2014 EMCC SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

STEVE MOORE

Steve Moore’s influential 40-year career in the oil industry was set into motion while growing up on a small farm near Brooksville. He became an Eagle Scout and was elected to Noxubee County High School’s Hall of Fame following a standout prep career. Moore earned a scholarship to attend East Mississippi Junior College and was also recruited by Hall of Fame football coach Bob “Bull” Sullivan. Though EMJC’s legendary coach was replaced by A.J. Kilpatrick in 1969, the Lions went 9-1 during Moore’s freshman season. As a sophomore for the 8-2 Lions, Moore maintained his starting quick-guard position on offense and at defensive nose guard along with handling the team’s long-snapper duties and starting on all special teams. With the Lions coming up a coin toss shy of playing for the 1970 state championship, Moore was named team MVP and most improved lineman while earning all-state honors. He turned down football scholarship offers to Eastern Kentucky and Mississippi College in order to major in petroleum engineering at Mississippi State on a full-paid tuition, academic scholarship.

Moore joined the United States Marine Corps and attended Officer’s Basic Training in Quantico, Va., during the summer of 1971. Balancing summer employment opportunities with Amoco Oil and Mobil Oil, along with getting married to the former Janie Cooper of Brooksville in June 1972, Moore fulfilled his military obligation in the spring of 1973 and received an honorable discharge from the USMC. Upon earning his bachelor’s degree in petroleum engineering from MSU in 1974, Moore began his successful oil industry career with Gulf Oil/Chevron. Following initial field training in Columbia and Laurel, Miss., he had advancement stops in Houston, Lafayette, La., and Casper, Wyo. In 1980, Moore’s steady climb up the corporate ladder landed his family in Slidell, La. Having mentored and trained numerous interns, new hires and international engineers throughout his distinguished career, Moore continues to serve as one of the company’s senior petroleum engineering mentors for Chevron’s Gulf of Mexico Business Unit. Moore is co-owner, along with his brother and fellow EMCC Hall of Famer, Ernie, of the old family farm in Brooksville. Moore and his wife are the parents of two sons, Vincent and Vernon.