

2001 Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame Class of Inductees

Jeff Sapp

A 1973 graduate of Mitchell High School, Jeff Sapp excelled in football, baseball, track and wrestling during his prep career. Among his many accomplishments, Sapp won a state championship in wrestling (167 pounds) in 1972. But it was football that held Sapp's interest and, after receiving more than 60 scholarship offers, he selected the United States Naval Academy.

Playing nose guard for the Midshipmen, Sapp was named team captain and earned All-America honors in 1976 despite weighing just 196 pounds.

Today, Sapp holds the rank of Captain in the U.S. Navy, where he has been an aide to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and has commanded six vessels - including a 9,000-ton destroyer. Sapp is also an accomplished motivational speaker and spends a great deal of time speaking to young people about leadership, determination and personal character.