



# 2018 International Skydiving Hall of Fame Celebration!

November 1, 2, 3—Skydive City, Zephyrhills, Florida

## SPECIAL 2018 CELEBRATION EVENT INSERT

Have you been to ZHills lately? It's where the sun shines warm and the camaraderie of skydivers—young and old—keeps it cool. Join us at Skydive City—one of the oldest and most famous dropzones in the world—for the 2018 International Skydiving Hall of Fame Celebration! It's a great time for old and new friends to support the museum.

The Celebration is all about celebrating the induction of ten truly remarkable individuals to the International Skydiving Hall of Fame for their lifelong commitment to the sport of skydiving. The International Skydiving Hall of Fame Class of 2018 welcomes Ray Cottingham, Daryl Henry, Leslie Irvin, Susan "Suzie"



Hunter-Joerns, Domina C. Jalbert, Coy O. McDonald, Roger Ponce de Leon, W. L. Jay Stokes, Tony Uragallo and Henny Wiggers. The inductees, who

have put their unique and distinctive stamps on our sport, will be honored with a Tribute Jump Saturday afternoon. PIA has graciously returned as the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony Presenting Sponsor.

Come early so you don't miss a thing. Early Bird Registration starts at 4 pm on Thursday, followed by the Early Bird Reception in the Pioneers Lounge, sponsored by the Pope Valley Parachute Ranch, where the beer and "no s&#!, there I was, thought I was going to die" jump stories will be overflowing.

There will be skydiving competitions and record attempts along with plenty of fun jumping and tandem jumps. Other non-skydiving and spectator activities provide a winning combination for one and all.

Dive into nostalgia and organize a team for the 10-way Speed STAR WARS competition using USPA's no-show rules. Ten-way speed star competition traces its roots back to 1967 when three teams competed at Taft, California. Can you name the three teams and which one won the meet? Go to our Facebook page and post your answers. Contact Marylou Laughlin at [mlaughlin@skydivingmuseum.org](mailto:mlaughlin@skydivingmuseum.org) for more info on the 10-way Speed STAR WARS competition.

The exciting "For the Legends" Freestyle Canopy Piloting Meet is a high-energy, great spectator event where incredibly talented top Canopy pilots from around

the world will fly their canopies doing artistic maneuvers across the pond for points in order to win \$10,000 in prize money. This event always dazzles the crowd with breathtaking swoops and sometimes spectacular splashes. The Meet is supported by Sun Path Products, Kenneth Wasley/Children of Fallen Heroes and Superior Flight Solutions/Greg Windmiller. For more info on the meet, contact Greg Windmiller at [greg@superiorflightsolutions.com](mailto:greg@superiorflightsolutions.com).

Other activities featured during the weekend . . .

- SkyHigh Forum featuring Col. Joe Kittinger (Ret), Art Thompson and Alan Eustace who will captivate with their insights on what it means to "jump from the stratosphere" and set high-altitude skydiving records.
- Pioneers Lunch sponsored by Strong Enterprises to honor the pioneers of skydiving is open to all.
- Gear Thru the Years sponsored by PIA presents the progression of the sport's transition from military surplus rigs to today's sleek and modern equipment.
- Jumpers Over Seventy (JOS) World Record attempts will add to the excitement of the weekend.
- Book signings and photo sessions featuring Norman Olson, Hall of Fame members Joe Kittinger and Jackie Smith and photographer extraordinaire Mike McGowen.
- Friday night BBQ where young and old, pioneers and legends, pros and aspiring champs can meet, sign log books and take selfies.
- Tribute Jumps by the U.S. Special Operations Command Parachute Team.
- Tandem Jump Discounts for old and young are the perfect opportunity to get back in the air and share the experience with kids and grandkids.

And much, much more . . .

Saturday night is the BIG EVENT in the BIG TENT that will LIGHT UP for the International Skydiving Hall of Fame Reception, Banquet and Induction Ceremony. It is an event you don't want to miss.



The purpose of the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame™ is to recognize and promote the sport of skydiving through public education and awareness; recognize the contribution to skydiving by its participants, suppliers and supporters; capture forever the history of the sport via its events, equipment, and personalities; and enhance aviation safety.

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## Introducing the Hall of Fame Class of 2018 . . .

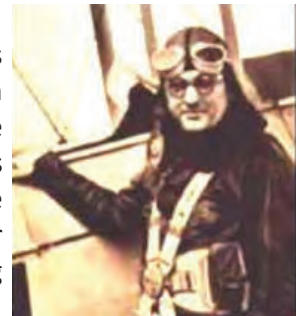


**RAY COTTINGHAM**—Ray made his first jump in 1960 and has made over 12,000 since. He is perhaps best known for his pioneer work as a skydiving cinematographer/videographer. His filming credits include scenes from *Point Break*, *Terminal Velocity*, *Operation Dumbo Drop*, and *Honeymoon in Las Vegas*, along with many television shows and commercials. As a freefall videographer for two freestyle teams, he medaled in 1991 through 1998 at the US National Championships, as well as filming for the US Freefall Exhibition Team at the World meet in Bled, Yugoslavia. Generous with his help for others, Ray served as a mentor and standard for generations of skydivers and videographers to follow.



**DARYL HENRY**—Daryl, born in British Columbia, Canada, and holder of Canada's License D-3 and US D-410, made his first jump in 1958. He had many "firsts" in his native country, to include the first baton pass in 1959. As a competitor, he placed first overall in the 1960 Canadian National Championships and was team leader of the Canadian Team, which competed in the 1960 World Meet in Bulgaria and would go on to win again three more times. In 1960, he joined Jacques Istel, US I-1 and D-2, at Parachutes Incorporated in Orange, Massachusetts, as an instructor, training many of the next generation of skydivers. In addition to his pioneer work in training and competition, he served as a judge at many major championships.

**LESLIE IRVIN (posthumous)**—Leslie was born in Los Angeles, California, in 1895. He is credited with making the world's first free-fall descent using a ripcord in 1919. With an intense interest in parachute innovation and jump safety, he formed his own parachute company also in 1919, which grew to six factories by 1939, and eventually led to today's Airborne Systems. During the WWII era when canopies were made of silk from Japan, he delivered the first canopies made from nylon instead, the material of choice to this day for skydivers. His many patents for innovative design of canopies and parachuting equipment made possible what we enjoy today.



**SUSAN HUNTER-JOERNS**—"Suzie" was a dominant competitor both in the United States and the world in the 1960s and 70s. She was US National Overalls Champion in 1965 and 1967, and silver medalist in 1966 and 1968. Internationally, Suzie was a member of seven US Parachute Teams, beginning in 1964 and continuing through 1976, and won the Gold medal at the X World Parachuting Championships in Bled, Yugoslavia. At that time, she was a member of more US Teams than any other male or female competitor. As a style competitor, she won the US National Championships seven times. She also excelled in accuracy, winning the gold medal in the 1965 US National Championships.



**DOMINA C. JALBERT (posthumous)**—Born in 1904 in Quebec, Canada, Domina (Dom) was an early pioneer of parachuting who greatly advanced the sport of skydiving. He did extensive work on kites, balloons and canopies, with many patents to his name. For the skydiving community, his greatest contribution was the multi-celled canopy which he patented in 1963. In 1964, he patented the Multi-cell Wing Type Aerial device known to skydivers as the Para-Foil. The first jump of this canopy was made by Hall of Fame member Paul Poppenhager. From that point forward, (multi-cell) ram-air type parachutes revolutionized and popularized the sport of skydiving.

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**COY O. MCDONALD**—Coy, US license D-70, joined the US Army in 1955 and made his first jump that year in Germany. In 1960, he was elected as a member of the original US Army Parachute Team “Golden Knights.” For nearly ten years, while assigned to the Army Team, he served as a demonstrator, competitor, team leader, aviator and Instrument Flight Examiner. He participated in 132 world accuracy records, day and night. As a competitor, he was a member of two US Teams and was a founding member of the Golden Knights 10-way team which marked the entry of the Army Team into the formation skydiving world. He also was the chief trainer of the National Guard pilots used for the 1972 World Meet in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

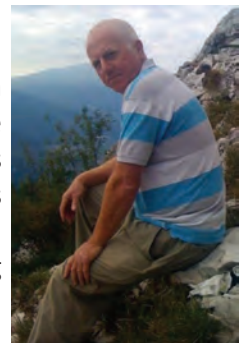


**ROGER PONCE DE LEON**—Roger “Ponce” has been an internationally recognized leader in formation skydiving for more than 50 years. He has served as a lead organizer around the globe and participated in numerous large formation skydive world records to include the first 200-, 300- and 400-ways. In addition to record size formations, he has designed and participated in numerous world record large sequential skydives. He was a member of the 1981 Mirror Image 8-Way Team which won the World Championships, and, in 1988, was part of the Exhibition Team which opened the Seoul Olympics with a spectacular display in free fall of the Olympic Rings.



**W. L. JAY STOKES**—Jay has been a leader in both the civilian and military free-fall communities. From 2007 through 2018, he has served as a member of the US Parachute Association board of directors and has been elected as both president and chairman of the board. Having set several Guinness World Records for the most jumps in a 24-hour period, he raised the bar high with 640 jumps in 2006. He was also a member of the team that set the world record in 2016 for the largest night skydive formation. As an ambassador for the sport, Jay has trained both civilian and military teams around the world.

**TONY URAGALLO**—Tony began skydiving in the United Kingdom in 1972 and has since competed in style, accuracy, and formation skydiving, winning multiple gold medals in each at the British Championships. In 1978, as a member of the guest 4-way team Symbiosis, he and his team won the Australian Nationals. Tony also won gold at the US Nationals in 16- and 20-way and, in 2014, was the gold medalist at the first British National Championships of Wingsuiting. Having made his own first jumpsuit on his mother’s sewing machine in 1976, Tony founded Tony Suits in 1977, which became instrumental in advancing formation skydiving, freeflying and wingsuiting disciplines.



**HENNY WIGGERS**—Dutch skydiver Henny Wiggers began skydiving in 1983 and has amassed a broad skydiving portfolio in both the Netherlands and the international community. He has made more than 20,000 jumps, which include formation skydiving, paraski, freestyle, skysurfing, wingsuiting, speed skydiving, canopy formation, canopy piloting, videography and all first jump training disciplines. He has competed in multiple disciplines around the globe. Since 2006, Henny has been his country’s alternate delegate to the FAI/IPC and served on multiple commissions. Simply put, Henny is the consummate international skydiver, which includes jumps onto the North Pole.





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## Hotel Room Block Information

We have secured room blocks at several hotels for weekend celebration event guests. Space is limited so please make your reservations early.

### Ramada Inn

6815 Gall Blvd.

Zephyrhills, FL 33542

813/762-2000

\$94/Standard Room—\$104/Suites

Ask for the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame room block

The cut-off date for the room block is 10/15/2018

### Magnuson Hotel Zephyrhills

5734 Gall Blvd.

Zephyrhills, FL 33542

813/782-5527

\$75/night—2 queen beds

Ask for the International Skydiving Museum & Hall of Fame room block

The cut-off date for the room block is 10/15/2018

### Microtel

7839 Gall Blvd.

Zephyrhills, FL 33541

813/783-2211

\$69.99/Skydiver Rate

## Phil Chiocchio to receive Trustees' Award

Congratulations to Phil Chiocchio for being selected as this year's winner of the museum's Trustees' Award. The presentation of the Trustees' Award will be made during the museum's Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony November 3rd at Skydive City, Zephyrhills, Florida. The Trustees' Award was established to honor and recognize distinguished achievement of individuals or groups for their exemplary service, selfless giving and personal commitment to the goals and mission of the International Skydiving Museum.

In 1963, at age 15, Phil Chiocchio was a chute shagger at Parachutes Incorporated's Lakewood Sport Parachuting Center; on his 16th birthday, he took his first jump course. He became a ground instructor and a jump master, and his fellow high school jumpers became known as the Boy Skydivers, a term coined by Bill Ottley. Phil's interest in making films was fulfilled when he became part of Nick Piantanida's Project Strato Jump recording crew, then went on to major in filmmaking in college, earning a Master of Fine Arts degree, later becoming a professor and making "edutainment" science programs.

Since 2011, Phil has been creating and presenting the International Skydiving Hall of Fame inductee audiovisual programs. He looks forward to the contributions of wing suiters, swoopers, graphene canopies and adventurous builders of high-altitude space elevator jump platforms this new generation of skydiving pioneers will deliver to this fearless sport and to the International Skydiving Museum.

Phil resides in Sarasota, Florida, with his wife, Barbara, where they enjoy competing with their champion weimaraners. Phil was inducted into the Florida Skateboarding Hall of Fame in 2005 and is currently the chair of the Sarasota Bay Fisheries Forum on Subtidal Habitats.



## Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

### Thursday, November 1

All Day JOS Practice Jumps  
All Day Fun Jumping  
All Day Canopy Piloting Practice Jumps  
4–8 pm Early Bird Registration—Pioneers Lounge  
4–10 pm Early Bird Reception—Pioneers Lounge  
Sponsored by Pope Valley Parachute Ranch

### Friday, November 2

All Day Fun Jumping  
8 am Canopy Piloting Practice Jumps  
10 am–5 pm Registration Open  
10 am–10 pm Pioneers Lounge Open  
10–11 am Canopy Piloting Forum  
12–5:30 pm "For the Legends" Freestyle Canopy Piloting Meet  
12–1 pm Pioneers Lunch Sponsored by Strong Enterprises (tickets required)  
1–1:30 pm Gear Thru the Years Presentation  
Sponsored by PIA  
2–3 pm SkyHigh Forum  
3:30–4:30 pm Book Signings  
5–5:30 pm Path of Excellence Award Tribute Jump  
5:30 pm Path of Excellence Award Presentation  
6–9 pm Welcome BBQ

### Saturday, November 3

All Day Fun Jumping  
8 am 10-Way Speed STAR WARS Meet Registration  
8 am–12 pm Canopy Piloting Practice Jumps  
9 am–4 pm Registration Open  
10 am–5pm Pioneers Lounge Open  
10–11 am Book Signings  
11 am–12 pm Canopy Piloting Forum  
12–4 pm "For the Legends" Freestyle Canopy Piloting Meet  
12:30–1 pm Gear Thru the Years Presentation  
1–2 pm SkyHigh Forum  
2–2:30 pm Hall of Fame Inductees Tribute Jump  
5:30–6 pm 10-Way and CP Competition Awards  
5:30–7 pm Hall of Fame Reception  
7–10 pm Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony  
Sponsored by PIA

*All activities take place at Skydive City*