Darrell Wayne McCracken came to SHSU after graduating from Klein High School in 1973. He was in ROTC his first two years at SHSU and then went into the USMC PLC program. He graduated and was commissioned in USMC in 1977.

In 1978, he went to the Basic Officer Training and the Strategic Armed Forces Intelligence School. From 1979 to 1981 he was S2 and Scout Sniper Platoon Commander for 1BN 2ND Marines and 2ND BN 2ND Marines. From 1981 to 1983 he was S2 4TH Recon BN, USMC Reserve and was promoted to CPT.

He was worked for TDCJ since 1983, and resided in Huntsville, TX at the time of his death.

Below is a newspaper clipping from the Huntsville Item of Darrell receiving recognition from the City Council along with another former SHSU ROTC Cadet Marcus Luttrell (before he was famous).
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