CHEERING ON TEAM USA IN PYEONGCHANG
Dear Olympians and Paralympians,

It’s always exciting when the athletes are selected to join Team USA. They have come from my town, your town, uptown or downtown, cities and country villages. The teams have been filled with athletes selected after many competitions and Olympic trials. We recognize some repeat names, but many are first time Olympians or Paralympians, all gathering to test their abilities against the best in the world.

I watched the Opening Ceremony with friends in Seattle, then traveled to Park City for the WinterFest party and joined the local athletes on stage. The street was full of interactive experiences for local residents and tourists to try out. Opening Ceremony was beautiful, all the athletes were colorful and cold and the Korean story was breathtaking. Olympians were there volunteering in the village, working on broadcast teams, or coaching and training our athletes. I was pleased when the World Olympians Association recognized Tracy Evans OLY as one of five Winter Olympians as an “Olympian for Life” for her work challenging gender stereotypes and championing the universal right to play. Erin Hamlin, four time Olympian, was selected flag bearer for the Opening Ceremony. And then the Games began, with new and traditional events, and history was made. I salute the accomplishments made by Angela Ruggiero as she steps down as Chair of the IOC Athletes Commission and celebrate the election of Kikkan Randall on to the Athletes Commission for an eight year term. Good Luck, we support you!

Competitions began with Round Robin Mixed Doubles Curling and Ski Jumping and ran through sixteen days of amazing performances and experiences in PyeongChang, finishing with four Man Bobsled and Women’s 30K Cross Country Skiing. We celebrated or groaned at the attempts and accomplishments, with surprises happening every day. I’m so proud of the sportsmanship shown by our Olympians and Paralympians!

As I announced previously, I am inviting one of our Vice Presidents to be introduced and present their objectives in becoming an officer of USOPA. This issue, I’m happy to introduce you to Ms. Carol Brown – serving her second term as USOPA vice president. Carol is a rower from 1976 – the first time women’s rowing was included on the Olympic program- followed by spots on the 1980 and 1984 teams. She still competes annually with 1980 team members at the Head of the Charles River in Boston each fall. We are forcing the creation of new (older) master’s age categories!

“My passions as an elected officer serving all Olympic and Paralympic athletes in the U.S. have most recently been focused on sexual abuse in our athlete communities and working to bring the voice of the Olympic/Paralympic alumni to the D.C. staff and legislators.
Senate Bill 534  “Protecting Young Athletes from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017” was recently signed into law, thanks to Senator Diane Feinstein!”

“This is a critically important step that mandates reporting to legal authorities, provides a longer window for victims to report, and formally designates the Center for Safe Sport to receive confidential reports of possible abuse, investigate and track abuse reports, maintain a database across sports, and develop and implement required and voluntary training.”

“This is just the beginning. We all must be better informed as athletes, coaches, volunteer board members and as parents. The Center is working with the USOPA and the AAC to implement feedback on the current training modules and to collaborate on age specific training in the future. Training modules for parents is also on the “TO DO” list and we will have an opportunity to be involved.”

Thank you, Carol!

Here at home, our Association has stated our position of support for the Center for Safe Sport for all athletes who may be threatened by abuse of any kind. We have activists challenging the status quo with Olympic institutions, speaking out about oversight relating to athlete abuse, strengthening doping penalties and education, improving athlete support. We have so much to work on and I continue to work on pushing our athletes forward to be decision-makers and strong ambassadors for safe sport and healthy lives. We are listening to your voices and will act on your behalf.

Congratulations to our Winter Olympians and Paralympians Team USA!

Yours in Olympic spirit,

Richard Fosbury
The Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 marked a return of winter sports excellence to Asia for the first time since Nagano 1998. While the sport program featured new sports and new athletes since Nagano, there was at least one aspect of the Games that never changed: athletes turning in memorable, and often historic, performances.

Team USA is no exception, and the historic moments were typically found in unexpected places. For example, after a tough Olympic showing in 2010 and 2014, the U.S. men’s curling squad stunned Sweden in a late strategic end to capture the nation’s first gold medal in the sport. John Shuster, who made his fourth Olympic appearance in PyeongChang and was the skip for the team, could hardly believe it himself. “I kept smiling and I’m usually the quiet one,” Shuster said, “I told Matt [Hamilton], ‘I think it’s a dream. I’ll wake up tomorrow and this might not be real’. It’s just fantastic.”

PyeongChang was the site of dreams come true for members of Team USA, both at the coastal cluster and up in the mountains.

“We have been preparing our team for four years to come to PyeongChang and achieve amazing results, and we are so grateful to the organizing committee, the volunteers and all the people on the ground who helped the athletes of Team USA realize their Olympic dreams,” said Alan Ashley, U.S. chef de mission and chief of sport performance at the USOC. “It takes an incredible amount of planning and manpower to host the Games, and we could not have asked for a better experience here.”

PyeongChang will long be remembered by athletes like Shuster and others who set the bar high in their sports, with new Team USA bests to match. Five-time Olympian Kikkan Randall had already made history coming into these Games, as one of the first female five-time Olympians and the only mother on Team USA.
USA. But Randall was part of another historic moment with teammate Jessie Diggins, as the pair combined to win the first cross-country skiing gold medal in U.S. Olympic history.

“[It’s] something totally different [than winning an Olympic medal],” Hamlin said. “It’s something that is because of that hard work. People acknowledge that and respect that. It’s a big privilege to represent Team USA. I’m very honored and excited.”

Youngsters Red Gerard and Chloe Kim blew the field away with gold medals in their snowboarding events, becoming the youngest snowboarding gold medalists from any nation.

Within those nine gold medals was the women’s ice hockey team’s return to the top of the podium, 20 years after winning its first gold medal on ice, as it defeated Canada in a thrilling shootout. Freestyle skier David Wise successfully defended his halfpipe title, while snowboarder Jamie Anderson kept a hold on her slopestyle gold. Mikaela Shiffrin topped the podium in the women’s giant slalom and now holds medals in three different alpine skiing events – one of only three Americans to have achieved this feat.

One of those gold medals claimed in PyeongChang represented the 100th gold won by Team USA in a Winter Games, a milestone met by snowboarder Shaun White. While his monster halfpipe run earned him the team’s 100th gold medal, it also helped him reach new individual heights as he moved to second in Team USA’s all-time winter gold medal count with three, behind speedskater Eric Heiden.
Olympic veterans Jessie Diggins and Kikkan Randall won the gold medal in women's team sprint freestyle, giving Team USA its first Olympic medal in women's cross-country skiing and first gold medal in the sport. Diggins made a remarkable push in the last leg of the race to edge Sweden by 0.19 seconds.

After starting the tournament 2-4, the U.S. men's curling team rallied to win four-straight games, topping three-time defending Olympic champions Canada to qualify for its first-ever gold medal match. Behind skip John Shuster (Superior, Wisconsin), Tyler George (Duluth, Minnesota), Matt Hamilton (McFarland, Wisconsin), John Landsteiner (Duluth, Minnesota) and Joe Polo (Duluth, Minnesota) went on to capture the gold medal in the final game against Sweden, marking the best finish for an American curling team.

In total, Team USA scored 23 medals – including eight silver medals and six bronzes. Of the 23 medals won across individual and team events, there were 58 medalists, including four athletes who won two medals each. Among them were 39 first-time medalists, landing on the Olympic podium for the first time in their careers.

Team USA medaled in 11 of the 15 sport disciplines, the most for any nation in PyeongChang.

Medals were won in the big air snowboarding competition, which debuted and saw Americans on the podium in both the women's and men's events. John-Henry Krueger won the silver medal at the short track 1,000-meter event to earn Team USA's first individual speedskating medal since 2010, and the women's team pursuit bronze medal was the first women's long track medal in 16 years. Luger Chris Mazdzer also made history, as he became the first U.S. man to win a singles medal when he slid his way to silver.

Heading into the Games, Team USA had 284 Winter Games medals, surpassing the 300-medal mark when Elana Meyers Taylor and Lauren Gibbs scored the silver medal in women's bobsled. Not only did they win Team USA's 300th Winter Games medal, but it was in an event in which the pair set both start and track records and continued a streak of Americans landing on the podium in the event at every Games since the event was introduced in 2002.

Team USA's women had a strong showing, winning 12 of the 23 medals and tying Canada, the Netherlands and Norway for the most medals won by women. While Kim was one of the youngest to medal for the U.S. at the Games, Randall was the oldest first-time medalist, having competed in 18 Olympic events before taking home a medal. Lindsey Vonn returned to the slopes after an eight-year wait and became the oldest alpine skiing medalist in history when she won the bronze medal in the downhill.

“Throughout these Games, our athletes have been true ambassadors of Team USA, aspiring to perform at their best on the world’s greatest stage and demonstrating grit, ingenuity and heart.
every step of the way,” said USOC CEO Scott Blackmun. “I speak for the entire U.S. Olympic family when I say we are tremendously proud of all the effort made in PyeongChang, and grateful for the fantastic experience created by the PyeongChang Organizing Committee.” Medals are often the measure of success at the Games, but finishing off the podium means some athletes were within a couple hundredths of a second or less than a point away from Olympic hardware. In PyeongChang, athletes from Team USA felt the burn of missing a podium, with 12 fourth-place finishes, 14 fifth-place finishes and nine sixth-place finishes to fuel the fire for Beijing 2022 and the prospect of improving a place or two in their next Olympic appearance.

Athletes have prepared for this moment for a lifetime, and no matter the outcome, Team USA members see themselves as ambassadors for the nation and their respective sports. The experience of representing the red, white and blue – especially when it comes with achieving a historic result – means the opportunity to inspire future generations.

“It’s special,” said Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson, who made the game-winning shot for the women’s ice hockey team. “And it’s going to give us an even bigger platform to make a bigger difference.”
Team USA Concludes 2018 Winter Paralympics With Most Successful Performance In 16 Years

Overcoming an injury to her right arm, Oksana Masters won five medals (two gold, two silver and one bronze) in biathlon and cross-country competition. Masters leaves PyeongChang as the most decorated athlete on the team and in the history of the Para Nordic program.
The Paralympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 concluded on March 18 with Team USA having one of its strongest ever showings at a Winter Games. The team of 74 athletes won 36 medals and finished at the top of the overall medal count.

Below are some highlights from the outstanding performances of U.S. athletes in PyeongChang.

- Team USA’s total of 36 medals was its highest since 2002 when it won 43 at the home Games in Salt Lake City. It is also Team USA’s best performance at a non-U.S. hosted Paralympic Games since 1994, when U.S. athletes won 43 medals in Lillehammer.
- Team USA topped the gold medal count for the first time since 1992, leading in overall and gold medals on each day of the Games.
- Team USA surpassed its medal total from the Paralympic Winter Games Sochi 2014 (18) on the fifth day of competition in PyeongChang.
- Oksana Masters leaves PyeongChang as the most decorated female U.S. athlete with five medals: gold in the sitting cross-country sprint and sitting cross-country 5-kilometer, silver in the sitting biathlon 6-kilometer and 12.5-kilometer, and bronze in the sitting cross-country 12-kilometer. On the men’s side, Dan Cnossen earned six medals to walk away the most decorated man: gold in the sitting biathlon 7.5-kilometer, silvers in the sitting biathlon 12.5-kilometer and 15-kilometer and sitting cross-country 7.5-kilometer and 15-kilometer, and bronze in the sitting cross-country sprint.
- PyeongChang saw the best Paralympic performance ever for the U.S. Nordic skiing team, which won 16 total medals. Its previous highest medal total was 5 in 2002.
- Kendall Gretsch won the first-ever biathlon Olympic or Paralympic gold medal for a U.S. athlete when she won the sitting biathlon sprint.
- The U.S. Paralympic Snowboarding Team won 13 medals in PyeongChang, up from four in 2014, including seven in the Paralympic debut of banked slalom.
- The U.S. sled hockey team won its third consecutive Paralympic title, becoming the first sled hockey team ever to accomplish this feat.

By: Darci Miller

Below L to R: In her Paralympic debut Brenna Huckaby swept the women’s LL1 snowboarding competition, taking gold in both snowboard-cross and banked slalom. She is the only U.S. athlete to go undefeated in individual competition at the Paralympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.

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Team USA won gold in an overtime 2-1 victory over Canada to claim an unprecedented third consecutive gold medal at the Paralympic Winter Games.

There were 18 military veterans on the 2018 U.S. Paralympic Team that brought home a total of 9 medals.

- Navy SEAL Dan Cnossen – gold, sitting biathlon 7.5km; silver, sitting biathlon 12.5km and 15km, and sitting cross-country 7.5km and 15km; bronze, sitting cross-country sprint
- Army veteran Andy Soule – gold, sitting cross-country sprint; bronze, sitting biathlon 12.5km
- Marine Corps veteran Ralph DeQuebec – gold, sled hockey
- Marine Corps veteran Travis Dodson – gold, sled hockey
- Marine Corps veteran Luke McDermott – gold, sled hockey
- Army veteran Rico Roman – gold, sled hockey
- Marine Corps veteran Josh Misiewicz – gold, sled hockey
- Army veteran Jen Lee – gold, sled hockey

In his second Paralympic Games, Dan Cnossen medaled in every cross-country and biathlon event he entered. Winning one gold, four silver and one bronze medals, Cnossen also made history as the first U.S. man to win biathlon gold in the Olympic or Paralympic Games.
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Olympic family: It’s an all-inclusive term that describes those who partake in the Olympic Movement. It spans Games, countries, generations and sports.

But several members of Team USA that competed at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games can attribute a more literal meaning to “Olympic family.” Nine American athletes that were in South Korea are children or grandchildren of Olympians.

There’s biathlete Joanne Reid, daughter of world champion speedskater and Olympic bronze medalist Beth Reid, who’s the sister of five-time speedskating gold medalist Eric Heiden. Freestyle skier Keaton McCargo’s grandfather, Jim Page, is a Nordic combined Olympian circa 1964.

Father-son duo Tim and Patrick Caldwell have experience at five Olympic Winter Games between them, with PyeongChang marking Patrick’s first. Chris Bourque, son of Team Canada’s Ray, and Ryan Donato, son of Team USA’s Ted, carried on their fathers’ legacies in the men’s Olympic hockey tournament in South Korea.

And to the delight of many fathers, mothers and grandparents, a child’s Olympic potential often shines through early and often.

“I’ve always known there was something really special about her from the get-go,” says Stan Dunklee, father of Susan Dunklee, a two-time Olympian in biathlon. “She took to skiing by traipsing around the backyard. When her older brother outgrew his skis, she grabbed them and she was out the door with them.”

Stan competed at the 1976 and 1980 Winter Games, and in 2016, he was inducted into the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum’s Hall of Fame. Almost 40 years after his last Olympic race, he got to watch Susan compete in PyeongChang – and even post a top-20 finish in the biathlon individual event.

The Dunklees are far from the only Vermont family with a multi-generational Olympic legacy. Perhaps the most famous of them all is the Cochran family, known to ski racing fans as the “Skiing Cochrans.”

Back in 1961, Mickey and Ginny Cochran crafted their own ski hill on the listing slopes of their property in rural Vermont. They taught their children – Bob, Barbara Ann, Marilyn and Lindy – how to ski, and all four of them went on to represent the United States at the Olympic Winter Games.

Barbara Ann won a gold medal in slalom at the 1972 Games in Sapporo, Japan, the first Winter Games in Asia. This year, she saw her son, Ryan Cochran-Siegle, make his Olympic debut at the second-ever Asian Winter Games.

“Before he left, I wrote him a card,” Barbara says. “In it, I told him that I believed there were lots of athletes that were capable of getting on the podium, even winning, including him. But I also wanted him to know that I was as proud of the effort I put in for the giant slalom, when I didn’t win any medals, as I was for the slalom, when I did win.

“There is so much attention put on winning medals. I wanted him to know that for the athlete, it’s not all about winning medals. For the athlete, the satisfaction comes from putting your best effort out there and being able to
enjoy it while you’re doing it. I wanted him to enjoy the moment, work hard, and have fun.”

For two-time Olympian Sophie Caldwell, who posted her best Olympic finish to date in the women’s cross-country relay in PyeongChang, the Olympic dream was always top of mind. Her grandfather, John Caldwell, was a Team USA Nordic combined athlete in the 1950s whose career culminated in a trip to the 1952 Games in Oslo, Norway.

“My grandfather loves to tell stories, so I always enjoy listening to his experience when he was ski racing,” Sophie says. “I’ve dreamed of being an Olympian since a young age. Skiing has been a huge part of my family, so naturally, I was surrounded by a lot of ski racers from a young age who I always really looked up to.”

The biggest difference between her Olympic experience and her grandfather’s? According to her, it’s the “wax game.”

“We travel with full waxing staffs, and when we’re competing on the World Cup, we have a semi-truck that comes to each World Cup with us that is totally dedicated to waxing,” Sophie says. “I can’t imagine racing on what they used for wax now.”

No matter their differences, what unites Olympians from the same families is their shared love of sport – and a desire to leave a lasting legacy of their own.

“I’ve always said that if I can accomplish half of what my parents have accomplished in their lives, I will be happy,” says Emily Dreissigacker, a biathlete whose parents were Olympic rowers in the 1970s. “Now I’m a little bit closer to doing that.”
According to the Aesop’s Fable of the Tortoise and the Hare, “Slow and Steady won the race.” Although in the story, Slow and Steady was the name of the tortoise, the resulting lesson was clear – speed isn’t always best, especially when used unwisely. That same lesson can be applied to the U.S. Olympic Museum. The progress on the USOM is occurring – slow and steady. I walk by the construction site once a week and have a first-hand view of the activity. To the untrained eye, such as mine, the progress looks slow; however, to the construction manager each steel girder represents a milestone and slow and steady the museum is rising from the dirt exactly as it should.

Since the USOM was conceived and we began meeting with the consultants five years ago; we have seen the USOM go from a vision to concrete and mortar. Funds have been raised, designs chosen, contractors selected, ground broken and beams placed. Now, we are at the next phase of hiring staff, and looking to populating the planned galleries. If you have not taken a moment to jump on the U.S. Olympic Museum website and view the galleries at the bottom of the website, I highly encourage you to do so (http://www.usolympicmuseum.org/)

Each gallery has a theme and the museum flows from the Ancient Games all the way through the Hall of Fame and the world view. Let me now take you on a virtual tour of the USOM so you can share in the excitement and vision of our Olympic Museum.

In the first gallery, the visitor is introduced to the Olympic & Paralympic Games, the steel girders are going up and the United States Olympic Museum is looking great.
the Olympic Values and gradually to the U.S. involvement in the Games. As you continue, the USOM devotes another gallery to what it takes to become an Olympian or Paralympian, highlighting the collaborative effort involved in achieving one’s goal of representing the USA at the highest level of competition. In Athlete Training, visitors can test their skills in a variety of ways to understand just what it takes to be the best of the best. Moving from there, you are exposed to the technological advances that assist our Olympic and Paralympic athletes, the issues surrounding competition, sports medicine, and sports performance in the Science and Technology Gallery.

The next phase starts with the Olympic Games Parade of Nations and will be an immersive experience of this amazing moment for our athletes – all of the hard work, pain, lack of sleep, and competitions leading up to this moment have paid off as you walk with your teammates into the stadium representing the USA at the Olympic Games.

From there, you visit separate galleries devoted to the Summer Games and the Winter Games highlighting pivotal moments and athlete stories. Not only will each gallery contain exhibit cases and display platforms with historic and contemporary artifacts; but also, audio-visual as well as interactive panels will bring to life some of those most iconic moments in U.S. Olympic history.

After the Summer and Winter Galleries, one continues onto the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame where each inductee is presented and artifacts from the most recent inductees are displayed. The next stop features the Magic of the Media and the World View of the Games highlighting the fan or public experience at the Olympic or Paralympic Games where one can become a broadcaster or view collectibles from the Games. Other aspects of the USOM include a revolving gallery, large theater, conference and event spaces as well as gift shop and cafeteria.

All in all, the USOM will be the most accessible, iconic museum devoted to both the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the world as well as the most cutting-edge using evolving technologies in the planned exhibits. A visit to the USOM will be a unique experience that will transform and progress as each Games’ cycle ends and new chapters are written in Olympic and Paralympic history.

Finally, the goal of the USOM is to ensure all sports are represented in the museum and as you are aware, this is no easy task given every Olympic and Paralympic, summer and winter sport contested. This is by far the most challenging aspect since U.S. Olympians and Paralympians have provided us with numerous achievements and inspiring moments throughout history. We hope that as construction continues, you continue to support your museum to fulfill our mission of presenting the history of the Olympic and Paralympic movements in the United States to all.
The USOC’s Athlete Career and Education program supported more than a quarter of the 2018 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic athletes, providing professional development services while enabling them to focus on performing their best for themselves and Team USA. This year’s athletes received jobs, tuition grants, DeVry scholarships, mentorship and career guidance throughout their journey to the Games.

Call out somewhere:

“The [ACE | USOC Tuition] Grant is nearly the only way I can afford to attend school and ski at the same time” – Bryan Fletcher, 2014 and 2018 Olympian, Nordic Ski”

Figure Skater and two-time Olympian Mirai Nagasu, a breakout personality of the Olympics, was introduced to ACE as an undergraduate business student attending the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and received in-state tuition as an Olympic Training Center athlete. Mirai was instrumental in helping the USOC expand Colorado in-state tuition legislation beyond just the bubble of the Olympic Training Center. Leading up to Olympic trials, Mirai worked with ACE career coach Terris Tiller to build her resume. The work helped Mirai understand her experiences as an athlete, coach, and representative of US Figure Skating and Team USA can be translated into a business context, making her more marketable as an athlete and future business woman.

Additionally, Mirai received personalized brand development coaching through an ACE pilot program with BrandForward. This coaching helped her leverage her Games experience and status as a two-time Olympian to build a large social media following and secure brand endorsements. Anyone who followed Mirai on social media during the Games could get a clear picture of her branding tactics in action to match her engaging and entertaining personality.

ACE athletes played a major role in Team USA’s historic and dominant run at the Paralympic Winter Games. Highlighted by sled hockey’s thrilling come-from-behind overtime victory, solidifying their third consecutive Paralympic Winter Games gold, ACE athletes earned 31 percent of the 36 total medals captured in Korea. ACE supported eight sled hockey athletes with job placements, tuition grants and career advise to help them get there.

Sled hockey athletes are a prime example of how a team can make the most of ACE resources in the lead up to a Games. Several joined ACE in 2015 to take part in the DICK’s Sporting Goods Contenders job program. They were hired as sales associates...
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By: Wyomia Tyus and Elizabeth Terzakis

ACE is incredibly proud to have supported dozens of 2018 Olympians and Paralympians in their Games journey, helping them perform their best in all aspects of their lives. To continue to educate and help Team USA achieve their personal and professional goals, ACE invites all 2018 Olympians and Paralympians to attend the ACE Olympic and Paralympic Summit 2018 April 24-26 in Arlington, Virginia.

Hosted in conjunction with Team USA Week 2018, the Summit is an interactive event focused on personal and professional development. Athletes will have the opportunity to learn how to leverage their athletic careers to advance their personal and professional goals by: developing their personal brands for sponsors and appearances; gaining tools to navigate the job market and start their next career; engaging in discussions with peers as they explore retirement and next steps, and more.

Highlighted by the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association (USOPA) induction celebration and networking reception, the ACE Summit enables athletes to engage individually with career professionals, executives, sponsors, ACE support network, prospective employers, and Olympic/Paralympic alumni, who all can give them advice tailored to their specific goals and needs. The Summit will also guide them through the available USOC/ACE resources to help develop their post-PyeongChang goals.

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1. The LA84 Foundation recently awarded a $50,000 grant to A Place Called Home. APCH is a South Los Angeles-based organization that offers free-of-charge sports programs in soccer, football, basketball and volleyball to more than 1,000 participants.

2. The LA84 Foundation hosted a PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games Opening Ceremony celebration. Swimming medalists Caroline Burckle and Rebecca Soni and mascots Soohorang, Bandabi and Sam The Eagle were among the more than 250 members of the Olympic, Paralympic and LA84 communities in attendance.

3. Olympians and Paralympians join LA84 Foundation President & CEO Renata Simril, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Los Angeles Kim Wan-Joong, and other dignitaries for a group photo during the Opening Ceremonies celebration.

4. The Opening Ceremonies celebration was hosted by the LA84 Foundation in collaboration with the Southern California Olympians and Paralympians Association (SCOPA) and the Korean Cultural Center, with additional support from the Korea Foundation. The event was sponsored by Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling.

5. Eleven Olympians and Paralympians joined youth athletes, executives, coaches and parents for a panel discussion and breakfast about Play Equity, on National Girls & Women in Sports Day. The event was proudly supported by Verizon, and additional supporters included SCOPA and the Women in Sports and Events Los Angeles.

6. Student athletes from ICEF Rugby visited the LA84 Foundation on National Girls & Women In Sport Day. ICEF is a local youth sports and leadership program partially funded by LA84.
7. The LA84 Foundation has trained more than 80,000 coaches throughout the years at its coaching clinics. Here, Harry Marra participates in a track and field coaching clinic. He served as Head Coach of the USA National Decathlon Team from 1990 to 2000 and has coached multiple Olympians.

8. Olympian Ramona Pagel, training coaches at a recent LA84 Foundation track and field coaching clinic.

9. Gold medalist Brittney Reese, training coaches at a recent LA84 Foundation track and field coaching clinic.

10. The LA84 Foundation Library hosts scholars and researchers on a regular basis. One recent public event featured an author’s talk about 20th Century Olympian, Stella Walsh. Pictured: Artifacts from Walsh, from the LA84 Foundation collection.

11. Keep Girls In the Game! The LA84 Foundation and grantee, Playworks, recently collaborated on a billboard campaign throughout Los Angeles. Fifteen billboards were donated to the two groups, who used them to share the LA84 Foundation’s message about closing the Play Equity gap.
Six inspiring, Olympian-led projects have been awarded 2018 Service to Society grants by World Olympians Association. The successful recipients from Palau, Japan, Moldova, Cape Verde, Chile and the United States of America, spanning all five continents, will each receive US five thousand dollars ($5,000) towards the running costs of their projects as part of WOA’s mission to empower Olympians to make a positive difference in their communities and build a better society through sport.

The projects, supported by each country’s National Olympians Association, align with the Olympic values and the activities of the Olympic Movement. They each aim to spread the spirit of Olympism across a range of themes including youth engagement and education, inclusion, sport for all, and gender equality.

The 2018 Service to Society projects are:

- **Maximising the appeal of Olympic sport** - Palau Olympians Association [Oceania]
  Using Olympic combat sports to increase youth participation in Palau

- **Dream big, inspire a generation** - Olympians Association of Japan [Asia]
  Supporting Olympic education in schools in the lead up to Tokyo 2020

- **Building an inclusive culture of Olympism** - Moldova Olympians Association [Europe]
  Inspiring youth engagement in underprivileged communities in Moldova

- **Olympians for Sports4Life** - Cape Verde Olympians Association [Africa]
  Enhancing participation and leadership opportunities for women in sport in Cape Verde

- **Olympics for the Youth** - Chilean Olympians Association [Americas]
  Providing access to sport for vulnerable children in Chile

- **Wish of a Lifetime** - US Olympians and Paralympians Association [Americas]
  Granting the wishes of senior citizens while promoting respect for older generations
WOA President Joël Bouzou
OLY said:

“We are thrilled to be able to help fund these six inspiring, Olympian-led projects in 2018 through our Service to Society grants. We firmly believe that Olympians have the ability to make a genuine difference in their communities, spreading the spirit and practice of Olympism to drive positive social change.

“Over the past 12 months, we have watched with pride as the projects from our inaugural round of funding in 2017 have flourished. We look forward to following this year’s recipients with interest as their projects develop through the hard work, dedication and passion of the Olympians involved.”

You can find out more about WOA’s Service to Society grant programme HERE.

Full details of the 2018 Service to Society funded projects can be found below:

Palau Olympians Association
[Oceania] – Maximising the appeal of Olympic sport
The project looks to increase sport participation in the small island nation, by maximising the potential of low cost, high benefit Olympic sports such as judo, boxing and wrestling. Working with schools and national associations, the Palau Olympians Association will help develop training programmes and boost skill sets amongst P.E. teachers in order to encourage children to try new sports and promote an active and healthy lifestyle amongst youth.

Olympians Association of Japan
[Asia] – Dream big, inspire a generation
With Tokyo 2020 on the horizon, the Olympians Association of Japan will support Olympic education through a programme of lectures and school visits promoting the Olympic Games and encouraging the next generation of athletes and fans to dream big, play fair and never give up. The project aims to enhance the fun and enjoyment of sport by providing primary and secondary school children with the opportunity to improve their skills through training sessions and workshops with Olympians, promote understanding and friendship and support the development of sport in Japan.

Moldova Olympians Association
[Europe] – Building an inclusive culture of Olympism
The Moldova Olympians Association aims to inspire youth engagement by promoting the Olympic values and supporting community sports activities in the poorest areas of the country. Olympians will attend sporting events, run master classes, donate sports equipment and facilitate access to sporting facilities in underprivileged areas of Moldova, in order to demonstrate the positive impact sport can have as a tool for social development and to help young people realise their full potential.

Cape Verde Olympians Association
[Africa] - Olympians for Sports4Life
Increasing the participation and leadership opportunities for women in sport is the long-term aim of the Cape Verde Olympians Association, which will work alongside the IOC Athlete Career Programme, schools and national federations to develop a leadership camp for Olympians and other local sports leaders in order to address the existing gender imbalance in the country (only 10% of sports leadership positions are currently held by women, and women and girls make up just 21% of sports participants).

Chilean Olympians Association
[Americas 1] - Olympics for the Youth
Keeping vulnerable children off the streets and involved in sport is the overarching goal of the Chilean Olympians Association, which aims to provide access to sport and a healthy and active environment for underprivileged children. With the help of a sports psychologist, groups of 20 children aged 7-16 years old will be taught important life skills, alongside the Olympic values of friendship, excellence and respect, to help them achieve their future goals. They will also take part in weekly sports sessions, and each month will be given the opportunity to meet an Olympic.

US Olympians and Paralympians Association (USOPA) [Americas 2] - Wish of a Lifetime
Founded by Olympian Jeremy Bloom and supported by the USOPA, Wish of a Lifetime’s mission is to shift the way society views and values our older generations by fulfilling the dreams of senior citizens. The Service of Society grant will be used to grant the wishes of multiple senior citizens in 2018 and to grow the organisation’s presence by sharing the inspirational stories of wish recipients and creating a culture where seniors are respected, valued, and involved in their communities.
U.S. Olympians Davies And Ritzel Selected For EY Women Athletes Business Network 2018 Mentee Class

“Elite women athletes bring a critical foundation of leadership to any endeavor that can’t be taught in the classroom.” To harness this potential the International Women’s Forum, in partnership with Ernst & Young, developed the EY Women Athletes Business Network (WABN) Mentoring Program.

US Rowing Olympians Caryn Davies and Taylor Ritzel were selected to be part of the 2018 WABN Mentee class.

Now in its fourth year, the WABN program is designed to provide the necessary support and guidance elite athletes require as they transition from sport to new career paths or advance further into their post-sport profession.

The 2018 Mentee Class includes 25 participants, representing 17 sports and 8 nations.

CONGRATULATIONS Caryn and Taylor!

Caryn Davies is an Associate Attorney with Goodwin Procter LLP. She represented Team USA in three Olympic Games, earning a silver medal in Athens 2004, a gold medal in Beijing 2008, and another gold in London 2012, all in the women's eight-oared rowing event. She served on US Rowing’s board of directors for six years, and currently serves as a Vice President of the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association. Caryn is passionate about helping athletes transition to “real life” after retirement from Olympic competition, and she currently is working to help athletes identify and excel at public speaking opportunities. As an undergraduate at Harvard University, Caryn studied psychology and Germanic languages. She went on to earn a JD from Columbia Law School and an MBA from Oxford University’s Said Business School. While at Harvard, Caryn and her Radcliffe teammates rowed their way to an NCAA national championship. She was also a part of the first women's crew to row the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race on the Tideway in London, in 2015. After law school, Caryn clerked for Judge Richard Clifton on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Honolulu. During that time, she took up outrigger canoe paddling and won a Hawaii state championship. These days, Caryn works as a corporate lawyer at a large Boston firm, assisting clients with private equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, early stage company financings, and institutional debt financings. She is also knowledgeable in areas of sports law and athletes’ rights, and has spoken on sports law panels at Syracuse Law School and New York University School of Law.

Taylor Ritzel is an Olympic gold medalist, Yale University graduate and currently works as Coordinator of Original Content at Hulu. Originally from Colorado, Taylor began rowing at Yale, winning three NCAA Championships as part of the Varsity Women's 8+ and serving as Captain of the team her senior year. She then went on to win an Under-23 World Championship, two Senior World Championships and the 2012 Olympic Games as part of the US Women's 8+. While training full-time for the Olympic Games, Taylor served as the Frank Shields Fellow for the National Rowing Foundation, a role which seeks to help fundraise and bridge the gap between past and present national team rowers. She also worked for Digital Firefly Marketing as their Head of Social Media for two years in addition to working for Thuzio, an online marketplace that provides experiences with top athletic talent to consumers. After moving to Newport Beach to train in 2014, Taylor negotiated a $350,000 sponsorship deal, the biggest ever in American rowing for just two athletes, enabling her and her pair partner to train at the highest level outside of the established training center. After retiring from rowing, Taylor moved to Los Angeles to work for the legendary William Morris Endeavor Entertainment talent agency. She joined the television
literary department and then moved to Hulu, helping to develop and manage Hulu branded television shows. She co-founded the women’s group, Hula, and started a program that donates the hundreds of Emmy screeners received at Hulu to halfway houses around Los Angeles.

Looking For Faithful Olympians & Paralympians

I am looking for fellow Olympians and Paralympians who have completed their athletic careers and would like to give back by serving as a chaplain to upcoming U.S. teams. The National Governing Bodies (NGBs) for U.S. Olympic & Paralympic sports are responsible for placement of chaplains that will serve their teams on staff. The 2020 Tokyo Olympic & Paralympic Games are coming up, and I am seeking to provide the NGBs with professionally trained Olympic & Paralympic chaplains for this service. This is a call to step into a pastoral caregiving position and serve your fellow athletes as they prepare to compete at the highest level. It is said, ‘God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.’ This volunteer position serves and supports the entire team. This service enhances and supports overall performance by taking care of the needs of the whole person.

I have given back to my sport and others for the last 33 years. I took eight years of my life to research an accountable academic program to prove that there is definitely a need that can be met by Olympians and Paralympians in chaplaincy. This is why I have founded The United States Council for Sports Chaplaincy (USCSC) a non-profit, biblically based organization that is offering the opportunity to train Olympians and Paralympians that will make a difference through chaplaincy at the Olympic level. I received a Doctor of Ministry degree in 2016 from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla. My applied research project was entitled, “A Survey of Attitudes Toward Official Placement of U.S. Christian Sport Chaplains on U.S. Olympic Teams.” The aim was to find out if religious services were making a difference at the Olympic level. The findings were overwhelmingly positive toward the need for chaplaincy services to our U.S. Teams.

In 1984, there was a Religious Services Center in the Olympic Village with accredited chaplains appointed by the LA Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC) to serve the spiritual needs of the participants. By 1988, at the Seoul Olympic Games, the IOC officially instituted “religious services” that would be the responsibility of the host country. It was made available in the Olympic Village for participants during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. This involved five major world religions (Protestant/Catholic Christians, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu faiths). This group was named “The 1988 Seoul Olympic Chaplains Team.” I volunteered as a Protestant Christian chaplain on this Team to serve Team USA. I was the only Olympian serving among this international community of chaplains. I have served at every Olympic Games from 1988 through 2016. I now want to make chaplaincy for Team USA more individually based by serving each sport with their own professional chaplain on staff.

Plans are now in progress to provide instructional training to Olympians & Paralympians that qualify to serve U.S. teams. The priority is to train inactive Olympians & Paralympians who want to return to their sport or another sport and serve as a team chaplain.

If this offer interests you and you wish to join with me in doing something significant in the lives of our Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls, send me the following information: Your name, address, phone number, email, sport and years of competition to USCSC at: madeline.mims@sbcglobal.net.

We Dare to Care!
Horace “Nip” Ashenfelter, III
(Track & Field, 1952, 1956)

Horace “Nip” Ashenfelter, III passed away on January 6, 2018 at age 94.

Horace was the eldest of four children. His brother, William Ashenfelter, predeceased him and was also an Olympic track athlete and ran with Horace in the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland.

Horace graduated from Collegeville Trapp High School (PA) in 1941. He enrolled at Penn State in 1941 and spent one year there prior to enlisting into the U.S. Army Air Corps where he was a fighter pilot and was stationed in Florida as an aerial gunnery officer until 1945 when he married his wife, Lillian Wright, and resumed his education at Penn State. He graduated in 1949 and completed his Master’s Degree in 1955. While at Penn State, he won two NCAA titles, the 1948 NCAA Cross Country Champion and the 1949 NCAA Two Mile track champions. He was also a member of a 4-mile relay for Penn State that won the Penn Relay Championship which included both his brothers Bill and Don.

After college he served as a special agent in the FBI from 1950 to 1959 and continued his track career as a member of the New York Athletic Club (NYAC). His most dramatic victory came when he gold medal and set a world record of 8:45.4 at the Helsinki 1952 Olympic Games in the 3000-meter steeplechase. No American has won that event at the Olympics since that time. The press embraced the story at the time since it was during the Cold War and Horace, an FBI agent, defeated the reigning world record holder from Russia. It made for a good story; however, he always saw it as just a coincidence that the other athlete was a Russian. He was not impressed by the political intrigue.

Horace continued to run competitively until 1957 and was one of the premier track athletes during that time. He won 15 national AAU championships and set a new indoor world record in the 2-mile run in 1954. He was also awarded the prestigious Sullivan Award in 1952 presented to the U.S. amateur athlete of the year. He also competed at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia.

After retiring from track, Horace remained an FBI agent until 1959 when he left that service to enter a private business serving in a number of sales-related jobs in the metal refining industry. He retired at age 70 and maintained a second residence in Stuart, Florida until 2016.

He has been inducted into several Halls of Fame including those at Penn State, the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame, the USA Track Hall of Fame and the NYAC Hall of Fame.

The indoor track at Penn State was dedicated and named in his honor; and his Olympic gold medal is on display at the Penn State Sports Museum at Beaver Stadium. The town of Glen Ridge dedicated the annual Thanksgiving Day Run in his honor; the Ashenfelter 8K Run had over 4,000 participants in 2017 and raised money for the Glen Ridge Educational Foundation. In addition, he was one of the founding members of the Glen Ridge Athletic Association in 1954 which still serves the youth of Glen Ridge.

He was a member of Glen Ridge Country Club since 1952 and was an avid golfer well into his 90’s and made two (2) holes in one. He spent countless hours of volunteer work in Glen Ridge and especially at the Freeman Gardens. Horace is survived by his wife of 72 years, Lillian (Wright); four sons. Horace IV (Helen), Rochester Hills, Mich., James (Kathleen), Glen Ridge, N.J., Alan (Susan), Needham, Mass. and John (Helen), Chatham, N.J.; brother Donald and sister Jane Leinbach; 12 grandchildren, Michael, Mark, Erin, Lynne, James, Brad, Alan, Perry, Katherine, William, Andrew and David Ashenfelter; and four great grandchildren.

Francis “Frank” Aires
(USOC Staff Member)

Francis “Frank” Aires passed away on December 7, 2017 at age 93.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., one of 10 children, Frank went on to graduate from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He then served 35 years with distinction and honor as a career Air Force officer. He served in WWII as a B-17 navigator, surviving multiple high-risk bombing missions over Nazi Germany, he also served in the Korean and Southeast Asian
During his time in the Air Force, Frank was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and multiple Campaign and Good Conduct medals.

After the Air Force, Frank settled his family in Colorado Springs and worked another 21 years with the United States Olympic Committee. He also volunteered at the United States Air Force Academy Athletic Department for 40 years. Frank was an honored recipient of the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame Col F. Don Miller award. He touched many lives and will be remembered for his great love and support of sports and as a unique, vivacious story teller.

Frank joined his wife, Alice, and son, Tommy, in heaven. He is survived by his children, Lee (Nancy), South Bend, Ind., Timmy (Mary), Glenridge, N.J., Mary (Dan), Sacramento, Calif., Priscilla (Tony), Lone Tree, Colo., Terry (Tamara), Colorado Springs, Colo. and Siobain (James), Lone Tree, Colo.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Frank will be dearly missed by those he left behind.

Edward G. Bennett
(Sailing, 1972)

Edward “Ed” Grant Bennett passed away on January 7, 2018 at age 80.

Ed graduated from Eugene High School in 1956. He played quarterback for the high school football team and continued playing football at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. Ed received a Bachelor of Science in business and technology and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Oregon State in 1961. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Sigma Tau, Tau Beta Pi, and Eta Kappa Nu in recognition of his academic achievement. He worked for Proctor & Gamble in Long Beach, California, and was later relocated to Sacramento, California, where he was manager of warehouse systems until 1967. In 1969 he founded Edward G. Bennett Company, and provided inventory management and systems engineering consulting to over 100 clients until he retired in 2006. He was an active member the prestigious Institute of Management Consultants and the International Material Management Society.

Ed, known affectionately by his sailing friends as “Fast Eddie,” started sailing when he was ten years old after his father built him a Moth-class sailboat. His introduction to the Finn class in Long Beach began a passion for competitive yacht sailing that led him to top finishes in world championship regattas. Ed was a member of the 1972 United States Olympic sailing team in the Finn class. He crewed in the American-Australian Six Meter Challenge in the mid-1970s then in the 1980s sailed with Tom Blackaller in their quest for an Olympic berth in the Star. In the 1990s windsurfing became his passion. He could be found by the Golden Gate Bridge or off the beaches of Maui for the next two decades.

Ed is survived by his wife of 49 years, Linda (Ellis) Bennett; son Alexander D. Bennett; daughter-in-law Sara K. Krause; and two grandsons, Tasman Bennett and Beckett Bennett, all of San Marcos, Calif. He also leaves his sister Lynne (Bennett) Ackerman and brother-in-law Darrel Ackerman, both of Eugene, Ore., as well as several nieces and nephews and his cousin, Rene Carghill of Portland, Ore.

Donations in Ed’s name can be made to the St. Francis Sailing Foundation, www.stfsf.org, P.O. Box 551, San Francisco, CA 94104, helping underserved Bay Area youth learn sailing or further their passion for the sport, or to a charity of your choice.

Wendall “Chummy” Broomhall
(Skiing, 1948, 1952)

Wendall "Chummy" Broomhall passed away on December 30, 2017 at age 98.

Chummy was one of 15 siblings, although several of his siblings died at birth or of childhood diseases, family was everything to him and he showed that in his actions throughout life.

Chummy was an avid X-C skier after learning the sport from a worker on his father's farm. He won many high school and national races with his brother, Charles “Slim” Broomhall, as a competitor in those events. Both Chummy and Charles trained in Europe in 1940 for the Olympics, but the Olympics were cancelled due to World War II.

Chummy did many odd jobs as a young...
man to help his large family, but he eventually became a Hood’s Milkman, delivering milk to the Wilton area before and after WWII. When the company would not give him a leave of absence to work at the 1960 Olympic Games in Squaw Valley, Calif., he started a logging business with his brother Cy and ran the logging business himself until he retired over 35 years ago.

During WWII, Chummy served in the 10th Mountain Division, 87th Regiment, Company A, 1st Battalion-Detachment 2662, which trained the British and Italian troops in mountain warfare. Although he spent time in the Aleutian Islands and Africa, most of his combat time was in Italy. Chummy was very proud of his military service and often wondered how he made it home safely. Chummy epitomized the traits of what is called “The Greatest Generation”.

Chummy has been a prominent member of the Chisholm Ski Club since 1936. Last winter, as the club’s longest living member, he was at the lodge signing books (A Century on Skis) about the club’s history. Chisholm Ski Club consists of volunteers who ran the early Winter Carnivals in Rumford, supported and built cross country trails, alpine trails, ski jumps, and installed lifts in the Rumford area-first at Scotty’s Mountain and later at Black Mountain. Chummy rallied his volunteers and made sure they were fed by volunteers in Muriel’s Kitchen at the mountain. With a twinkle in his eye and his dimpled smile, he will be remembered for telling his volunteers, “Your check is in the mail!” Chummy was influential in the spearheading the development of Black Mountain Ski Area in Rumford where many local and national cross-country races have been held. Everyone who has raced in Rumford remembers High School Hill and the sea of “Red coat” volunteers!

Chummy competed in the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Games as a special cross-country racer. He continued his Olympic involvement after leaving competition. He served as Technical Advisor and Chief of Race for the Nordic events at the 1960 Olympics in Squaw Valley with his close friend, Al Merrill from Andover, Maine serving as Chief of Course. Al and Chummy switched jobs for the 1980 Olympics where Al was Chief of Race and Chummy was Chief of Course for the Nordic events. During the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Chummy served as an honorary volunteer at age 82. He was the number one fan of his granddaughter Reagan Carey, director of USA Women’s Olympic Ice Hockey Team and was watching from afar when the team won a silver medal in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Chummy has been given many awards and accolades for his contributions to the sport of cross country skiing and to his community. He saw the need to develop skiers at a young age and provided many youngsters in this community with the equipment and coaching they needed to become competitive skiers. He is a member of the National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, the Maine Ski Hall of Fame, and the Maine Sports Hall of Fame.

Over the last 70+ years Chummy has tirelessly dedicated himself to the development and advancement of cross country skiing not only in Rumford, Maine, but also in the United States and Europe. Cross country skiing was his passion and was part of the reason he had such a long and wonderful life. Chummy frequently would say, “Cross country skiing has given me so much, I felt the need to give back.” Chummy lived his life with integrity, hard work, humility, a strong sense of purpose, and a dedication to cross country skiing and to his extensive family.

Chummy was predeceased by his loving wife, Lempi; brothers Victor, William (Cy), Charles (Slim) and Robert (Bob); sisters Margaret (Peggy) Robbins, Ruth Scammon, and Irene Gordon. He is survived by his children Wendy (Dennis) Carey, Atlanta, Ga., Vicki Broomhall Amoroso and her partner, Bruce Maybury, Rumford, Scott (JoAnn) Broomhall, Rumford; brothers, Erlon (Bucky) and wife, Frances of Shaftsbury, Vt., Raymond (Judy) of Mexico, Maine, Philip (Butch) and companion Teresa of Rumford, and a sister Ethelyne Wight of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; grandchildren, great-granddaughter, great-great granddaughter and many nieces and nephews.

Crawford M. “Whitney” Campbell
(Ice Hockey, 1948)

Crawford M. “Whitney” Campbell passed away on December 5, 2017 at age 93.

Whitney was a gifted athlete and gracious gentleman; his family was thankful to have his last few weeks with him to gather and retell stories of his life.
He attended Dartmouth College and competed on the 1948 U.S. hockey team in St. Moritz, Switzerland. Whitney also served his country as a member of the U.S. Army Corps in India and Burma during WWII. He finished his long and successful business career at Sit Investments, where he started when he was 75 years old and worked happily until his last illness.

Whitney leaves behind his loving wife and best friend of 66 years, Sue; sons Ford, Bruce, Mac and Charlie (Randi); two very special grandsons Cameron and Logan.

Leonard “Len” Ceglarski, Sr. (Ice Hockey, 1952)

Leonard “Len” Ceglarski, Sr. passed away December 16, 2017 at age 91.

Len was the youngest of Stella and Anthony Ceglarski’s eight children. Len attended Boston College, where he was a member of the 1949 NCAA Championship hockey team. He earned All-American honors after the 1949-50 season. In the off-season, he was an All-East second baseman for the BC baseball team. After his graduation in 1951, Len joined the United States Marine Corps. While serving in the Marines, he was named to the U.S. Olympic hockey team which won a silver medal at Oslo, Norway in 1952.

In 1952, Len married Ursula Murphy at St. Theresa Church in Watertown, Massachusetts. He taught and coached at Walpole High School before being named head hockey coach at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. In his fourteen seasons at Clarkson, he took his team to three National Championship games. In 1972, Len was named head hockey coach at his alma mater, Boston College, where he coached for twenty seasons. When he concluded his 34-year coaching career in 1992, he retired with the most victories ever amassed in the history of the game on the college level.

Over the course of his career, Len received many honors and awards. He was inducted into The Massachusetts High School, Boston College, Clarkson University, U.S. Hockey, and the National Polish-American Sports Halls of Fame, received the NHL’s Lester Patrick Award for outstanding service to hockey, and was awarded three Spencer Penrose Trophies given to the national coach of the year. Befitting his approach to the game, Hockey East established The Len Ceglarski Sportsmanship award in 1992. His integrity, humility, and desire for excellence, brought honor to the game of hockey and impacted the lives of countless players along the way. Above all, Len will be remembered as a role model and teacher, both on and off the ice.

He enjoyed an active retirement in Duxbury, Massachusetts, and was devoted to his family. He took great pride in his six sons, and found immense joy in spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his beloved wife Ursula of 65 years, Len is survived by his sons, Mark (Joanne), Bristol, Conn., Leonard Jr. (Catherine), Byfield, Mass., Paul (Eileen), Darien, Conn., Peter (Susan), Westlake Village, Calif., Michael (Julie), Marian, N.C. and Timothy (Gilson), Quincy, Mass; 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

David E. Clark (Track & Field, 1960)

David E. Clark passed away on February 12, 2018 at age 81.

A member of the 1960 U.S. Olympic team, David became a much sought-after volunteer coach. Aspiring vaulters from Texas and beyond came seeking his advice and to practice on a makeshift runway and landing pit that Dave built in an empty lot behind his home. He picked up the sport of pole vaulting in seventh grade after the track team left a pole out.

While at Grand Prairie High School, Clark made the all-district team three times. He lettered three times in track, twice in football and once in basketball.

He was the eighth man and the first Texan to clear 15 feet in pole vaulting. His personal best was 15 feet, 3 inches, using a metal pole and landing in a sawdust pit.

Clark graduated from Grand Prairie High School in 1955 and received a scholarship to North Texas State University now the University of North Texas. He made the all-Missouri Valley Conference team three times and was named All-American in 1959 and 1960.
David had a 37-year career supervising and teaching in Dallas ISD’s driver’s education program. He was well known throughout Dallas county for teaching swimming lessons in his backyard pool for over 40 years and was nationally recognized for his lifelong contributions to the sport of pole vaulting.

In 1960, he was a founding member of what is now the DFW chapter of the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association. He was a board member of the chapter until his death.

David is survived by his wife, Sylvia; three sons, Brian, Greg and Kyle; sister, Ada Rhodes and six grandchildren.

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Gerald Eugene “Gene” Cole
(Track & Field, 1952)

Gerald Eugene “Gene” Cole passed away on January 11, 2018 at age 89.

Gene attended Lancaster City Schools where he was a track and field star, elected to the Lancaster High School Hall of Fame. Moving on to The Ohio State University, Gene was again a sports stand-out, and was also inducted into the OSU Track and Field Hall of Fame. During his fourth year at OSU, Gene participated in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics where he earned a silver medal in the 4X400-meter relays.

He was a Mason, Shriner and lifetime member of the Eagles. Gene retired from Anchor Hocking after nearly thirty years of service. Well known in the local real estate markets, where he was an agent for many years, Gene was a well-liked man who never seemed to meet a stranger.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Elizabeth Ann; daughter Cynthia (Cole) Kirsch; sons Craig and Christopher; and stepchildren Jeffrey Uhl, Jerry Uhl and Leann Baker; niece, Michelle Kiger. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother Betty Cole, his sons Gary and Jeffrey Cole. He will be sadly missed by those who loved him.

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Charles Ditmon Davis
(Shooting, 1972)

Charles Ditmon Davis passed away on January 10, 2018 at age 90.

Charles entered the U.S. Navy in 1945 during WWII serving until 1946 aboard USS Taconic. He was a 1952 graduate of Centre College of Kentucky. He began his Army career in 1955 and started shooting rifle with the 34th Infantry Regiment in 1956. He was assigned to USAMU in 1957. His shooting accomplishments were many over an impressive 21-year association with USAMU. His marksmanship talents crossed several disciplines while competing with the Service Rifle, International Rifle, and Running Target sections. He earned his Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1957, won the Daniel Boone Trophy in 1959, and was the National Service Rifle Champion in 1961. In 1968 he became the only shooter to win both the Wimbledon and Leech Cups in the same year, and in 1971 he again won the Wimbledon Cup.

MSG Davis became “double” distinguished when he earned his International Distinguished Badge in 1973. He was a member of the U.S. Armed Forces CISM Grand Championship teams in 1960 and 1968. While assigned to the Running Target Section he won five National Championships. In 1972, MSG Davis represented the U.S. Olympic Team in Munich, Germany for the 50m running target discipline. He was picked by the Olympic Committee to run the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay.

During his shooting career, MSG Davis set numerous National and Interservice records. He won two gold, three silver, and four bronze medals for a total of nine medals won in International competition. MSG Davis exemplified himself as a soldier as well as a shooter by earning the Expert Infantryman Badge and was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge while serving in Vietnam. MSG Davis retired from the Army in 1979. After his retirement, he continued his competitive accomplishments setting over 200 national records in Silhouette Pistol and Running Target. Awards and medals received include the President’s Hundred Tab, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal (seven), American Area Ribbon, WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation.
Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Norma Lee Francis, brother Robert and half-brother Orey. Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Ann of 62 years; daughter Carol Ann Davis Pardue, Aliso Viejo, Calif. and grandson, Nicolas Christian Thomas, Columbus, Ga. and brother James Flint Davis, Manteo, N.C.

Dr. Grover M. Evans

Dr. Grover Evans passed away on December 3, 2017 at age 65.

Grover was in a single car accident in 1978 that left him paralyzed from the neck down. The road to recovery placed many challenges in his path, but he was able to meet those challenges.

After his car accident, Evans was told that he would likely live only three to five more years, and he was determined to make the best of that time. Two months after his accident, he began to regain some sensation in his right arm, followed by his left arm. He spent six months in a hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and then was moved to a hospital in Jonesboro for occupational and physical therapy. Working in the swimming pool allowed him to gain more mobility.

During his rehabilitation, Evans was exposed to several sports opportunities through the National Wheelchair Sports Association. He was an avid table tennis player and participated in several track & field wheelchair competitions. His greatest accolades, however, came in swimming. His first swim competition, in 1989, was at an intramural event at Arkansas State University (ASU) in Jonesboro. At ASU, he teamed up with a university swimming instructor who helped to perfect his swimming technique and established a training program for him. Evans went on to set several national and world swimming records in the fifty-meter backstroke, fifty-meter freestyle, fifty-meter breaststroke, 100-meter backstroke, and 100-meter freestyle.

In Barcelona, Spain, in 1992, Evans became the first African American to swim on the U.S. Paralympic Team. He also competed at the 2004 and 2008 Paralympic Games. He set five world records, one Paralympic record in Barcelona, sixty-one American records, and eight Parapan American records. He also won sixty-nine National Championships. In 1997, he was inducted into the Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame.

During this time, Evans was also pursuing his education. He attended ASU, from which he received a bachelor’s degree in music and health education. In 1989, he graduated from the ASU Leadership Program. He holds a doctorate in nutrition counseling from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Evans traveled all over the country as a motivational/inspirational speaker to various groups about overcoming adversity; he would discuss faith, nutrition, and his own accomplishments. He is the founder and CEO of Evans and Associates Company of Arkansas, LLC, founded in February 2005.

Evans volunteered his time to hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers, the Spinal Cord Commission, Easter Seals, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission. He served on the Advisory Council for Education of Children with Disabilities for the Arkansas Department of Education and was special consultant for systems design for the Department of Career Education/Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. He was named client advocate for people with disabilities for the state in 2004.

Evans was one of two in the nation to be awarded the National Easter Seal Society’s Johanna Cooke Plaut Community Leadership Award. He served on several boards. After retiring, Evans became the head swim coach at Parkview Magnet High School in Little Rock. He was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame in 1996.

Grover is preceded in death by his parents, William and Georgia Lee Evans and two brothers, Joseph “Bo” Evans and Mark Evans.

Survivors include his wife of fifteen years, Helen Malchan-Evans; son, Grover Evans Jr.; daughter, Siobhan Osborne; brother, Michael Evans; two sisters, Cora Lee Hester, Suzette Evans; sister-in-law, Vicky Evans-Vincent; granddaughter, Jasmine Crawford; six nephews and five nieces.
Donald “Don” de Wayne Harper  
(Diving, 1956)

Donald “Don” Harper passed away on November 30, 2017 at age 85.

Donald received a Ph.D. in Sports Medicine from The Ohio State University. He retired as Ohio State’s professor of kinesiology.

He was an accomplished diver and gymnast. Between 1955 and 1961, Donald won five Big Ten championships in trampoline and diving; five NCAA titles; and nine National Amateur Athletic Union gold medals. He was an eight-time All-American in diving and gymnastics. In 1958, he became the first athlete to win NCAA national championships in two sports within a month of each other, taking first in the 1 and 3-meter diving and then coming back a week later to capture the NCAA trampoline title.

Internationally, Donald was the first trampoline gold medalist in the 1955 Pan American Games in Mexico City; a springboard silver medalist in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games; and silver medalist in platform diving at the 1959 Pan American Games. His worldwide reputation is staggering. Honors include The Ohio State Athletic Hall of Fame, International Swimming Hall of Fame and World Acrobatics Society Hall of Fame.

He will be deeply missed by his wife, Dr. Sandra Harper; daughter, Anne (Tim) Halliday; grandchildren, Jackson, Madison and Tristan Halliday; sisters-in-law, Donna (Howard) Linder and Marilyn Harper; and numerous nieces and nephews.

James “JJ” Johannson  
(Ice Hockey, 1988, 1992)

James “JJ” Johannson passed away on January 21, 2018 at age 53.

JJ Johannson had an unparalleled love for his family, hockey (and golf), and an endless zest for life.

Johannson, a two-time Olympian, was an accomplished hockey player and executive whose impact reached across the globe. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1982-86, and alongside his brother John, helped the Badgers win an NCAA Championship during his freshman season. He was selected in the 7th round of the NHL draft in 1982 by the Hartford Whalers and went on to play several seasons in the International Hockey League. Johannson also spent two years playing in the Bavarian region in Germany - which he frequently referenced as amongst his most cherished experiences. He was extremely honored to represent his country in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Winter Games.

Following his playing career, Johannson spent five years as the General Manager of the Twin Cities Vulcans, and captured the USA Junior A Championship in the 2000 season. He joined USA Hockey later that year, and his 18-year tenure is marked by unprecedented success for American teams in international competition. He served as a team executive and/or general manager for nearly every Men’s USA Hockey team since 2000. Under Johannson’s watch, U.S. teams won 64 medals in major international competition, including 34 gold, 19 silver, and 11 bronze medals. Notably, in the 2016-17 season, U.S. teams captured five gold medals in international play, a feat no other country in the world has ever accomplished. He was instrumental in the development of the National Team Development Program in Plymouth, Michigan (originally located in Ann Arbor), as well as the acquisition of their base facility - the USA Hockey Arena - which now serves as the home arena for varied USA Hockey activities. His passion reached to all levels of hockey - including the launching of much acclaimed programs to benefit young players, coaches, and officials.

At the time of his passing, Johannson was preparing to lead Team USA as General Manager of the Men’s Ice Hockey team at the 2018 PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games in South Korea.

While recognizing a career of success on the ice, Johannson was innately more accomplished in life. His true championships were earned as a humble, caring, and thoughtful husband, father, friend, and teammate. He was that gracious friend you could always trust, and he never declined a friend, player, or family in need. Johannson was most proud to contribute to the unprecedented success of the American born hockey
player over the last two decades - yet regularly attributed any success to others. A sincere and caring soul, he was kind, gentle and generous.

Any encounter with Johannson started and ended with discussion about his family. He married Abigail Tompkins on September 10, 2011. They welcomed their daughter, Eleanor Louise, into their world in December 2015. Nothing could ever rival Johannson's love and affection for his wife Abby, and their two-year-old daughter, Ellie. Every discussion was interspersed with a photo or video of Ellie. Every international competition or meeting included Abby and Ellie. Everyone around this sweet gentleman recognized his unfailing love for his wife and daughter. He will be remembered as a patriot, and loving husband, father, and friend.

Johannson was preceded in death by his mother, Marietta. He is survived by his wife, Abby and daughter Ellie (Colorado Springs, CO); father Kenneth Johannson (Rochester, MN); Sister Judy Stevenson (Neenah, WI - husband Judd, and children Tyler and Taylor); brother John (Minneapolis, MN - wife Margarita, and children Johnny, Matias, Anna, and Daniela); and countless friends and acquaintances around the world.

George Killian
(USOC Board/IOC Member)

George Killian passed away on December 6, 2017 at age 93.

George began his career with the National Junior College Basketball Tournament (NJCAA) as the athletic director and head men's basketball coach at Erie Community College, New York, in 1954. He was elected president in 1967 and two years later was named as the organization's first executive director. Through his tenure, he helped establish the NJCAA as the second-largest national collegiate athletic organization in the United States. Under Killian's leadership the NJCAA became the first national collegiate athletic organization to add women's athletics in 1975 – before the NCAA and NAIA.

In addition to his leadership with the NJCAA, Killian was a key figure on the international stage. From 1990-98 he served as the president of FIBA, and was a prominent member of the board of directors for USA Basketball for 26 years.

He also served on the United States Olympic Committee's Board of Directors from 1967-2004, as well as the International Olympic Committee from 1996-98. In 1999 he was elected president of the International University Sports Federation and served two terms before resigning in 2011.

After his retirement from the NJCAA in 2004, the association commissioned the George E. Killian Award of Excellence in 2006 to honor his dedication and service to two-year college athletics. The award is given out annually to members of the NJCAA Board of Directors that display the ideals of voluntarism, achievement, service, leadership and excellence.

He was a WWII veteran. His lifetime interests included stamp collecting and basketball.

George is survived by wife Marilyn Killian, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister Doris Bedell.

Mario Martinez
(Weightlifting, 1984, 1988, 1992)

Mario Martinez passed away on January 14, 2018 at age 60.

Mario Martinez had his initial brush with weightlifting at a rather young age. After seeing the 1972 Olympic team he soon found himself smitten with the Olympic dream.

three gold medals in the 1987 unlimited class. He was a 10-time U.S. champion, winning in 1982-89 and 1991-92. Martinez was known for his bent-arm pulling style.

His career lasted over 20 years, and throughout this time Martinez would break many American records, while also earning a considerable number of medals. In fact, to this day Mario still holds the accolade of being the last American male to medal at an Olympics.

On top of his multiple career medals, Martinez held the American snatch, clean & jerk, and total records for many years before having them broken. In addition to the medals and records, Martinez was named USA Weightlifting’s “Lift of the Year” four times throughout his career. Martinez will be remembered as one of America’s most decorated weightlifters.

Engineer for thirty years. In retirement he attended and graduated from carpenter’s trade school and enjoyed working as a parking attendant at Novi High School.

Jim is survived by his wife Sally Walker-McIntosh; children, Aengus (Shasta) McIntosh, Elizabeth (Jeff) Dalzier, Cameron McIntosh; Sally’s children, William (Donna) Walker III, Kathy Walker and Tracy Walker; grandchildren, Bannon, Callum, Havanna, Vaidden, Durrgen, Michael, Chloe, William IV, Elanore and Amelia; sisters, Mary (Dean) Kaylor and Bonnie Palmer; many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. He is predeceased by his son Douglas and brother Bill.

James “Jim” McIntosh
(Rowing, 1956)

James “Jim” McIntosh passed away on February 24, 2018 at age 87.

Jim rowed for the Detroit Boat Club and competed at the 1956 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. He was on the silver medal winning coxless fours team. He continued to compete after the Olympics, winning a national title in 1959. He retired from the General Motors Proving Ground in Milford, Michigan, where he worked as an engineer for thirty years. In retirement he attended and graduated from carpenter’s trade school and enjoyed working as a parking attendant at Novi High School.

Jim lived life to the most, always had a smile. He was a great guy and will be missed by all the shooters he coached and influenced.

Preceded in death by his beloved wife Matsu McNally, survived by his sons, John and Kenneth McNally.

Michael O’Hara
(Volleyball, 1964)

Michael “Mike” O’Hara passed away on February 1, 2018 at age 85.

Mike was inducted into the International Volleyball Hall of Fame as part of the 1989 class. His international indoor career was highlighted by competing at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, the first-ever Games with indoor volleyball. He helped the U.S. win the 1959 Pan American Games and later silver at the 1963 Pan American Games.

O’Hara, who was selected to USA Volleyball’s Diamond Anniversary All-Era Team, won six Open Division titles in the USA Volleyball Open National Championships. He was chosen most valuable player of the Opens twice (1961, 1963) and was a seven-time Open Division First Team All-American.
Overall, O’Hara won 12 USA Volleyball All-American awards while winning 15 USVBA Championships. By 1967, he was selected as a USA Volleyball All-Time Great Player.

O’Hara was equally impressive on the sand as one of the most outstanding players in beach volleyball history. Nicknamed “The Jumping Jack”, he won his first Open beach title in 1954. After reaching the podium with various partners in the late 1950s, he joined forces with the late Mike Bright (passed away Sept. 22, 2017) and went on to win the first five Manhattan Beach opens from 1960 to 1964. The pair won 12 Open tournament titles together. O’Hara captured 38 Open Beach Championships during his career.

After his retirement as a player, Mike continued to make major contributions to volleyball - as a USA Volleyball board member, as coach at Santa Monica College, a national referee, a broadcaster, and as commissioner of the International Federation of Volleyball World Series of Beach Volleyball. He served as director of sports and director of international television for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games and as a consultant for the Calgary and Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee. He also assisted the Barcelona Olympic Organizing Committee with preparations for the 1992 Olympic Games. O’Hara attended every summer Olympic Games through 2012, either as a player, administrator or fan.

O’Hara taught business and entrepreneurship at Santa Monica College for 30 years. He helped develop the ABA and World Hockey Association. Then he helped found three sports leagues—the International Track Association, International Volleyball Association and Team Cup Volleyball.

O’Hara’s philosophy was simple: “What’s important in life is not how many breaths you take. It’s how many times life makes you breathless.”

Mike is survived by his wife Arlen, son Ryan (Victoria), daughter Kelley (Bill), three grandchildren (Spencer, Josie, Michael) and many relatives.

Clyde Scott
(Track & Field, 1948)

Clyde Scott passed away January 30, 2018 at age 93.

Clyde first gained notoriety on the football field as a Smackover Arkansas Buckaroo. As a Buckaroo he also ran track where he set high school state records in the 100-yard dash, the 220 low hurdles, the 110 high hurdles and the javelin; during the summer he played baseball which Clyde always considered his best sport. His baseball prowess caught the attention of the scouts and The St. Louis Cardinals offered him a contract his senior year in high school.

As much as Clyde loved baseball, he also wanted to go to college, he received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of ‘46. Clyde played football for the Midshipmen in 1944 and 1945 and was named a second team All-American in 1945. (Navy at the time was ranked number two in the country). He ran track at the Naval Academy where he set academy records in the 100-yard dash, 220 low hurdles, 110 high hurdles and the javelin. In 1944 and 1945, he was the academy’s undefeated light heavyweight boxing champion.

After Naval Academy football practice one day in 1945, he had the good fortune to meet Leslie Hampton from Lake Village, Arkansas. She was the reigning Miss Arkansas there for a tour of the academy on her way to competing in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City. The upperclassman scheduled to be her escort was called away on a cruise and Clyde was asked to fill in that fateful day. They met, fell in love and decided by the end of the school year they wanted to get married. With the war having ended, Clyde made the decision to resign from the Academy to marry his Arkansas beauty. That summer, after being visited by coaches from around the country, he was recruited to attend the University of Arkansas.

At the University of Arkansas, Clyde was named All Southwest Conference 1946, 1947 and 1948, Second Team All American in 1946 and First Team All American in 1948. He ran track and set school and SWC records in the 100-yard dash, the 220 low hurdles, the 110 high hurdles, the 440-yard relay and the javelin. The two times he ran the 100-yard dash in college, he tied the world record held by the great Jesse Owens. In the 1948 NCAA Finals he again tied a world record competing and winning in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 13.7.

That summer he made the U.S. Olympic team in the 110 high hurdles and went to the 1948 London Olympic Games where he won the silver medal in a very close finish. Clyde always wanted to try out for the 1952 Olympic Games in the decathlon, his status as a professional football player made him ineligible. As a tribute to his athletic greatness
and overall respect for the man, then President Bill Clinton took Clyde and Leslie to the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games where Clyde finally made his Olympic return.

Clyde was selected in the first round of the 1949 NFL draft as the first pick by the Philadelphia Eagles. He played three seasons with the Eagles and one season with the Detroit Lions. As a professional football player Clyde was on two world championship teams - one with the Eagles in 1949 and one with the Lions in 1952. Clyde battled injuries throughout his pro career and was forced to retire after the 1952 season.

He received many awards when his playing days ended. While his selection to the National Football Hall of Fame was an outstanding honor, Clyde treasured the recognition he received from his beloved State of Arkansas – a few notables being the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame and the National Football Hall of Fame. In a statewide poll conducted by the Arkansas Democrat Gazette in 2000, he was selected as a member of the University of Arkansas All-Century Team and was voted the Arkansas Athlete of the Century.

Clyde spent his business career in Little Rock working in the insurance industry as an executive. He retired in 1995 and spent much of the rest of his life doing what he loved best – hunting ducks, catching crappie and playing golf and cards with his buddies at Pleasant Valley Country Club.

Throughout his life, Clyde dealt with his fame with grace and a humble spirit. He was special. While many are remembered for their achievements, Clyde is remembered for being a good and great man who excelled both on and off the field and was much loved and respected by his family, his friends and his many fans.

Clyde is survived by his wife of 72 years, Leslie; two children, Marsha Scott of Fayetteville and Steve Scott (Shirley) of Maumelle; three grandchildren, Robert, Lily and Caroline Scott and two step-grandchildren, Caleb LeFevre and Chris LeFevre (Gabby), both of Little Rock. He is also survived by his brother, Ben Scott of Independence, Mo., and sisters, Marci Porter of Ft. Smith and Carol Maxwell (Don) of Utopia, Texas.

William C. “Bill” Steinkraus

Bill Steinkraus passed away on November 29, 2017 at age 92.

Bill will perhaps be best remembered as the show-jumper who became the first American ever to win an Olympic individual equestrian gold medal - Mexico City, 1968.

He was a graduate of Yale College (‘48) and a veteran of World War II, having served in the Mars Task Force in Burma as a member of the 124th Cavalry Regiment. He spent several years after the war in the concert management field before working for a longer time in Wall Street as a security analyst. His final working years were spent in the publishing industry.

As an equestrian, Steinkraus first attracted attention as the winner of both ASPCA equitation championships at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden, on the flat and over fences. A sought-after open jumper rider after World War II, he successfully competed with the jumper strings of Arthur Nardin, Raymond H. Lutz and Fairview Farms before winning a place on the first civilian Olympic Equestrian Team in 1951. After helping the team win a bronze medal at Helsinki in 1952 he succeeded Arthur McCashin as its riding captain, a position he retained until his retirement at the end of the 1972 season. During his team membership Steinkraus won two additional Olympic team silver medals and over 100 individual international competitions as well as participating in 39 winning nations cup teams.

Thereafter he stayed connected with the USET as its president, chairman of the board of directors, and at his death, chairman emeritus. He also served for eight years as a member of the Bureau of the FEI, and was an Olympic TV commentator at Montreal, Los Angeles and Seoul and several World Championships as well as serving as an Olympic judge at Barcelona. He was one of the first inductees of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame, and was a member of the New York Sports, Madison Square Garden, National Horse Show, Washington Horse Show and Fairfield County Sports Halls of Fame.

Bill’s other sporting interests involved hunting, fishing, skiing and golf, and he was an accomplished violinist and viola player and a considerable bibliophile.
His clubs included the Camp Fire Club, The Boone & Crockett Club, the Marshepaug Forest Assn., The Leash and the Verbank Hunting & Fishing Club, and he was a director of the New York Chamber players.

He is survived by his three sons, Eric, Philip and his wife Stefanie, and Edward and his wife Beth and four grandchildren, Grace, Abigail, Griffin and Clark.

Edward Vebell
(Fencing, 1952)

Edward Vebell passed away on February 10, 2018 at age 96.

Ed began fencing while a teenager in Chicago, taking instruction from Alvar Hermanson, the coach of the University of Chicago.

Following World War II, as a member of the N.Y. Athletic Club and after 1949, the N.Y. Fencers Club, he became one of the strongest American epeeists of the 1950’s. By then his coach was Rene Pinchart.

Ed was third in individual epee at the U.S. nationals in 1952 and was a member of three national championship teams: at foil in 1951; and at epee in 1951 and 1954. Ed won the Metropolitan Championship three times (1953, 1954, 1960) in an era when that competition was second in strength only to the U.S. nationals.

In 1951, Ed was a member of the first U.S. Pan-American team at Buenos Aires, where he was on the gold medal foil team, the silver medal epee team, and won the bronze medal in epee individual.

At the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki, Ed finished a high semifinalist in the individual epee and was a member of the U.S. epee team that defeated the Russians in the preliminaries. Ed was first alternate for the 1956 and 1960 U.S. Olympic teams.

In 1957, he won the North American epee championship in Toronto. After a couple of seasons away from competition, he returned and won the 1964 Martini-Rossi epee tournament in New York, the high point of his fencing.

Beginning in the 1950’s, along with Bart Broderick, Ed revitalized the dormant Connecticut Division of the AFLA which had been established in the 1930’s by James Warner Bellah, the noted author. Ed was also one of the founders of the Fairfield Fencers Club which operated at several venues in Connecticut and for forty years provided a springboard for many newly arrived coaches; including Csaba Elthes, Bela Csajaghy, and Ben Zivkovic.

Ed was one of the foremost illustrators in the U.S. His oeuvre was particularly well-known for western, military, and sports themes and appeared in a variety of books and magazines: “Sports Illustrated”, “American Heritage”, “Field & Stream”, “Reader’s Digest” and many others. In 1962, he was the author and illustrator of “The Illustrated Book of Fencing” and he illustrated all or part of a half-dozen other books in the SI series. His commissions also included the design of fifteen U.S. postage stamps.

On numerous occasions, Ed generously contributed artistic work to the AFLA/USFA for its brochures, programs, and posters. The collection of the N.Y. Fencers Club is enriched by four of his acrylic portraits of its former fencing masters: Martin Capdevielle, Rene Pinchart, Michel Alaux, and Csaba Elthes.

During WWII, Ed was a technical sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Force. Originally an aerial gunner, he became an illustrator for “Stars & Stripes”, in which he covered the war from North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany. Among his assignments he served as courtroom artist at the Nuremberg War Crimes trial. There, owing to his distance from the proceedings, he utilized a borrowed pair of field glasses to sketch the defendants and court officers. He remained in Europe for two years after the war, sketching and fencing. Some of his illustrations hang in the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. Other work is on exhibit at the Museum of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, Switzerland. Ed was elected to the U.S. Fencing Hall of Fame in 2014.

In the last years of his life, Ed co-authored a book on cowboy collectibles and wrote a memoir of his war years which appeared this past year, entitled “An Artist at War: The WWII Memories of Stars & Stripes Artist Ed Vebell”. A second memoir - about the Folies Bergere - is currently in draft. At the time of his death, he
was being honored by an exhibition of his work at the Westport (Conn.) Historical Society.

Ed is survived by three daughters and three grandsons. His wife Elsa Cerra predeceased him.

Joseph “Jo Jo” Henry White (Basketball, 1968)

Joseph “Jo Jo” White passed away on January 16, 2018 at age 71.

White played 10 seasons for Boston, which drafted him ninth overall from Kansas in 1969. He averaged 17.2 points per game over 13 years, also playing for Golden State and the Kansas City Kings before retiring in 1981.

During his 10 years in Boston, White embodied the tradition, pride and excellence associated with the Celtics. On the court, White could do it all. With quick hands and quick feet, he jump-started fast breaks, finding teammates with clever passes or taking matters into his own hands with a deadeye jump shot.

The Celtics retired White’s No. 10 the following year, and he was still working with the club as a director of special projects at the time of his death.

White averaged 18.1 points as a member of the 1974 Celtics championship team and was chosen MVP of the NBA Finals two years later when Boston won again, scoring 33 points while leading the Celtics to a 128-126 win in triple overtime against the Phoenix Suns.

Boston traded White to the Warriors midway through the 1978-79 season and he remained with Golden State through the following season. He played one final season in Kansas City, but was always beloved in Boston as a Celtic.

At Kansas, White was an All-American selection in 1968 and 1969, was a three-time All-Big Eight Conference honoree and the Jayhawks’ Most Valuable Player for three straight seasons.

White, who won a gold medal with the U.S. team at the 1968 Summer Olympic Games in Mexico City was a seven-time NBA All-Star. He was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015, when he recalled his performance in the triple-overtime victory over the Suns that put Boston one game away from winning another title. White played 60 of a possible 63 minutes of the game.


Lones Wigger passed away on December 14, 2017 at age 80.

Lones worked on his parent’s farm in Carter, Montana and attended Fort Benton High School from 1951-1955. He enrolled at Montana State College in the Fall of 1955 where he met Mary Kathryn Spencer. Lones and Mary Kay were married in Great Falls on December 28, 1958.

After Lones graduated from college with a degree in Agronomy in 1959, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Lones served an illustrious career in the Army, stationed most of his time at the United States Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) in Fort Benning, GA, but also served two combat tours in Vietnam in 1967 and 1971. After 26 years, Lones retired in 1986 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and moved to Colorado Springs to start his second career as Director of USA Shooting. He was proud to have competed on four Olympic teams.

Lones served as Director from 1987-1994. He then spent the remainder of his life volunteering for USA Shooting and mentoring young athletes. He was a member of Halls of Fame for MSU, USAMU, USA Shooting and in 2008, Lones became the only shooting
athlete in history to be inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame. In August 2017, on his 80th birthday, Lones was honored with the dedication of the U.S. Olympic Shooting Center Range. He took this opportunity and raised over $400K for the Junior Olympic Sports Program to complete his legacy.

Lones is survived by his wife Mary Kay of 59 years, sons Ron and Dan, daughter Deena, and three grandchildren.

Cyrus “Cy” Young, Jr. (Track & Field, 1952, 1956)

Cyrus “Cy” Young passed away on December 6, 2017 at age 89.

Cy Young, Jr., a fourth-generation farmer and the only American to win an Olympic gold medal for the javelin throw.

Young was born and raised in Modesto, where he continued his family’s legacy of raising crops, and later expanded the farm. Never afraid to take a risk, Young was among the first local farmers to grow Silver Queen corn in the years before it was a known commodity. Passionate about farming, he applied his strong work ethic to the fields and became a champion there too.

While in high school, Young decided he wanted to play baseball, but he wasn’t allowed to join the team due to having asthma. Not one to be deterred, Young, who was known for his throwing arm, went on to throw the javelin at Modesto Junior College, before going on to UCLA where he was selected an All-American for the javelin throw in 1950. He was also awarded the honor of Athlete of the Year for Southern California by the Helms Athletic Foundation in 1952.

That same year, he made the U.S. Olympic Team and won the gold medal for the javelin throw in Helsinki, Finland. Four years later, in the lead-up to the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia, Young was breaking the world record during practice throws. But three days before the competition, he sprained his ankle and was unable to medal.

Young later married the former Elizabeth Anderson, who shared his profound love of farming and together they raised their daughter, Jenifer. After Elizabeth passed away in 2009, Young was introduced by a mutual friend to Marilyn Weeks, who moved from Canada to live with him in Modesto. They were together for four years, before Marilyn died unexpectedly in 2013.

A true outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fly-fishing on his ranch. He was dependable in every way and was a man whose handshake was as good as his word. Friends remember him as a gentleman with a genuine heart, an unbelievable ability in getting to the core of issues and an honest and ethical approach to life.

Cy is survived by his daughter, Jenifer, and his two grandchildren, Cy and Grace Whitten.
Our U.S. Olympians & Paralympians Association, DFW Chapter put on a Winter Olympics kickoff party, learning to curl from the Dallas Curling Club at the Dr. Pepper Star Center in Farmers Branch, TX. We had a great turnout and tons of fun.

A member of the Dallas Curling Club shows Paralympic table tennis athlete, Pam Fontaine, on the proper way to launch the curling stone from a seated position.

A member of the Dallas Curling Club encourages a youngster while long-time DFW Chapter support Tom Bosworth looks on from the left.

Two attendees of the DFW Chapter Winter Olympics kickoff party work on their curling sweeping skills. On the right is Ashlyn Speed, daughter of 1992 Paralympian Greg Speed.

Members of the Southern California USOPA gathered round the perpetual Olympic flame at the LA84 Foundation headquarters in Los Angeles to enjoy watching the television coverage of the final day of competition from the Winter Games in PyeongChang.

Andras “Andy” Toro (canoe/kayak, 1960/1964 Hungary; 1972/1976 United States) presented to his grandson, Oliver’s school. It was a huge success! They participated in some Olympic events as part of their international studies program.

This was a comment from one of the teachers about the event:

“We gathered to hear Oliver Jullien’s grandfather speak about competing in four Summer Olympics and winning the bronze medal in canoeing at the 1960 Rome Games. Such an honor to meet him and hear him speak! Wow - a real life Olympian, so inspiring!”
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