

City of Sitka  
Dept. of Parks and Rec.  
Director Lynne McGowan

Dear Lynne,

We, the Community School soccer coaches, would like to propose naming the new Kimsham soccer field in honor of Sean Krueger.

Sean, the Coast Guard pilot who died in Washington state while piloting a Jayhawk helicopter to Sitka, you may know, was not only a valuable member of the Coast Guard but also of the community through his volunteer efforts in the Sitka soccer and football programs.

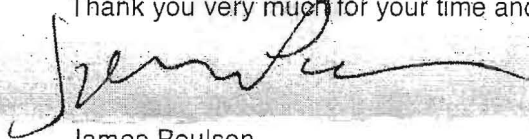
During most military servicemen's short postings they are unable to make themselves a part of the community. Sean was different. He made an impressive effort to help out. He coached kids soccer, filling in where needed, attended coaches meetings, refereed high school soccer games and football games – all while being an active duty pilot at the air station, where it would be very easy to lead a life completely separate from the community.

He impressed the soccer coaches enough that we think it would be appropriate to name the new soccer field in the Kimsham complex in his honor. It would acknowledge not only Sean's contributions to Sitka soccer and football, but also give a nod to the contributions of Coast Guard servicemen and women who have also added to the program. (Capt. John Turner, a former air station commander and one of main organizers of the current program, comes to mind).

We think naming the field after Sean Krueger would encourage others who may live in Sitka for only a short time to get involved and contribute to the community, knowing that their efforts are not going unnoticed or unappreciated by the town.

We hope others will see the wisdom in our effort to name the field after Sean Krueger.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.



James Poulson,  
for Community School soccer coaches.

P.S. I understand there is also an effort to name a Kimsham ball field in honor of long-time baseball volunteer John Abbott. I think this too is a good idea.