



2022 International Skydiving Hall of Fame Celebration!



October 6–8 Skydive DeLand, DeLand, Florida

SPECIAL 2022 CELEBRATION INSERT

Join us for the 2022 Hall of Fame Celebration!

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Thursday, October 6—Skydive DeLand

All Day *Info coming soon!*
 All Day Fun Jumping
 4–Dusk Early Bird Registration
T-Shirt Sleeves co-sponsored by DJ Associates, Inc. & SSK Industries, Inc.
Lanyards sponsored by CYPRES
Print Media sponsored by USPA
Safety First! sponsored by Vigil America
 4–10 pm Early Bird Reception/Pioneers Lounge
sponsored by Pope Valley Parachute Ranch

Friday, October 7—Skydive DeLand

All Day Fun Jumping
 9 am–2 pm *Info coming soon!*
 9 am–3 pm Manufacturer’s Row/Book Signings
 9 am–3 pm UPT—50 Years of Gear
 10 am Classic Accuracy Competition/Demo Jump
 10 am–3 pm Registration Open
 10 am–4 pm Pioneers Lounge Open
 12 pm 10-Way Registration Closes
 12–1:30 pm Pioneers of Excellence Award Presentation,
 Tribute Jump & Lunch *sponsored by UPT*
 1:30 pm Forum—Bill Booth “50 Years in Skydiving”
 2:30 pm Classic Accuracy Competition/Demo Jump

Friday at the Historic Daytona Beach Bandshell

(70 Boardwalk, Daytona Beach, FL 32118)

5 pm Path of Excellence Award Presentation
 6:30–9 pm Path of Excellence BBQ *sponsored by Sun Path Products*
 7:30 pm Path of Excellence Tribute Jump

Saturday, October 8—Skydive DeLand

All Day Fun Jumping
 8 am 10-Way Briefing
 8:30 am– 10-Way Speed STAR WARS Competition
 2:30 pm *sponsored by Elite Rigging Academy*
 9 am–3 pm Manufacturer’s Row/Book Signings
 9 am–3 pm Registration Open
 10 am–3 pm Pioneers Lounge Open
 1–2 pm Forum
 2:30 pm Classic Accuracy Competition Final Round
sponsored by Lee & Carol Schlichtemeier
 3 pm 10-Way Speed STAR WARS & Accuracy Awards

Saturday at Hilton Daytona Beach Ocean Resort

(100 N. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona, FL 32118)

6 pm Hall of Fame Inductees Tribute Jump
 6–7 pm Hall of Fame Cocktail Hour (cash bar)
 7–10 pm Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremony
presented by



Inductee Blue Blazers sponsored by Kirk Knight
Banquet Wine sponsored by Team Raeford
Guest Giveaways sponsored by the Law Offices of
Robert L. Feldman/Robert & Jeanine Feldman
Inductees’ Dinners sponsored by Ron & Emily Zais
HOF Video Production sponsored by Phil Chiochio

To help get your planning started, we have secured room blocks at various hotels in both DeLand and Daytona Beach. Availability is limited so make your reservations soon. Please visit our website, click on Celebration then Lodging for links to make your reservations online.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FRIDAY BBQ WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HISTORIC BANDSHELL ON DAYTONA BEACH NEXT TO THE HILTON WHERE THE SATURDAY HALL OF FAME BANQUET IS HELD.

Daytona Beach Hotels

Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort

Location of HOF Banquet Saturday Evening

100 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118 (386/947-8005)
 \$179–\$329 (room availability limited) • Cut-off date is September 16, 2022

Hard Rock Daytona Beach (3/4 mile down the beach from the Hilton)

918 N. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118 (386/947-7300)

\$199–\$259/night plus \$39 daily resort fee • Cut-off date is September 6, 2022

DeLand Hotels

Courtyard by Marriott

308 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, FL 32720 (386/943-9500)
 \$149–\$189/night • Cut-off date is August 31, 2022

Hampton Inn & Suites DeLand

20 Summit Oak Place, DeLand, FL 32720 (386/279-7808)
 \$103–\$113/night • Cut-off date is September 6, 2022

Comfort Inn and Suites DeLand

400 E. International Speedway Blvd., DeLand, FL 32724 (386/736-3100)
 \$105/night • Cut-off date is September 21, 2022 • Block Code is AH8012

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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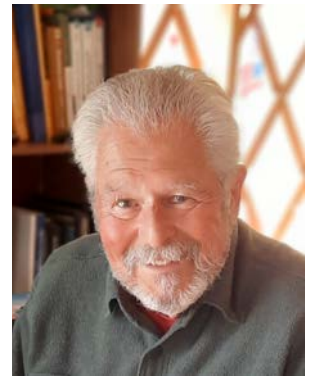
Introducing the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 . . .

Pete Allum, Great Britain—Pete Allum was British National Champion in FS—4-way and/or 8-way—every year from 1985 to 2003. He then competed for Italy, becoming four times Italian National Champion. Pete gained multiple international indoor skydiving medals, and again became UK National Champion in 2015 and 2016. In all, over 30 years of excellence, international competition, mentoring and epitomizing sportsmanship. Pete is the UK's most experienced skydiver, with over 35,000 jumps, and more national/world medals than any other. He has dedicated his life to the sport, founding the UK's first AFF school, coaching national teams, organizing record events, and coaching individuals. Pete has educated himself to speak five languages and gain a diploma in Sports Psychology. He has contributed to multiple training programs worldwide in AFF, FS, CP, body flight and the Mutant. In 2010–2011, Pete went on a personal crusade to make the sport safer by touring over 20 DZs throughout Italy, giving safety talks, DZ briefings and canopy seminars. Pete has recently established a Green Energy initiative to try to make our sport sustainable for the future.

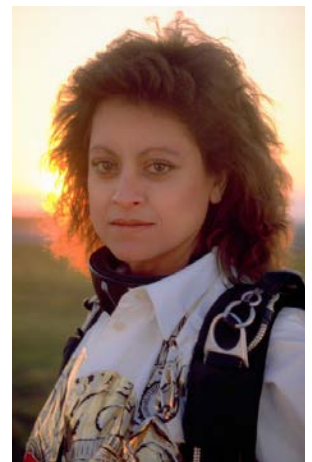


Amy Chmelecki, USA—Amy Chmelecki was instrumental in the development of VFS, freely records and demo jumping. She has 19 ratified world records; in most of these she was an organizer, and many times the event leader, inspiring others by well-chosen words. She is currently co-masterminding Project 19, a women's world record of unprecedented media exposure. Amy has completed numerous projects with the Red Bull Air Force, the all-female Highlight Pro Skydiving Team. She has also been in several movies and commercials, continually showcasing skydiving to the public and encouraging female participation. Amy is a multiple National Champion in VFS and freestyle, with Resident Eloy and Arizona Arsenal. Her achievements are even more remarkable when you consider she was born with a hip not properly formed and spent the first few months of life in a cast, only able to move her arms and head. This was followed by 15 years of severe lung infections—yet now Amy is a professional athlete. Amy has made her living from skydiving for over 20 years. She has been on a mission to get more women in skydiving since day one.

J. Scott Hamilton, USA—Dr. J. Scott Hamilton is an experienced multi-rated pilot, professor of aviation law at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and the author of a textbook, *Practical Aviation and Aerospace Law*. Starting in 1961 as a sport parachutist at Arkansas Tech, he became a military parachutist and HALO instructor, and was manager, instructor, rigger and president of the Special Warfare Center Sport Parachute Club, which won the Ridgeway Trophy in 1965 as the best military club under his leadership. Scott has worked for decades to protect parachuting. He drafted the “bulletproof” hold-harmless agreement that protected DZs from liability for parachuting injuries during 1971–1984. He obtained an FAA waiver for tandem jumping and worked to combat the “columns of air” proposed rule change in the seventies that could have destroyed parachuting. Scott was assistant director of the USPA from 1966–1969, and later, after leaving the employ of USPA, he became a voluntary national director, serving for eight years, for two of which he was president. Scott wrote the script and produced the USPA film *This is a Sport?*, an excellent tool for USPA to promote skydiving. He was a prolific writer for *Parachutist*, the USPA magazine, and responsible for formulating many basic guidelines for uniformity of instruction, improving safety.



Deanna Kent, Mexico (posthumous)—Deanna “Skydancer” Kent—born Diana Marcela Olea Rodriguez—started jumping at 15, and soon became a lieutenant in the Mexican Air Force. The then president selected her to tour the country doing a demo jump before his every speech, the only woman trusted with this honor. She was considered the most experienced skydiver in Mexico. In 1982, Deanna gave birth to her only child, Ramsey; shortly after that she created “skydancing,” as she called it. She would design poses on the ground and take them to the sky. This forced husband/camera flyer Norman Kent to improve his flying skills to keep Deanna in frame, as most of her positions travelled across the sky and changed fall rate constantly. Thus, Deanna was a major force in the introduction and innovation of freestyle, adding an element of creativity to our sport in the eighties. Previously the only freefall positions were belly or a style tuck. Her passion, self-expression and unshakable belief paved the way for other disciplines such as freeflying, skysurfing, angle flying, etc., by opening our eyes to all that is possible when your mind is open to creativity in human flight. Deanna “Skydancer” Kent showcased a new image of skydiving to the world through Norman's movies such as *From Wings Came Flight*, *Willing To Fly*, *Skydancer*, *Freefall*, stunt work in films and television programs like *Terminal Velocity*, *National Geographic*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Baywatch*, Japanese television shows, commercials, vignettes, and countless others. Tragically, Deanna died in 1997 at age 40 from a rare disease, but not before her classic compositions of art, athleticism, body flight and dance had shaped a new era of “skydancing” in the sport of skydiving.



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Eliana Rodriguez, USA—Eliana Rodriguez started jumping in 1995 and less than six years later won a world championship, the Women's 4-Way FS. She is one of the most successful competitors in the history of the sport, with 13 gold medals at international skydiving championships (9 outdoor and 4 indoor), 6 world silver medals, she is 21 times US National FS Champion, 5 times indoor US FS Champion and has 16 other US National podium places. Eliana also has 7 world records in large formation skydiving, including the current 400-way world record. In most of these she was in a pivotal position or a coach. These accomplishments have happened in 26 years, in which she has made over 15,000 jumps and flown 1,000 hours of tunnel time. She is the only woman to be on Arizona Airspeed in over 25 years. Eliana was the first woman to win an 8-way medal at a World Championships as a team flyer (Croatia, 2004), and has more US National golds than any other female—and the vast majority of men. Eliana co-founded the Arizona Skydiving Tribe to share knowledge, improve skills and raise money for charity. She is part of the Highlight Pro Skydiving Team, an all-female skydiving demonstration team whose mission is to inspire women and girls to live bold brave lives of their own design.



Laurie "truck" Sams, Australia—Laurie Sams has had a long and distinguished skydiving career. "truck" made his first jump in 1968 as a member of the SAS. During 1970–1971, he did a tour of active duty with the SAS in South Vietnam and was awarded the Active Service Medal Vietnam, the Vietnam Medal, the Defense Forces Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Infantry Combat Badge. He was twice awarded the Australia Day Sporting Medal (1986 and 1987) and honored with the Australian Sports Medal in 2001 for his contributions to sport parachuting on an international level. Sadly, truck's personal jumping career was cut short due to tandem accident in 1995, with a main and reserve entanglement. Descending under a partial reserve, Laurie told his student (Troy Anderson) to adopt a fetal position and absorbed the landing himself. This resulted in truck's left leg being amputated below the knee and damage to his right leg; this stopped him from jumping. In 2001, he was awarded the Star of Courage on Queen Elizabeth II's honour list for his bravery saving the student's life. In 2009, he was inducted into the Golden Knights' Hall of Fame as an Honorary Golden Knight. truck has multiple international accuracy medals. In 1981 he won the Australian National Parachuting Accuracy Championship by scoring eighteen DCs, a record that stands today.



Dave Waterman, Great Britain (posthumous)—David Waterman was a pioneer in photography, journalism and competition, and a major force in developing the sport. He made his first jump with the Army, aged 17, in 1954. Later he found work as a photojournalist, and won British Sports Photographer of the Year 1974 and the Special section of the World Photo Competition (1974) with parachuting images. Thus began three decades of Dave's photography being published worldwide, promoting skydiving as it evolved as a sport. Scenes from *A Bridge Too Far*, Bollywood and riding a bike out of a C-130 caught the public's imagination. Dave was editor of the British Parachute Association magazine for six years. He changed its flavor, taking 90% of the photographs, writing quality articles and adding color pages. Dave's team won the first British meet in '10-man' (as it was called in those days!), and went on to represent UK at the world meet. A new discipline of 8-way began, and Dave formed an 8-way team with Symbiosis, the British 4-way team. They took fourth place in the World Championships in Australia in 1977. The Symbiosis 8-way team dominated for a decade.



Solly Williams, South Africa/USA—Solly Williams first shone as a competitor and then as a coach, and is now also a partner at Skydive DeLand, DeLand, Florida. He was National Champion of South Africa continuously from 1991 to 1997, and attended many world meets, culminating in two international medals in 1997. Moving to DeLand, Florida, he became a renowned coach, helping to put the Norwegians on the international 4-way podium for the first time in 1999, 2001 and 2003. He coached the UK ladies' team to World Champion in 2003, and the USA ladies to World Champion in 2016. Solly was National Champion of USA in 2003, 2004 and 2006, winning 4 international medals for the USA in this time, and a silver in 8-way. Solly was a sector captain for two world records—the 2-point 202-way in 2017 and the 4-point 222-way in 2019. In 2006 he was a co-sector captain for the 400-way WR and on the Technical Review Committee. He was one of the pioneers developing the Mantis position and is instrumental in rule changes at IPC (ISA). Solly has promoted the sport to millions through his organization of 50 skydivers building the largest formation over China in 2017, and Blessings from the Sky in 2018, as part of the Chinese New Year celebration.

Bios written by Lesley Gale

We have invited our international inductees from 2019 & 2020: Bruno Brokken, Faye Cox, Lesley Gale and Patrice Girardin, who were unable to join us for their induction ceremonies during the pandemic. We hope to be able to present them with their blazers and plaques.

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Travis Flint to Receive Trustees Award



Travis Flint is the 2022 recipient of the museum's Trustees Award. The Trustees Award is given at the discretion of the Board of Trustees to thank special friends of the museum for

voluntarily contributing services or making other gestures of goodwill to the skydiving museum in furtherance of its principles and objectives. Travis will receive the award during the Hall of Fame Ceremony Saturday evening.

In 2018, Travis was critical to the success of "Operation Packrat," a week-long effort to inventory and categorize over 1,500 individual museum donations. With Travis' expertise in Information Technology, he provided the implementation, support and management of the computer-based system to inventory and categorize all donations. Moving forward, at the onset of the pandemic in 2020, Travis took the lead recommending the appropriate communications equipment so that the museum's progress and communication could continue through Zoom and other online conferencing systems. When meetings went back to in-person, Travis made himself available to travel across the country and manage the equipment onsite so that our international friends and others unable to travel could participate. His expertise in IT saved the museum thousands of dollars in out-sourced AV equipment. During the Hall of Fame Weekend Celebrations, Travis lends a hand to ensure that all technical aspects of the weekend are functioning optimally and provides troubleshooting to keep things moving forward. Travis always willingly accepts requests with a smile.

Travis was painting airplanes in 1996 when he and his co-workers agreed to make a jump. In his words, he was "scared shitless," but couldn't be the only one not to do it. He was in the plane, put his feet on the step, slipped out and hung from the strut, the JM pointed up and he let go! And, "IN THAT MOMENT MY LIFE CHANGED!"

Travis is very involved with the PIA in many capacities and is currently the chair of the communication services committee. In 2019, he was awarded the PIA Member of the Year Award. *Congratulations, Travis!*

Path of Excellence (POE) Award Goes to 2006 World Team 400-Way—Largest Formation World Record

Fourteen years ago, there was a magical moment when something unparalleled in the history of skydiving occurred. This October, at the International Skydiving Hall of Fame Celebration, that spectacular moment and all that went into creating it will be recognized when World Team 2006 receives the POE Award. The award is the museum's most prestigious



award for groups, companies, organizations, or teams, recognizing significant contributions of enduring value to the world of skydiving.

On February 8, 2006, 400 World Team skydivers plus 16 freefall videographers filled the sky above Udun Thani, Thailand. They filled it as has never been done

before or since when they set the longest-standing large formation world record in the history of skydiving. It was a fleeting creation lasting only 4.25 seconds, yet its impact has lasted for years. Not only did World Team 2006 set an enduring record, they are also the only skydivers in the history of the sport to jump from a formation of five C-130 Hercules military transports. The lift capacity for the event was provided by an amazing team of pilots, support personnel and leadership from the Royal Thai Air Force.

Representing more than 30 countries, World Team 2006 was the largest multi-national sports team ever assembled to pursue a common goal. World Team was a creation of legendary skydiver B. J. Worth with his wife, Bobbie. Together, they led the World Team effort—starting in 1994—through an international odyssey of four world record events that culminated in the 400-way. As part of the Royal Sky Celebration, the 2006 event was a tribute to the 60th anniversary of the reign of the king of Thailand.

After a two-year delay due to the pandemic, World Team 2006 will receive the 2020 Path of Excellence Award Friday evening at the Path of Excellence Tribute & BBQ sponsored by Sun Path Products, Inc. at the Historic Bandshell in Daytona Beach. It will be a moment to remember!



Photo by Willy Boeykens



Just In . . . The Pioneers of Excellence Award Goes to the 1970 Freefall Exhibition Team!

We congratulate our winners and look forward to honoring them at the 2022 HOF Celebration during the Friday Pioneers Tribute Lunch sponsored by UPT. Watch for more information about this amazing team in future museum emails and on our Facebook page!

Courtesy USPA/Parachutist

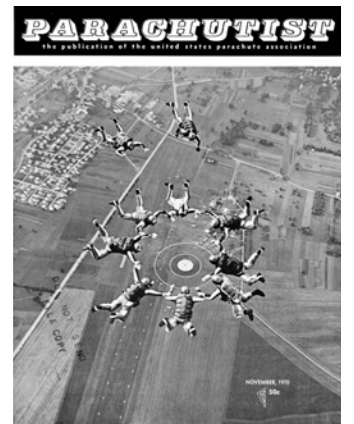


Photo by Carl Boenish

FREEFALL EXHIBITION TEAM!

Opinion (accomplished) — I feel that this team reached and surpassed all the goals we set at the beginning. We formed the team for one purpose — to win the Webster Sweepstakes — we did. The team purpose at the World Meet was to demonstrate relative work, this we did and in doing so the jumpers from around the world were turned on to our thing i.e. Relative Work.

Team Captain

We were able to instill in their minds that there is in fact something other than style and accuracy syndrome.

Team Member

The United States Freefall Exhibition Team

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| Ted Webster (SCR-35) | Team Sponsor |
| Ron Bluff (SCR-137) | Team Leader |
| Jerry Bird (SCR-11) | Team Captain |
| Carl Boenish (SCR-59) | Team Photographer |
| Ray Cottingham (SCR-32) | Max Kelly (SCR-235) |
| Joe Morgan (SCR-183) | Sam Alexander (SCR-62) |
| Stan Troeller (SCR-53) | Donna Wardean (SCR-26) |
| Mike Milts (SCR-54) | Bob Feuling (SCR-104) |
| Russ Benefiel (SCR-34) | Hal Hurley (SCR-87) |
| | Dick Gernand (SCR-81) |