. Frequently, his recommendations translated into better performance on the gridiron. Because of his passion and drive, follow-up was a key part of his approach. In the days before email, his interest in student progress meant that he made classroom visits. After a quick "Good morning," he would follow with "How's Johnny doing?"

As a player and as a coach, he has compiled a phenomenal record, but as a human being, he scored the touchdowns. Coach Patterson did not compromise his values for the sake of winning; rather his philosophy that living a good life will translate into wins both on and off the playing field made him a winner no matter the score.

A devoted protégé and colleague,

Patty Greene

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October 29, 2013

To the Kentucky Football Hall of Fame committee members,

My name is Josh McKillip, and I am currently the Assistant Head Football Coach and Defensive Coordinator at Ft. Campbell High School as well as a 1993 graduate of FCHS. I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Marshall Patterson into the Kentucky High School Football Hall of Fame.

I'm sure that at this point in your selection process you are already aware of Coach Patterson's win-loss record, years of service to the military community, multiple state championships in multiple sports, national ranked team, and his accomplishments as athletic director. It is not my purpose to restate these facts, even though it is my opinion that those alone merit induction into the Hall of Fame. My purpose is more to relate the impact Coach Patterson has had on my life, as well as the impact on countless other military brats like myself, and to advocate for his induction into the hall because I know he is and always has been too humble to advocate for himself.

I can honestly say that other than my father and my grandfather, Coach Patterson has been the male role model that has influenced my life the most. He was a steadying force in my life when my world was extremely unpredictable. As a military dependent, my father was deployed for two of the four years that I was in high school. My most impressionable years had my father, the person charged with shaping my development into a young man, serving his country in multiple war zones. The person who stepped in to fill this void was Coach Patterson. He was very in-tune with the needs of the military child, and he treated us as if we were his own children. When we could have taken the easy route and run with the wrong crowd, Coach Patterson instilled self-confidence in us all and steered us towards positive influences. When we could have been easily swayed towards drugs and alcohol, Coach Patterson made sure to let us know his high expectations for us and that those activities would not benefit our lives. When we easily could have blown-off academics because of all the distractions in our lives, Coach Patterson made sure that we were students before we were athletes and that making excuses for our behaviors was unacceptable. I say "we" and "us" because I know that Coach Patterson not only did these things for me personally, but he did it with all of my teammates and previous teams as well. Probably the greatest compliment that I heard during those times came from my father who said the reason he could feel comfortable and at peace to leave and do his job as a soldier was because he trusted Coach Patterson with us.

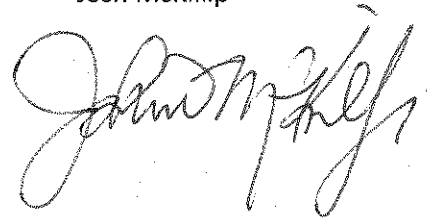
It was no surprise to anyone who knew me and was familiar with the influence that Coach Patterson had on me, that I would enter the teaching and coaching profession. Over the years, I have found myself relating so many of the lessons that Coach Patterson taught to us about football and life in general to my students and athletes. I have found a way to give back to my community what Coach Patterson gave to me, which is extremely rewarding.

In conclusion, at the end of each football season during our awards banquet, it has been my pleasure to present the Marshall Patterson Coaches Award to one of our players. The award is a reflection of honesty, integrity, dependability, and reliability. Basically, the recipient is the player that chooses to do the right things in life not just when it is easy or convenient, but all of the time. I choke up

each year when I talk about the awards' significance and the impact that Coach Patterson had on my life. It is one of the most prestigious honors that a player can get, and it is a great way for us to honor our legendary coach. Each year, I also say what a crying shame it is that Coach Patterson has not been inducted into the Hall of Fame. With this letter, I feel that I have at least done my part to right this situation. Please help me rectify this crying shame by inducting our legendary coach, Marshall Patterson, into this years' Hall of Fame Class.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Go falcons!

Josh McKillip

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Anthony Shingler, Head Wrestling Coach at Fort Campbell High School. I am writing you in plea to please look at moving forward to bringing Coach Marshall Patterson Hall of Fame application forward with the end result of his induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

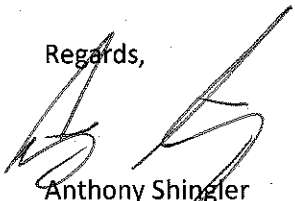
As a coach at Fort Campbell, I see what "Coach P" had to deal with each season with uncertainty of students being moved or parents getting out of the military each season. With dealing with that he had competitive sports teams each year. The teams also had a winning record in the process.

Aside from all the wins and state championships, Coach Patterson has left a lasting mark on all of our programs. I have never competed to Coach Patterson, but I can walk around in my FC Wrestling or football coaching shirt throughout Clarksville and in Western Kentucky without someone bringing up Coach Patterson's name.

I feel it is important to honor a man that coached for so long and was successful by inducting him into the class of 2014 KHSAA Half of Fame.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,



Anthony Shingler

Fort Campbell High School

Head Wrestling Coach

Assistant Football Coach

10/29/2013

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DAWAHARES/KHSAA Hall of Fame

ATTN: Nominations  
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Dear Sir:

I would like to highly recommend Coach Marshall Patterson for induction into the Kentucky High School Association Athletic Hall of Fame. I attended Fort Campbell High School from 1969-1972 and Coach Patterson was my coach in Football, Wrestling, and Track. I earned All-Conference honors in football in 1972, was a Varsity heavyweight wrestler, and earned medals at the regional level in the shot put.

When I came to Fort Campbell in 1969, I had only played one year of organized football and had never wrestled or thrown the shot put. Coach Patterson was a role model and mentor who guided and coached me as an athlete and as a young man to achieve my potential. He was hard but fair and molded me into the man I am today.

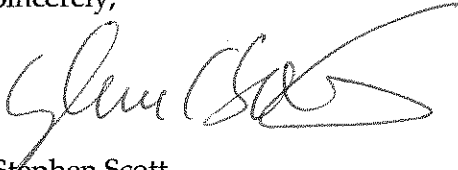
I served 20 years as a Field Artillery Officer in the Army and am currently the Director of Logistics for Smith & Nephew Orthopedics. I have 2 grown children whom I coached in baseball, softball, and basketball and all the techniques and skills I used to coach these young adults I learned from Coach Patterson. He showed me and modeled the values of hard work, honesty, teamwork, and perseverance that served me well in the Army and also in the civilian world.

I highly recommend Coach Patterson be inducted into the Hall of Fame for his many years of coaching and the countless young men he mentored and coached. He is a true role model who has positively influenced many students and athletes during his tenure. You will not find a more worthy candidate for this honor.

7132 Shefford Lane

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Sincerely,

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Stephen Scott

Fort Campbell High School Class of 1972

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October 24, 2013

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ATTN: Nominations  
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To Members of the Nominating Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of Coach Marshall Patterson's nomination to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Coach Patterson was Fort Campbell's football coach for many years and took the team to three state championships. Let me explain why he is so deserving of this honor.

To win a state championship once is great, but for Fort Campbell to win three championships is nothing less than amazing. Military families move every two to three years, so Coach "P" (as I called him) was always working with new players. Instead of playing junior varsity and then varsity ball, most boys played only a year to two. He is a great coach and a great man. He inspired his players to be the best they could be, working together toward a common goal.

I was at Fort Campbell for 1976 and 1977, my sophomore and junior years. We won State my junior year and it was so great. Coach P didn't just coach football; he coached the wrestling and track teams and he taught physical education. He was one busy fellow. I was the wrestling manager and I worked in his athletic office both years that I was there. To coach his football team to a State championship win was no small feat because he was always working with new players every two years. But he did it, more than once!

He helped to shape the lives of young men and motivate them to be champions. He is VERY deserving of being inducted into the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. Please consider this GREAT man.

Sincerely,



Nancy Vann Merritt  
Army Brat 1976-1977

GO FALCONS!



Day, Marsha &lt;mday@khsaa.org&gt;

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## Nomination

1 message

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**Patty Clark** <mecpah@windstream.net>  
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Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 12:40 PM

Dear Sir/Ms:

I wanted to take a minute to let you know why I believe Coach Marshall Patterson (Coach "P") should be inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame. He was the Head Football Coach at Fort Campbell High School, in Ft. Campbell Kentucky. As you probably are aware, this is a school for the children of military parents stationed there on base. Therefore students would sometimes come for half a year – a year – or sometimes if we were lucky – our entire high school days. During my high school days we went to state three times and won two out of those three.

Coach "P" had many irons in the fire so to speak as he was my physical education teacher, gymnastics coach, and also the sponsor of the Cheerleading squad. He was more of a father figure to me in high school and was afraid to be a "parent" to me. He taught me value and to strive for what I want but being humble at the same time. I would have to say Coach Patterson was one of the few that I can look back on and say "that person change my path in life."

Thank you for your consideration for Coach Marshall Patterson in the KHSAA's Hall of Fame.

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DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME  
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2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

*Sent via e-mail to [mday@khsaa.org](mailto:mday@khsaa.org)*

November 1, 2013

Dear Nomination Committee,

I recently heard about the nomination of Coach Marshall Patterson to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame and was thrilled at the prospect of his receiving this kind of recognition. It is well deserved and I strongly encourage you to vote YES for this high honor.

Throughout my teen and adult life, having had other coaches since "Coach P" and watching my girls while they receive coaching from a variety of parents, volunteers and professionals, I have compared each and every one of them to Coach P. They have all fallen short. By a long shot! Don't misunderstand me – they have each had their own positive approach or success with coaching in general. With Coach P, however, you received the full package of what a truly great coach has to offer. He offered encouragement, toughness with kindness, praise, emotion, joy and absolute dedication to his athletes, other coaches and even to those who are just there to lend a hand. When I arrived at Ft. Campbell I was a young girl who loved football and even wanted to play! Reality quickly took hold and I was offered the opportunity to be a Team Manager. One would think this wouldn't be that important a role for a young sophomore. However, working with the football team under the guidance of such a great coach, I developed a strong work ethic and the appreciation of a job well done. He taught me the fundamentals of football (he didn't have to!), considered me as part of the team (felt that way about all the managers & trainers!), and guided me toward being a productive member of society; all through his coaching a football team. For many of us, he wasn't just a football or wrestling coach – he was Coach P! Someone you could turn to with any problem whatsoever, even if it didn't have to do with a sport. To many of us, he was a life coach as well as an athletic coach. Our society would only have benefited had more kids been guided through their high school years by such a wonderful man.

Those years while in high school under Coach P were some of the most formative of my life. I only wish my two girls would have had a chance to have had a coach like him guide them through their athletic programs and high school years. Some of us just got lucky.

Please strongly consider honoring Coach Marshall Paterson with enrollment in the KHSAA Hall of Fame!

Sincerely,

Phyllis M. Farrar (ne. Squire)

*(by sending this via e-mail, that indicates my signature)*

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Oct. 19, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Coach Marshall  
Patterson led the Falcons  
to many victories over the  
years while serving as the  
Fort Campbell High School  
Football Coach. He is remem-  
bered fondly by many  
athletes from the 1960s,  
1970s, + 1980s. However,  
that is not how I remember  
Coach Patterson the most.

While I loved these  
football games while attending  
Fort Campbell High School  
from 1973-1975, my fondest  
memories of Coach Patterson  
were of him teaching us  
how to drive. Beyond coaching,

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he was a great instructor and  
a wonderful human being. His  
laughter and sense of humor  
have stayed with me over the  
past 39 years. Not all great  
coaches are great people as  
well. He made learning fun,  
and he helped <sup>me</sup> make sure  
that I became a safe driver.

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Please honor Coach Patterson  
as he should be honored; this  
man is very deserving.  
Karen Pittgers Powell





Day, Marsha &lt;mday@khsaa.org&gt;

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**Coach Marshall Patterson**

1 message

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**Lynn Solis** <Lynn.Solis@tn.gov>  
To: "mday@khsaa.org" <mday@khsaa.org>

Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 4:20 PM

Dearest Martha,

We are writing this letter on behalf of Fort Campbell High School's Coach Marshall Patterson nomination to the KHSAA Hall Of Fame.

We attended FCHS from 7<sup>th</sup> grade through our Senior years 1971-1973 & 1974. You would have to look far to find a more dedicated man like Coach Patterson was to his work. We don't think he was in it for his salary, he in it for the love of sports, the students, and loved what he did. Everyone at this school had the utmost respect for him regardless if they were involved in the sports he coached or just attended games. All of the sports he coached I'm sure all participants would only tell you of their respect and all that this wonderful man has taught them in their sport and what they took away for their own lives today. FCHS Alumni 1964-1974 have a reunion every two years and return to attend FCHS's Homecoming. It is always an added pleasure to see Coach Patterson and his lovely wife at this time and see that after all these years he is still totally dedicated to our school and he's still cheering on Fort Campbell High School and The Mighty Falcons for the past 40+ years. Our hat is off to this great man for sticking with us.

Our hope is that you will induct this great man that lead many students with every ounce of his being to greater heights. His health is beginning to catch up with his age, so we hope before he can no longer stand tall and still cheer this team on that you will reward Coach Patterson for a JOB WELL DONE!!!!

Sincerely,

The Solis Sisters

(Consuelo, Sally and Anita)

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this letter to highly recommend our former Coach Marshall Patterson to be inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

I'm sure you've read the stats. But, not only was Coach P as we affectionately call him, a great Coach, he was a great mentor and role model. During our tenure (Army Brats of the 70s), our school wasn't very diverse. With that being said, Coach P treated everyone the same no matter what the color which I truly believe is the reason why Ft. Campbell High School was such a winning team. We had talent...and we had a great coach.

Coach P is a Soldier as far as coaches go...and emulates the Warrior Ethos.

Please consider this request for a very deserving Coach and just a very kind human being.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration,

Very respectfully,

Liz Johnson Kelker class of '74



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION  
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FORT CAMPBELL, KY 42223

November 1, 2013

Directorate of Family and Morale,  
Welfare and Recreation

KHSAA Hall of Fame  
Attention: Nominations  
2280 Executive Drive  
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

I am the Deputy Director, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate, at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and am endorsing the nomination of Coach Marshall Patterson for induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

I have known Coach Patterson since 1985 when I became the Director of Sports for the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Throughout my career I have never known another high school coach who has exemplified greater character and leadership than Coach Patterson. As a coach and athletic director in a military community, Coach Patterson served as a beacon of values for the entire community.

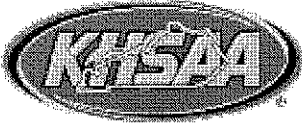
The record books provide results of programs and competitions. But the record books cannot begin to capture the impact Coach Patterson has had in the lives of Soldiers and their Families. He has stood beside young athletes as their parents have gone forth and served our country. He coached people first and the sport second. Very few people have had such a positive and lasting impact on the lives of families in this community. He has been a pillar of commitment and discipline.

Having worked with coaches on the collegiate and Olympic levels, I have not known another coach for whom I have more respect. I am strongly convinced that Coach Patterson is highly deserving of this honor and I highly endorse his nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Van Stokes".

Van Stokes  
Deputy Director  
Directorate of Family and Morale,  
Welfare and Recreation



Day, Marsha &lt;mday@khsaa.org&gt;

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**Coach Marshall Patterson**

1 message

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Stewart, Gary <stewartg@apsu.edu>  
To: "mday@khsaa.org" <mday@khsaa.org>  
Cc: "Stewart, Gary" <stewartg@apsu.edu>

Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 7:08 PM

**October 29, 2013**

**Dear Selection Committee:**

**I am Gary Stewart, and I am writing this letter of support for Coach Patterson in an effort to have his name placed in the KHSAA Hall of Fame. In addition to myself, I am also writing this letter posthumously for my predecessor, Mr. Bill R. Perry. Bill was the principal for Coach Patterson's early years in coaching and he and I both shared in the Kentucky State Championships he brought to Fort Campbell High School. Additionally, from 1977 until 1999, I had the privilege and distinction of working with Coach Marshall Patterson at Fort Campbell High School. I was the principal there for the better part of those years and Coach Patterson served as the Head Football Coach, Head Wrestling Coach, Athletic Director and later as my Administrative Assistant.**

**To enumerate the accomplishments of this man would take more than a few pages, perhaps even a small journal. During my tenure with Coach Marshall Patterson, the things that impressed me and caused the student athletes to revere him was not his won-loss record, as remarkable as it was. Students, teachers, administrators, parents and friends were awed by the value he placed on building character and developing young people to become the leaders of our society. He never viewed a single individual as beyond being worthy of his very best. The lives he touched on the athletic fields of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the Greater Clarksville area, and even the world is his greatest achievement and his legacy. The students and parents who had the privilege of his coaching and his teaching have carried those same lessons throughout their lives and are now sharing those lessons with their children, their grandchildren, and other young people they work with.**

**It was an honor working with Coach Patterson. My friend, Bill Perry, would agree with me, if he were still alive, that Coach Patterson deserves this award not because of what he did in athletics but what he did in the lives of the athletes and non-athletes he was associated with. I was proud to be a Falcon for 33 years because of such people as Marshall Patterson. Coach Patterson and I talked a great deal about life and what we should be teaching in school, on the football field, on the**

**court, on the mat, in life. We were in agreement on every point. Coach Patterson will forever be Mr. Football at Fort Campbell High School. He will forever be the greatest coach and the greatest Falcon to walk the halls of Fort Campbell High School.**

**He was and will always be my friend. He was and always will be one of those few people I will admire, respect, and revere because of what he gave the students and the families and community members at Fort Campbell. He gave them all the greatest memories of their lives and he is still giving those same memories to others through the lives of the men and women he coached and coached against as the Head Football Coach and Head Wrestling Coach of Fort Campbell High School.**

**I am hopeful that Coach Patterson will be honored with admission to the Hall of Fame. However, he has already received his greatest award. He is Coach Patterson; he is Coach "P" to thousands of former students and even to their children and grandchildren. His legacy is forever etched in the minds and hearts of countless Falcons from around the world.**

**If Coach Patterson is selected for this honor, it is as much for his former Falcons as for him. I would be honored to be present if this award is bestowed on him. There is not a greater name in athletics in Western Kentucky over the past 50 years than the name of Coach Marshall Patterson.**

**Dr. Gary Stewart, Associate Professor**

**Graduate Coordinator**

**College of Education**

**Austin Peay State University**



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## Coach Marshall Patterson Nomination

1 message

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**Wiley Middleton** <wileymiddleton@middletonphotography.com>

Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 6:06 PM

To: mday@khsaa.org

My name is Wiley James Middleton and I became associated with Coach Patterson as a wrestler on the team that took "State" in the early 70's. It was a time of turbulence, riots and Vietnam. At the age of 16 there are many paths from which to choose, especially when your dad is going to or coming from war and just knowing some of our parents were not coming home, ever again. This was quite a burden.

I had spent many years at Ft. Campbell off an on but my most memorable time was attending Ft. Campbell High School. I decided on a whim, to go out for the wrestling team. It was an individual as well as a team sport and that is what I liked about it. I have to say Coach Patterson pushed and pushed and pushed. One day while he was pushing, I was bench pressing weights two times my weight and he kind of got under my skin. I jumped up and at the top of my lungs I yelled, "I quit!" There was a deafening silence... Coach Patterson came over and just looked at me. He said, "No you don't. With that I returned to bench pressing. We went on to celebrate the state championship that year.

My experiences have taken me from corporate work, combat rescue aircrew, father and now business owner.

One thing I have learned from being up and being down is "never quit". Coach Patterson's voice still rings in my ears to this very day.

I would greatly appreciate you accepting my letter of support for Coach Marshall Patterson into the Kentucky High School Association Hall of Fame. I am sure there are others that would agree that he is deserving of the honor both in wins and inspiration, especially to people like me.

Sincerely,

Wiley J. Middleton

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## Recommendation for Marshall Patterson

1 message

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**Wendell Bruce Carver** <moonstruckassoc@hotmail.com>

Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 5:47 PM

To: "mday@khsaa.org" <mday@khsaa.org>

I taught at Fort Campbell High School with a number of outstanding faculty, including Marshall "Buddy" Patterson. He was not only an excellent coach for football and wrestling, but he also held the highest standards for the athletes regarding their academic progress and their behavior. I was a faithful football fan and had the privilege of being with the fans in Louisville the year our wrestling team won the state title.



Day, Marsha <mday@khsaa.org>

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## Letter not finished

1 message

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**Wendell Bruce Carver** <moonstruckassoc@hotmail.com>  
To: "mday@khsaa.org" <mday@khsaa.org>

Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 5:50 PM

(Please add to previous letter; it sent before I meant it to!)

I would like to recommend Marshall Patterson for the Athletic Hall of Fame in honor of his many achievements as a coach and his outstanding work with the young athletes of Fort Campbell High.

Sincerely,  
Kathy D. Carver  
Former teacher of English and Spanish, Fort Campbell High School



# Debra Jones Gifford

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November 1, 2013

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ATTN: Nominations  
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Re: Nomination for Coach Patterson – Fort Campbell High School

Dear Nominating Committee,

My name is Debbe Jones Gifford and I graduated from Fort Campbell High School in 1973. My reason for writing today is to urge you to nominate Coach Marshall Patterson to the KHSAA HOF.

I moved to Ft. Campbell during my sophomore year and even though moving during high school is tough, as an Army Brat we get accustomed to moving a lot! Therefore, when I think of all the things Coach Patterson had to manage when coaching football and wrestling, especially with students constantly coming and going, he mastered the ability to produce winning teams with a constantly evolving roster!

Not only was Coach Patterson a master of producing results with limited and evolving resources ... he was more importantly a "ROLE MODEL" for all to look up to and work hard to earn his respect and praise.

My brother struggled as a teenager, but with the positive influence of Coach Patterson, he became a great wrestler, leading the way for him to become an All European Champion, after moving to Wurzburg, Germany in his junior year! As you can see, the influence Coach Patterson had on many, has been life-long and not just during the formative high school years!

Please nominate Coach Patterson and ensure he earns his well-deserved place in the Kentucky High School Athletics HOF.

Respectfully,

*Debbe Gifford*



Day, Marsha &lt;mday@khsaa.org&gt;

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## Please Induct Coach Patterson to Kentucky High School Athletic Association's HALL OF FAME

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**Vycke Horback** <vyckeruth@aol.com>

Fri, Nov 1, 2013 at 4:58 PM

To: mday@khsaa.org

Coach Patterson was the head coach during my three years (1972-1974) at Fort Campbell High School. Being a high school coach on an Army Post was not an easy task. And during those years the Vietnam War made it more difficult than normal. Military reassignments and the resulting family moves caused frequent changes in team rosters. Having a player for 3 consecutive years was unheard of. Yet, with the uncertainty of military life, Coach Patterson managed to develop dynamic teams and a sense of stability throughout the school. He was a source of strength. His dedication to his athletes, our school, and the military community created a sense of security in an unsettled time. He influenced so many athletes, students, faculty, and parents. He taught, he mentored, he encouraged, he supported, he believed. He was a coach in every sense of the word.

Please Induct Coach Patterson to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's HALL OF FAME! There is no one who deserves it more.

Vycke Shen Horback  
FCHS Class of 1974



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ATTN: Nominations

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REF: Hall of Fame Nomination For Marshall Patterson  
Fort Campbell High School  
Fort Campbell, KY

Greetings:

The purpose of this letter is to give support to the nomination of Marshall Patterson to the Kentucky High School Hall of Fame. I attended Fort Campbell High School from its first year in 1962 to 1965 when I graduated. I was part Coach Marshall Patterson's first football and wrestling teams at Fort Campbell.

Coach Patterson went well beyond being a coach and impacted my life greatly. Upon learning that my father was having problems at work, he took an interest by meeting with him and my mother without my knowledge. He was instrumental in getting my father involved with the Masonic Organization and things at home and at my Dad's work greatly improved.

Coach Patterson talked to me several times about my studies and what my plans were after high school. I was considering joining the Army before graduating from high school. Coach Patterson thought I should go to college and try to play football. He was a graduate of Tennessee Tech and a good friend of then football coach at Tennessee Tech, Coach Wellborn Tucker. At the urging of Coach Patterson, Coach Tucker called me and asked me to walk on his football team. I accepted and did not look at any other schools. I did play football my freshman year, got interested in engineering and graduated after 5 years at Tenn Tech with a degree in Civil Engineering along with a commission in the US Army Corps of Engineers. None of this would have happened without the urging and direction from Coach Patterson. Coach Patterson has proved himself to be a great coach over his 33 years of service, but more importantly, he has proved to direct the lives of many of his students like me because he cared. Coach Patterson is in my "Hall of Fame." I love Coach Patterson.

Sincerely,

**NELSON & COMPANY, PC**

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Stan Nelson, PE

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## Support for Coach Marshall Patterson

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**Blackwell, David** <dblackwell@uky.edu>  
To: "mday@khsaa.org" <mday@khsaa.org>

Mon, Nov 4, 2013 at 9:16 AM

Dear KHSAA,

I have been traveling in China without good access to e-mail. Having just returned, I have seen the campaign to have Coach Patterson inducted into the Hall of Fame. I hope will consider my input even though it is a bit overdue.

I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse the nomination of Coach Patterson for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. As a former player under Coach P graduating from Fort Campbell High School in 1976, I can attest to the positive impact of his leadership on my life and career. I know there are many others who have benefited from his guidance and no doubt you have received many other endorsements.

His accomplishments as a football coach and wrestling coach are obvious. Between the two sports, he has probably coached teams to at least 4 or 5 state championships over his career under the most challenging conditions. At Fort Campbell the student turnover during his career was very high given the frequent transfer of military households. That he was able to coach to such success under these conditions provides even stronger evidence of his leadership talent and accomplishment.

We sincerely hope the KHSAA will honor Coach Patterson as he has honored generations of Fort Campbell High School students with his example and leadership.

Regards,

Dave

David W. Blackwell

Dean

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I respectfully submit this letter of recommendation for Marshall Patterson to be inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Marshall Patterson's, Ft. Campbell High School, accomplishments speak for themselves. Three football championships and competing in four state title games. In addition, he has a state wrestling championship to his credit. Coach Patterson retired in 1992 with a 227-120 record in football. During his 33 years as Athletic director Ft. Campbell won 27 state championships in various sports.

I had the opportunity to do my practice teaching under the supervision of Marshall Patterson. During this time I realized that he is a man of outstanding character and integrity. No better man could be admitted to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, than Marshall Patterson. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Carl J. Masters

Retired teacher and coach

37 years service to CMCS

Clarksville, Tenn.

Mobile phone 931-801-2200

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To: Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame

From: Tim Ghianni  
471 Rochelle Drive  
Nashville, TN 37220

Attention: Nominations  
2280 Executive drive  
Lexington, Ky. 40505

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Tim Ghianni -- a journalist, author and mass communications writing college instructor. Currently I also am the Kentucky and Tennessee correspondent for Reuters.

I am writing this note because if anyone deserves to be inducted into your Hall of Fame, it is Marshall Patterson.

When I was a young sportswriter and sports editor in Clarksville, Tennessee, a part of my job was to cover prep sports at Fort Campbell. During this time I got to spend a good deal of time on the sidelines, in the coach's office and on the phone with Coach P.

Not only is he a winner, but he always did it with dignity.

As you likely know, he wasn't simply coach of the Fort Campbell High School Falcons football team, he also was wrestling coach and athletic director.

During his tenure at Fort Campbell High, Coach P led his grappling squad to a state wrestling championship and took his football teams to four state championship games, winning three of them (1976, '78 and '79.)

That's plenty. But he also helped develop the girls' athletics program at the school. And there's more, of course.

He was successful in a place where there were, year-in and year-out, wholesale roster changes, as the athletes followed their families to military installations worldwide.

Truth is, I was surprised to learn he wasn't already inducted. Please fix this.

Sincerely,



Tim Ghianni

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November 1, 2013

To Selection Committee:


This letter is in reference to the consideration of Coach Marshall Patterson for the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

I have known Coach Patterson during his entire tenure at Ft. Campbell High School and have followed his success very closely. I was football coach at Clarksville High School in Montgomery County, Tennessee several years and even though we did not compete, I had great respect for his success.

Later, as Athletic Director at Austin Peay State University, I interviewed Coach Patterson for the head coaching position. This certainly indicates my trust in his abilities. He preferred to remain at the high school level which I respected.

I know of no one in your state more deserving than Coach Patterson. He coached with the highest standards and lived his life the same way.

Yours truly,

  
Johnny Miller

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Clarksville, Tennessee 37043

**Samuel D Green  
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**Nomination Committee**

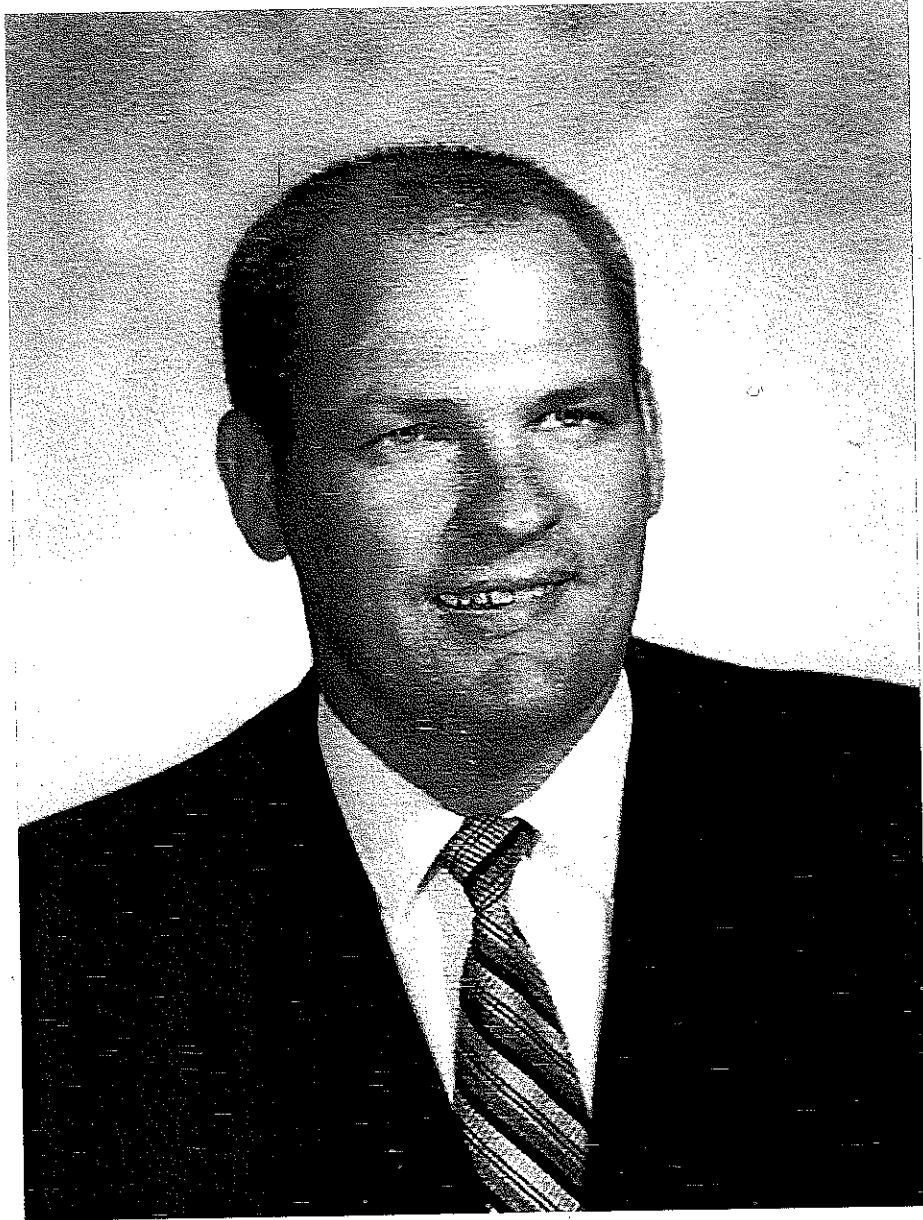
**Enclosed is a 5x8 photo of Marshall H Patterson to be put into his nomination folder. If you don't already know Mr. Patterson died Sunday, 19 January 2013. For his nomination application to be correct his status needs to be changed from living to deceased. Thank you for your time.**

**Sincerely**

*Samuel D Green*

**Samuel D Green, Class of 1965  
Fort Campbell High School**





## Former Fort Campbell, Northwest football coach dies at age 79

Written by George Robinson Leaf-Chronicle

Jan. 20, 2014 |

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**CLARKSVILLE, TENN.** — Marshall Patterson's legacy has always been a source of pride around the Clarksville community, and especially on the Fort Campbell military post.

As one of the city's most respected educators and coaches, Patterson shepherded a program from its infancy, established a high school football power, created a legion of admirers, affected the lives of so many of his former athletes and spawned a long list of future coaches.

Patterson died Sunday night at the Gateway Medical Center at the age of 79.

"He created the tradition at Fort Campbell," fellow former Falcons head coach Shawn Berner said Sunday night. "He started it all there. To be the coach at Fort Campbell like he was, was an honor for me, and to be around him throughout my years at Fort Campbell are some of the more special moments of my coaching career."

Few coaches in Tennessee and Kentucky are more revered, and even fewer still, draw the kinds of compliments and warm recollections as Patterson. He initiated the football program at Fort Campbell High School in 1962, was its first head coach and developed the school's first wrestling program during that time.

He served as an educator at the school for 32 years before he retired from coaching briefly in the mid 1990s. He also was the school's athletics director.

But Patterson returned to coaching at Northwest High School before retiring for good in 2001.

"I have the utmost respect for him," Berner said. "He was an idol to me, a mentor. He opened his arms wide to me, and he and his family were so gracious toward us. He welcomed me into his home quite a bit over the years.

"Those early years when I was coaching at Fort Campbell, I'd leave his house with a ton of notes about what it meant to coach at Fort Campbell and how special it is, and about how you've got to support those Fort Campbell students in a big way because of its unique military background."

Berner became the most successful coach at Fort Campbell since Patterson. Both men won three state championships in Kentucky. Berner won his in consecutive seasons (2007, 2008 and 2009). But it was Patterson who put the Falcons football program on the map with state titles in 1976, '78 and '79. Patterson advanced to the state title game in 1980, when the Falcons finished runner-up.

"He was just a great man and a great coach," Fort Campbell statistician Donnie Caver said. "I played for coach Patterson in 1982 and 1983, and after I graduated he contacted me about becoming the stat guy at Fort Campbell. Thirty-plus years later, I'm still doing it."

In addition to those three state crowns in football, Patterson won a state title in wrestling in 1971, and in his 32 years he won 227 football games in Kentucky before retiring in 1993. He was ranked in the state's

top 10 in coaching wins at the time of his first retirement. He spent three years away from the game until he re-emerged in 1996 as head coach at Northwest, where he guided the Vikings to the playoffs twice. He had an overall 20-12 playoff record with the Falcons.

“He was the first one there and the last one to leave,” current Clarksville Academy head coach Todd Hood said. “That’s the one thing he taught me about how to be a head coach. You’ve got to have the work ethic and you’ve got to care about these kids. Coaches are in a unique position to effect these kids’ lives.”

Hood was Patterson’s defensive coordinator at Northwest from 1996-2001 and was on the staff along with former Vikings and Falcons assistant Scott Lowe. Lowe would go on to become the offensive line coach under Berner. Current Fort Campbell assistants Josh McKillip (defensive coordinator) and Nate Moore (line coach) also played under Patterson and won titles as a part of Berner’s staff.

“I saw firsthand what coach Patterson meant to his former players,” Berner said. “So many of those guys were on my staff, and he had such a positive influence on everyone he met. You just don’t see many people like that anymore. I visited him after we won our last state title, and he and his wife pulled out their old scrapbook and it was like a history lesson, learning about his championship runs in the ’70s.”

Berner resigned as the Falcons head coach in 2012 after 11 seasons. While Berner often used the spread offense and threw the ball to create quick scoring opportunities, Patterson was a more run-oriented coach who loved the wishbone.

“People would ask coach Patterson, right before a game, if he was going to throw the ball at all,” Caver said. “He’d tell them, ‘If you want to see some passing, come to our pregame warmups.’ That always made me laugh. He believed in what he was doing, and if you executed his plays, it was going to work.”

Caver said Patterson reminded him of legendary Alabama coach Paul “Bear” Bryant, and the comparison may not be farfetched considering the vast numbers people who hold Patterson in such high regard.

“I can’t stress how important he has been in this community and in this area,” Berner said. “His values have been a standard at Fort Campbell that everyone has tried to match. I don’t know if it gets any bigger than coach Patterson.”

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home.



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Coach Marshall H. Patterson, age 79, of Clarksville, died Sunday, January 19, 2014, at Gateway Medical Center. He was born in Lewisburg, TN, to the late Marshall Gray Patterson and Grace Holman Patterson Liggett. Marshall was also preceded in death by grandson, Christopher Patterson.

Coach Patterson graduated from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, with a BS, in 1957 and attained a Masters in Education from George Peabody College for Teachers, in 1959.

He served in the US Army, at Fort Gordon, in Augusta, GA, from 1957-1959. He was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant, achieved the rank of 1st Lieutenant, and, after leaving active duty, obtained the rank of Captain, in the Army Reserves.

Marshall began his coaching career at Fort Campbell Middle School in 1961, and then started the football program at Fort Campbell High School in 1962. There Marshall coached football, wrestling, and served as Athletic Director. He retired from Fort Campbell High School in 1995, and coached football for six more years, at Northwest High School.

He was a member of New Providence United Methodist Church, loved fishing with his son, antiquing with his wife, and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 24 at 3:00 PM, at the Chapel of Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, with Rev. Skip Armistead and Rev. B.J. Brack officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 23, from 1:00 to 7:00 PM, and on Friday, from 2:00 PM until the hour of service, at the funeral home.

Marshall is survived by his wife of 56 years, Rebecca Roach Patterson; one son, Stephen (Shelia) Patterson, of Thomaston, GA; two daughters, Jeanann (Randy) Pardue, of Knoxville, TN, Marsha (John) Anderson, of Nashville, TN; one sister, Aldene Williams, of Mt. Pleasant, TN; seven grandchildren, Taylor Patterson, Benjamin Pardue, Philip Pardue, Tessa Patterson, Mary Marshall Anderson, Stephen Pardue, and Jack Anderson; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN 37040; (931) 645-6488. Online condolences may be made at [www.neal-tarpley.com](http://www.neal-tarpley.com).



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