

Born into a loving family I was blessed with the support of two incredible parents. Ever since I was a little girl my parents have been my heroes, just for the little things, picking me up when I've fallen down, wiping off my skinned knees and giving me a nudge in the right direction. My parents have always been my personal heroes, but also the heroes of many others. My Mother, Jody Carman, (VanderHyden) was one of the first USCG woman rescue swimmers. She graduated top of her class above all the men. My father, Terry Burcham, also very amazing, saved many lives in the oceans of Hawaii, Florida and Alaska. They both claim saving someone's life is like no other feeling in the world. My father once told me the story of a night rescue that he had in Hawaii. He was hoisting a man up from the raft and looked down to see dorsal fins everywhere; with out panicking he helped the man into the helicopter and went with the basket down to save the other man. Believing these dorsal fins belonged to sharks he was some what nervous, however to his surprise there were a bunch of dolphins swimming around he believed that they were looking out for him during the rescue. I am astonished by all the stories I have heard growing up. My parents are fearless they do what they need to achieve there goals. I am so proud of my family and that these two heroes are my mother and father. They have set the bar of achievement so high in my life, and for that I thank them. Every day it pushes me to go beyond my limits and achieve my goals and not to stop until I reach my dreams. My name is Linzee Jo Burcham and my parents are the biggest heroes and inspiration in my life.