

Patrick Kueffler Sr.

Patrick Wayne Kueffler, who was born in Montana and raised in Oklahoma, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on Oct. 26, 1983.

He served on active duty until October 1987 and continued in the Marine Corps Reserve until October 1989. During his service, Kueffler worked as a warehouse specialist, forklift operator and management specialist. His service included the Cold War era and deployments during operations associated with Lebanon and Grenada.

“Our family has a long line of men and women who have or are serving in the military, going as far back as the 1500s on my maternal grandmother’s side of the family when the McKinseys fought in the army under the rule of Mary Queen of Scots,”



Kueffler said.

Kueffler is a member of American Legion Post 73 in Del City and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 39 in Midwest City. He is also an active member of Meadowood Baptist Church in Midwest City.

He married Sherry Lynn Kueffler on Nov. 10, 1996. The couple has five children and 10 grandchildren.

Patrick Kueffler Jr.

Patrick Wayne Kueffler Jr., the youngest of five siblings, was born and raised in Midwest City, Oklahoma. He joined the United States Air Force in June 2019 and graduated basic training in August 2019 at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Kueffler then completed technical training, graduating in December 2019 at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

“It would seem that serving in the military was meant to be. It was all around me in my surroundings and environment and it was in my blood,” Kueffler Jr. said.

He currently serves as an avionics technician for the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska.

Kueffler Jr. is on his seventh year of service and plans to make a career in the Air Force and retire from military



service. He is married to Jacie, and they have two children, Emmalynn and Payton. He enjoys golfing and family time and once recorded a hole-in-one on a par four, an achievement that was witnessed and documented.

His father recalled a childhood moment during a “Day with Dad” work event at Tinker Air Force Base, where Patrick visited the base and was dressed in an Air Force uniform for a photo.

“When I, his dad, was working out at Tinker AFB, Patrick went with me on a



“I am so proud of my family’s desire to serve and protect this nation,” he said. “My brother Dennis Kueffler served in the Navy on the USS San Onofre as a supply tech and after leaving active duty served in the Navy Reserves. Most of all, I am extremely proud of my son Patrick, who decided to serve and is on his seventh year and plans to stay until he retires.”



day the base had designated as ‘Day with Dad.’ The airmen there dressed Patrick up in an Air Force uniform and took his picture. I still have that picture to this day. Who would have thought back then that we were seeing a future airman in the making,” Kueffler said.

Dennis Kueffler

Dennis E. Kueffler served in the U.S. Navy from April 1984 to April 1990.

Kueffler was stationed at Point Loma in San Diego, California, and served aboard the USS San Onofre (ARD-30), a submarine tender. He held the rating of storekeeper during his service.

A Midwest City High School graduate in the Class of 1983, Kueffler is married to Gerry Lynn Kueffler. The couple has two children, Andrew, who is serving as an Air Force pilot,



and Joshua.

Kueffler currently resides in Dousman, Wisconsin, where he works as a service director.

Steven Kueffler

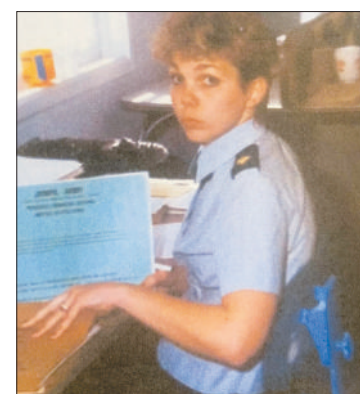
Steven E. Kueffler served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1985 to 1990.

During his military career, he was assigned to units in Okinawa, Japan; Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, South Carolina; Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California; and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He served as a motor vehicle operator, tractor-trailer operator and semi-trailer refueler operator.

A 1985 graduate of Midwest



City High School, Kueffler is married to Kerry Kueffler. They have two children, Kyle Steven and Kaila Marie.



Ralph and Clarice Hawkins

Lt. Col. Ralph “Hawk” Hawkins served in the U.S. Air Force from 1975 to 2017, completing a 42-year military career, followed by two additional years in civil service.

During his service, Hawkins

was stationed in Texas, Mississippi, Guam, North Dakota, Colorado and at Tinker Air Force Base.

His wife, Spec. 5 Clarice Hawkins (U.S. Army), served 17 years in North Dakota and Kansas.