ONE TEAM – TOGETHER STRONGER
As I compose this message, I am filled with mixed emotions. For the past eight years, I have had the pleasure of leading the greatest Olympians in the world. Therefore, it is with some sadness that I end my term as president of the U.S. Olympians Association. However, as I look back on what we have accomplished, I feel a great deal of pride and satisfaction. I would like to thank all of you who supported me during my tenure; I am humbled by your kindness and honored by your trust. I have a lot to report, so let me get to it!

John Naber was president when I was elected in 2004 and I wasn’t sure I could fill the big footsteps his shoes had left behind. If you know John, you understand what a “larger-than-life” figure he is and how much work it would take just to keep up with the agenda he had established for the organization. Thankfully, John mentored me and helped guide me through any potential pitfalls. At that time, the USOC was going through a major governance change and there were several difficult issues that needed to be addressed. With John’s help, we were able to raise the USOC’s awareness of the U.S. Olympians and foster a good working relationship that continues today. CEO Scott Blackmun and Chairman Larry Probst have given the U.S. Olympians unparalleled recognition and support and I suspect the relationship between the two groups will continue to be fruitful.

Recently, our election was held to choose the next president of the USOA. Gary Hall Sr. will take over as of Jan. 1 and lead us to even loftier heights. I have worked with Gary for six years and am amazed by his energy, dedication and spirit for the Olympic Movement. His leadership with World Fit has led to a record 68 middle and elementary schools, 30,000 students and 3,500 World Fit Buddies participating in the program, which has included 2.2 million miles of activity and the involvement of 50 Olympians and Paralympians in schools this year. What started as a brainstorming idea six years ago could potentially end up as a model for the IOC in the future. I would be remiss if I didn’t also congratulate the vice presidents who were just elected: Dick Fosbury, Carol Lewis and Joey Cheek. I expect great things from each of these great Olympians.

Now let me highlight some of the activities that took place over the last eight years.

A very important part of this association is being able to get members together to celebrate the Olympic Movement. Accordingly, in 2008, the U.S. Olympians staged the first National Olympian Reunion in San Jose, Calif., before the Beijing Olympic Games. Organized by Anne Cribbs, it was a major success with the participation of more than 200 Olympians from all over the country.

In 2005, the officers of the U.S. Olympians felt that it was important for us to have a program to fight obesity in our country. After all, what better group of individuals to talk directly to youngsters about fitness and health than Olympians? With that in mind, we devised World Fit. As I mentioned earlier, it has grown into a nationwide program that is honored by the Partnership for a Healthy Society and the First Lady’s “Let’s Move” campaign. Recently, the IOC even praised World Fit for its integration of Olympians into an appealing program that convinces kids to exercise.

Although the Olympians for Olympians Relief Fund was created long before my tenure as president, we have been able to increase the amount of support tenfold with the help of the USOC. It is a great program that has helped hundreds of our fellow Olympians in times of need. I urge you to reach out and learn more about this program and what it has accomplished – it is an amazing story.

Working with Keith Bryant of the USOC, we have built the Olympic Day initiative into the largest single-week event program in the Olympic Movement. Last year, after two consecutive years of growth, we managed to have more than 500 events around the country celebrating the Olympic Movement. Special thanks go to two of our chapter presidents, Sammy Walker and Jim Millns, who took responsibility for managing the efforts of many of our Olympians and Paralympians.
Another successful activity was one spearheaded by Olympian Micki King. The Kids4Trees program brought young kids and Olympians together in the forests around the nation to enjoy nature, plant young saplings and talk about the benefits of healthy living. Many Olympians participated, but two went above and beyond – Kevin Young and Mel Pender. Thank you all for your efforts. The program is a wild success and praised by the U.S. Forest Service.

In 2008, I took great pride in helping to elect fellow Olympian Dick Fosbury as president of the World Olympians Association. Dick worked tirelessly to develop programs and plans for the success of the WOA. He did a fantastic job even in the face of some significant challenges. All U.S. Olympians should be proud of the fact that one of our own held this prestigious position.

I am very proud of our organization’s move toward inclusiveness. Without protest, the USOA voted to open our organization to our Paralympic brothers and sisters. This relationship is still a work in progress, but I feel good in knowing that our resolve is solid and soon we will have a complete integration with the Paralympic Movement. Thanks to Caryn Davies, Judy Brown Clark and Linda Mastandrea for their work on behalf of the Olympians and Paralympians.

In the eight years that I have been president, we have increased the number of chapters from 14 to 21. In my vision for the organization, this is still an area where we can improve. Although John Naber has done a great job of pushing for more chapters, it is becoming more and more difficult to find Olympians willing to lead their areas. I understand that we are all busy, but it is important that we continue to work on behalf of the Movement to stay in touch and make our organization stronger. I hope some of you will step up and start a chapter if one does not exist in your region. Cindy Stinger at the USOC has all the information you need; it is not that difficult and is extremely rewarding.

In the final year of my presidency, I wanted to leave behind something that will provide support for all of our organization’s programs. I wanted to add support to World Fit and Olympic Day, and challenge our chapters to do more in their respective communities. While working with the officers late last year, we came up with a new program called “Walk to London 2012.” It was a fun idea that required every chapter to organize a community walk. The miles we walked were added together and posted on a map to show progress from the LA Olympic Stadium to the London Olympic Stadium, a distance of 5,654 miles. As it turned out, we walked more than 16,000 miles and involved nearly 20,000 people. The most impressive thing about this program is that it was organized in six months on a very small budget. Now, we hope to target a “Walk to Sochi” and beyond.

Thanks again for giving me the privilege of leading the U.S. Olympians for the past eight years. The honor has also given me a lifetime of memories. I plan to remain involved with the USOA, but it will certainly be nice to hand the leadership responsibilities over to my friend Gary Hall. I am eager to see where he takes our organization in the future.
Leading up to the London 2012 Olympic Games, many projections had China and Russia ahead of the United States as the leaders in the overall medal count. So when Team USA finished on top, with 104 medals (China was second with 88) and the most gold medals with 46 (again, China was second with 38), it marked a renewed sense of pride for America’s Olympians. Team USA was back on top after finishing runner-up to China when the Games were held in Beijing in 2008.

Although the U.S. Olympic Committee made no bold, public medal predictions, it certainly was pleased with the outcome. “We are immensely proud of the success that our athletes had in London,” U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun said.

From the start of the Games, with an Opening Ceremony plotted by Academy Award winning director Danny Boyle and which featured Queen Elizabeth II in a James Bond sketch and soccer star David Beckham carrying the Olympic flame aboard a boat, until the Closing Ceremony, which featured a Spice Girls reunion concert, there was much for Team USA and the rest of the world to celebrate.

The United States started off the Games by earning a medal on the first day of full competition in London. Team USA’s men’s archery team, led by world No. 1 Brady Ellison, Jake Kaminski and Jacob Wukie, took the silver to give the United States its first team medal in the Olympic Games since 2000.

The 2012 Games, which began July 27 and came to a close Aug. 12, marked the end of an era for America’s swimming great Michael Phelps, who left London as...
the world’s most decorated Olympian with 22 medals, but the beginning of Olympic careers for many other Americans. Some Team USA athletes, such as swimmers Katie Ledecky and Missy Franklin, came home from London with gold and then returned home to their respective high schools.

U.S. women’s beach volleyball stars Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings captured their third consecutive Olympic gold medal in London, where the duo likely competed in its last Olympic Games, while American diver David Boudia won his first Olympic gold medal in London to become the first U.S. diver since Greg Louganis to claim gold in the 10-meter platform in 1988.

London also marked a place of redemption. For sprinter Allyson Felix, who in two previous trips to the Olympic Games had to settle for silver in her signature event, the 200 meters, London became her land of gold. For gymnast Jordyn Wieber, who entered the 2012 Games as the reigning world all-around champion, London was the site of initial disappointment as she shockingly did not qualify for the all-around final. Yet Wieber found redemption in the same city as she helped lead the U.S. women’s gymnastics team to its first Olympic team gold medal since Kerri Strug and the “Magnificent Seven” won it in 1996.

Gabby Douglas, meanwhile, became the first African-American to win the all-around Olympic gold medal, and Aly Raisman took home two gold medals (team competition and floor) and a bronze on the balance beam.

It was also in London, the home of the most famous tennis courts in the world at Wimbledon, where Serena Williams captured the gold medal in both the singles event and doubles, which she won along with her sister, Venus. Another set of U.S. tennis siblings, twin brothers Mike and Bob Bryan, went on to win their first Olympic gold medal in doubles as well.

The London Games marked some historical firsts as women’s boxing was introduced to the Olympic program, making the 2012 Games the first to have women competitors in every sport. Team USA came away with its first gold medal in women’s boxing as 17-year-old Claressa Shields won the middleweight class competition.

Speaking of women in the Games, 2012 was the first time more women than men were on Team USA (268 women, 261 men). And if the American women competed as their own nation, they would have finished third in gold medals, tying host nation Great Britain with 29. The U.S. women won 58 of a total 104 medals, plus contributed to the one tennis mixed doubles medal. Two-time Olympic champion fencer Mariel Zagunis was selected as Team USA’s flag bearer in the Opening Ceremony.

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Shooter Kim Rhode won a gold medal in skeet shooting to win her fifth consecutive medal at five Olympic Games. Her teammate and Olympic Village roommate, Jamie Gray, won the gold medal in the 50-meter three-position rifle event with an Olympic-record total of 691.9 points. Meanwhile, in judo, Kayla Harrison won the -78 kg class gold medal, making her the first American athlete to win a gold medal in that sport. Clarissa Chun, a wrestler, earned a bronze medal in the 48kg class.

Kristin Armstrong, who won the gold medal in the women’s road time trial in Beijing, took time out from her cycling career following the 2008 Games to start a family. After the birth of her son, Lucas, she decided to make a comeback and wound up defending her Olympic crown in London.

U.S. women also dominated in the team events. May-Treanor and Walsh Jennings won the beach volleyball gold medal, but did so in an All-American final, beating compatriots April Ross and Jen Kessy. The U.S. women’s soccer team, led by veterans Abby Wambach and Hope Solo and Olympic rookie Alex Morgan, earned its third Olympic gold medal; the U.S. women also won gold medals in basketball, water polo, rowing (women’s eight) and came close to winning another gold in indoor volleyball but lost to Brazil in the Olympic final.

In diving, the synchronized team of Kelci Bryant and Abby Johnston took the silver, marking the first time the United States earned a medal in the sport since 2000. On the track, the U.S. women’s 4 x 100 relay team of Allyson Felix, Tianna Madison, Carmelita Jeter and Bianca

Michael Phelps of the United States competes in the Men’s 4x100m Medley Relay Final on Day 8 of the London 2012 Olympic Games

Kayla Harrison of the United States (white) and Gemma Gibbons of Great Britain compete in the Women’s -78 kg Judo

Gabrielle Douglas of the United States competes on the balance beam in the Artistic Gymnastics Women’s Individual All-Around
Knight won the gold medal in a blistering speed of 40.82 seconds, breaking a record previously set by the East Germans in 1985. The U.S. women also won the 4 x 400 relay with DeeDee Trotter, Felix, Francena McCorory and Sanya Richards-Ross). Other women's track and field gold medalists: Richards-Ross (400), Jenn Suhr (pole vault) and Brittney Reese (long jump).

In the pool, Missy Franklin won five medals, four gold, in her Olympic debut, Katie Ledecky won the 800 by four seconds in a time of 8:14.63, breaking Janet Evans' American record of 8:16.22, which had stood since 1989. Rebecca Soni defended her gold medal in the 200 breaststroke and took the silver in the 100, Dana Vollmer earned her first individual Olympic gold medal in the 100 fly, Allison Schmitt struck gold in the 200 free and silver in the 400.

Still, the focus of most of the attention in the pool was on Michael Phelps, the eight-time gold medalist from Beijing. Phelps wasn’t as dominant as he was four years earlier when he broke Mark Spitz’s record of seven gold medals in one Games, but he showed he wasn’t about to surrender in what he said were his final Olympic Games. In his opening race, the 400 individual medley, Phelps placed fourth and his teammate Ryan Lochte was the winner. But Phelps represented the Soviet Union, who had amassed 18 Olympic medals from 1956-1964.

Phelps wasn’t the only star in the water. Nathan Adrian won the 100 free, Matt Grevers became the 100 backstroke champion and Tyler Clary won the 200 back.

The U.S. men carried their weight in the track and field competitions as well. Ashton Eaton became the decathlon champion, followed by fellow American Trey Hardee. Christian Taylor became the triple jump Olympic champion (Will Claye earned the silver medal) and Aries Merritt and Jason Richardson placed 1-2 in the 110-meter hurdles.

One of the most riveting finishes came from Galen Rupp in the 10,000. Rupp finished behind his training mate Mo Farrah to earn the silver medal and became the first American to claim an Olympic medal in the event since 1964 when Billy Mills won the gold.

Perhaps the moment that most illustrated the Olympic spirit came from an American sprinter during the preliminaries of the 4 x 400. In that event, Manteo Mitchell broke his leg with 200 meters remaining yet finished the lap. Later, doctors gave him the diagnosis: a broken fibula. The Americans came in second behind a team from the Bahamas but would not have made it to the final had Mitchell not completed his run in the prelims.

Another inspiring moment came on the final day of competition in the marathon, which started and finished on The Mall in central London rather than ending in the Olympic Stadium. Although the United States did not medal in the marathon, Meb Keflezighi, a refugee from Eritrea and a silver medalist in the marathon in 2004 in Athens, rallied to place fourth in London.

Also on the last day of the Games, the U.S. men’s basketball team, coached by Duke’s Mike Krzyzewski, defended its gold medal. Kevin Durant scored 30 points as Team USA defeated Spain, 107-100. LeBron James, who entered the Olympic Games having won his first NBA title with the Miami Heat, scored 19 points for his second Olympic gold medal.

Not to be outdone, American wrestlers capped off the Games by topping the podium as well. Jake Varner won the gold medal in the 96kg freestyle event on the final day of the Games. Just two days earlier, teammate Jordan Burroughs won the gold medal in the 74kg.

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Misty May-Treanor (L) watches as Kerri Walsh Jennings of the United States controls the ball during the Women’s Beach Volleyball Gold medal match

chairman Larry Probst said during a news conference at the end of the Games. “There’s nothing wrong with that.

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He got his wish, courtesy of the many talented members of Team USA.

Now Team USA will shift its focus to the Winter Games in Sochi in 2014 and to the next Summer Games, which will be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

But at least in 2012, the United States could savor its time in London.

“The American public has high expectations for our Olympic team and our Olympic athletes,” Probst said. “There was a lot of speculation about where we would finish as a team. And a lot of people predicted that we might finish second and some even suggested third. So we’re extremely proud of what our team has accomplished and what our athletes have accomplished.”
For 11 days this past summer in London, the birthplace of what are now known as the Paralympic Games, 4,200 athletes from 164 nations experienced what many --- including Sir Philip Craven, president of the International Paralympic Committee --- have called the “best ever” Paralympic Games.

“In this country, we will never think of sport the same way and we will never think of disability the same way,” said Lord Sebastian Coe, the Olympic champion runner and chairman of the London Organizing Committee, during the Closing Ceremony. “The Paralympians have lifted the cloud of limitation.”

Many of those Paralympians who helped “lift that cloud” were from the United States, which boasted a team of 227 athletes, 20 of whom have military connections either as veterans or as active-duty personnel. Team USA finished fourth in total medals at the Games with 98, winning 31 gold, 29 silver and 38 bronze medals. In all, a record 2.7 million spectators took in the Paralympic Games in London.

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For Team USA, there were plenty of memorable athletic performances in venues all over the United Kingdom, from the pool to the track to open waters. And the history of London and its Paralympic ties did not go unnoticed by the athletes.

Back in 1948, Professor Sir Ludwig Guttmann came up with the idea of using sport to help rehabilitate military veterans. He created the Stoke Mandeville Games, named after the...
hospital where Guttmann worked, for athletes with disabilities. The Games were scheduled to coincide with the Opening Ceremony of London's 1948 Olympic Games. Twelve years later, the first Paralympic Games were held in Rome. Numerous events were held to honor the beginnings of the Paralympic Movement at Stoke Mandeville.

One Team USA athlete who showed how far the Paralympic Movement has come amongst athletes with military backgrounds was Navy Lt. Bradley Snyder. Exactly one year after losing his sight during his deployment in Afghanistan he won a gold medal at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The gold medal, which he earned in the 400-meter freestyle, was actually his second of the Games, in addition to a silver medal.

Snyder was honored by being named the U.S. flag bearer at the Closing Ceremony. “My story didn’t end with my injury,” Olson said. “It’s like what I tell other soldiers, ‘There’s a whole new chapter. You just have to write it.’ ”

Both Snyder and Olson have expressed interest in training for the next Paralympic Games, which will be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

But they were far from the only stars on Team USA. A few American athletes had a lot to claim when they went through customs on the return trip home from London. Swimmer Jessica Long brought home eight Paralympic medals (five gold) and track and field star Tatyana McFadden earned four medals in her third trip to the Paralympic Games. Another track star, Raymond Martin, who was hoping just to enjoy the Paralympic experience in his debut in the Games, returned to the United States with four golden souvenirs.

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The U.S. Olympic Committee named Long its Paralympic SportsWoman of the Year and Martin its Paralympic SportsMan of the Year.

Wheelchair tennis players Nick Taylor and David Wagner were named the USOC Paralympic Team of the Year. Over a span of eight years, Taylor and Wagner have won three Paralympic gold medals in doubles. In addition, Wagner took home a silver medal in the quad singles event and Taylor claimed the bronze.

Most of Team USA’s medal haul came in the pool, as the Americans won 41 swimming medals. In addition to Long and Snyder, the United States had six other swimmers win gold medals in London: Victoria Arlen, Kelley Becherer, Lantz Lambback, Ian Silverman, Mallory Weggemann and Justin Zook.

Just 17, Arlen also won three silver medals during the Games in addition to her gold medal in the 100 free (S6 class). Weggemann’s gold medal was especially impressive since Paralympic officials reclassified her shortly before she competed in the 50 free (S13).

Track and field was another area where Americans excelled. Led by McFadden and Martin --- who were part of a group of 13 athletes from the University of Illinois --- Team USA captured 28 medals in athletics.

Jeremy Campbell, who had won gold medals in the discus and the pentathlon four years ago in Beijing, defended his discus gold medal in London. Unfortunately for Campbell, the pentathlon is no longer part of the Paralympic program, otherwise he might have earned a second gold in London.

And Shirley Reilly captured a gold medal in the marathon in a race that was decided by a second. Reilly finished the marathon in a time of 1:46:33. Reilly
also captured a silver in the 5,000 and a bronze in the 1,500. McFadden actually was the leader at one point in the race but was foiled by flat tires.

One of the biggest surprises of the Paralympic Games came in the men's 100 (T44 class), which featured a loaded field with top Americans Jerome Singleton and Blake Leeper, Great Britain's Jonnie Peacock and South Africa's Oscar Pistorius, who had made global headlines having become the first amputee to compete in the Olympic Games in London just a month before the 2012 Paralympic Games. Peacock pleased his hometown fans with the victory but relative unknown American Richard Browne blew away the favorites with the silver.

Team USA cyclists captured 17 medals, led by Joe Berenyi, who won the gold medal in the individual pursuit (C3) and earned a silver medal in the individual time trial and a bronze in the team sprints, and Muffy Davis, who won three gold medals in the team relay, individual time trial (H1-2) and individual road race (H1-3).

One of the most dramatic victories for Team USA came in archery where Jeff Fabry, dropped and broke his bow and missed the third set of the semifinal to retrieve his backup bow and came back to win the gold medal --- the first Paralympic medal for the United States in archery since 1984 and the country’s first gold medal in an Olympic or Paralympic Games.

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Team USA was also strong in the team competitions, with the men's wheelchair basketball team and the wheelchair rugby team each earning bronze medals and the U.S. women's sitting volleyball team taking home the silver. The men's wheelchair rugby team only lost one game in the Paralympic Games, and by one point, but it was against Canada in the semifinals. Although the men's basketball team had been hoping for a gold medal, it did avenge a loss to Great Britain in the bronze-medal game in Beijing four years ago.

Following the Closing Ceremony, which featured major musical stars such as Coldplay, Rihanna and Jay-Z, the Team USA athletes returned to the United States and were congratulated by President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. Bradley Snyder, the gold-medal winning swimmer, gave them a flag from the Opening Ceremony from the Paralympic Games.

Said President Obama: “You could not have been better ambassadors for the United States.”

As Huebner put it: fabulous.
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With 2012 Olympic Day occurring one month before the 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony, the U.S. Olympic family had a unique opportunity to inspire Americans and kick-off a terrific summer for Team USA. From June 22-July 1, more than 200,000 Americans celebrated Olympic Day by participating in 632 events in 529 cities across all 50 states. Americans even celebrated Olympic Day overseas in eight different locations, making this year the most successful Olympic Day celebration ever in the United States.

In addition to the record number of participants and events, more than 500 Olympians, Paralympians, coaches and hopefuls joined community-based organizations to celebrate Olympic Day, share their stories and promote Olympism and active lifestyles in their communities. Among the participating athletes were 103 Olympic and Paralympic athletes from the London Games, the gold-medal winning women’s soccer and women’s eight rowing teams and the Paralympic women’s goalball team.

With the support of U.S. Olympians Association President, Willie Banks (athletics, 1980, 1984 & 1988), Olympians Sammy Walker (weightlifting, 1976) and Jim Millins (figure skating, 1976) served as 2012 Olympic Day co-chairs, rallying fellow Olympians and Paralympians to participate in Olympic Day. Olympians and Paralympians played an active role in both participating in and organizing Olympic Day celebrations.

The U.S. Olympians Association’s Olympic Day events, which featured their Walk to London campaign, tallied record-breaking participation. The campaign, which began in April in Los Angeles and culminated in Washington, D.C. on June 23, included community walks around the country and ended with a send-off to the 2012 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Teams.

This year’s U.S. Olympic Day success was highlighted by several partnerships with members of the Olympic Family, including first lady Michelle Obama, who offered a welcome message of encouragement in the 2012 Olympic Day video. Also featured in the video were Olympians Diana Lopez (taekwondo, 2008 & 2012), Steven Lopez (taekwondo, 2004, 2008 & 2012), John Orozco (gymnastics, 2012), and Kelly Clark (snowboarding, 2002, 2006 & 2010), as well as Paralympian Rudy Garcia-Tolson (swimming, 2004, 2008 & 2012).

Other highlights included a new partnership with USA BMX, who in coordination with USA Cycling, offered a free day of BMX racing and learning to ride at BMX tracks across the country in celebration of Olympic Day. As a result, nearly 14,000 riders came out to try the sport of BMX racing on Olympic Day.

More than 330 Multi-Sport
Organizations hosted Olympic Day celebrations, including 89 events hosted by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, 88 events hosted by the National Recreation & Parks Association and 59 events hosted by the YMCA of the USA.

Each of the 632 Olympic Day celebrations was organized at a local level and varied in scope from summer camp field days and Olympic and Paralympic sport demonstrations and activities to Olympic-themed education and art projects. The events ranged in size from 30 to 10,000 participants.

It is celebrations like Olympic Day that promote fair play, perseverance respect and sportsmanship that advance the Olympic mission of building a more peaceful and better world through sport. The USOC thanks everyone who contributed to the success of Olympic Day and inspired tens of thousands of Americans across the United States - and world. Thank you to the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians who participated, without your support and dedication, Olympic Day in the United States could not happen.

For information on 2013 Olympic Day, please contact Abigail Tompkins via email at Abigail.Tompkins@usoc.org or by telephone at 719.866.3245.
ALLYSON FELIX
Olympic SportsWoman of the Year

U.S. track & field standout Allyson Felix made history during her third Olympic appearance by collecting three gold medals and becoming the first woman to accomplish the feat since Florence Griffith-Joyner in 1988. Felix claimed her first gold of the London Games in the 200 meters and, two days later, ran the second leg of the world-record setting 4x100 relay team. She closed the Games with the gold medal in the 4x400 relay. A three-time Olympic medalist in the 200, Felix claimed top honors in her signature event at the 2011 U.S. Olympic Trials, breaking Griffith-Joyner’s 24-year-old record with a time of 21.69 seconds – the fourth-fastest by a woman in history. The three-time Jesse Owens Award winner became the first American woman to win national titles in all three sprint events at the 2011 U.S. Outdoor Championships. She completed her stellar 2011 campaign by winning four medals at the 2011 World Championships, tying Carl Lewis for 10 career medals in the event.

MICHAEL PHELPS
Olympic SportsMan of the Year

During the recently completed 2012 Olympic Games, Michael Phelps became the most decorated Olympian in history with 22 medals, including 18 golds. At the London Games, Phelps capped his illustrious career with four gold medals – including individual titles in the 200-meter individual medley and 100 butterfly and relay wins in the 4x200 freestyle and 4x100 medley. He also added silver medals in the 200 butterfly and the 4x100 freestyle relay. It was a fitting exclamation point to Phelps’ career that spanned four Olympic Games. Phelps concluded the 2012 Games as the most successful swimmer of the meet for a third consecutive time. In his final season, Phelps also earned the 2011-12 USA Swimming Grand Prix Series title and collected seven medals at the 2011 FINA World Championships.

U.S. WOMEN’S EIGHT
Olympic Team of the Year

With a gold medal at the 2012 Olympic Games, the women’s eight – Erin Cafaro (Modesto, Calif.), Caryn Davies (Ithaca, N.Y.), Susan Francia (Abington, Pa.), Caroline Lind (Greensboro, N.C.), Esther Lofgren (Newport Beach, Calif.), Eleanor Logan (Boothbay Harbor, Maine), Meghan Musnicki (Naples, N.Y.), Taylor Ritzel (Larkspur, Colo.) and Mary Whipple (Orangevale, Calif.) – continued its historic run that includes seven straight world championships and three consecutive Olympic medals. The U.S. defended the gold in London, finishing the course in 6:10.59, nearly two seconds ahead of the field. It was a fitting culmination to a year that saw the U.S. fortify its championship dynasty on the world stage. The team set the course record at the 2011 Henley Royal Regatta to claim the Remenham Challenge Cup and won gold at the 2011 World Rowing Cup in Lucerne, Switzerland. At the 2012 World Cup, the team set a world record in its defeat over Canada. The women’s eight continued its winning tradition with a gold-medal finish at the 2011 World Rowing Championships in Slovenia to qualify for London. All nine athletes in the boat are ranked among the top 16 most-medaled female athletes in U.S. history at the world championship and Olympic levels.

JESSICA LONG
Paralympic SportsWoman of the Year

U.S. Paralympic swimming standout Jessica Long collected eight medals at the 2012 Paralympic Games to tie for the most of any athlete and bring her total Paralympic medal count to 17 over three Games. The 20-year-old grabbed gold in five events in London, including the 100-meter butterfly (S8), 400 freestyle (S8), 100 breaststroke (SB7), 200 individual medley (SM8) and 100 freestyle (S8). She also claimed silver in the 100 backstroke (S8) and the 4x100 freestyle relay (34 points), and bronze in the 4x100 medley. Long also lowered her world-record times in the 100 and 400 freestyle winning both events at three consecutive Paralympic Games. She punched her ticket to London after winning seven events and breaking five world records at the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Trials. She returned to the international stage with high hopes in London after capturing nine gold medals and four world records at the 2011 Pan-Pacific Paralympic Swimming Championships. Swimming World Magazine named Long Disabled Swimmer of the Year in 2011, and in 2012, she won her second ESPY Award for Best Female Athlete with a Disability.
In his first Paralympic Games, 18-year-old Raymond Martin struck nothing but gold, winning every event he entered in London. Competing in the T52 class, Martin secured Team USA's first track and field gold of the Games after winning the 100 meters. He then cruised to victory in the 400, before securing the top podium spot in the 800. The 200-meter world-record holder then completed his sweep of the sprint events, posting a time of 30.25 seconds in the 200, his premier event. Martin entered the Games with high expectations after taking top honors in the 200, 400 and 800 meters at the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Trials, where he set a world record and an American record in the 200 and 800. Martin’s 2011-12 campaign was also highlighted by four medals – including two golds and two silvers – at the 2011 Parapan American Games, followed by a record-shattering performance at the Swiss Series, where he set national records in the 200 and 400.
Russell Allen
(cycling, 1932)

Russell Allen passed away on April 1, 2012. He was 99.

Russell was a track and field athlete and baseball player prior to taking up cycling as a junior in high school. With the Crebs Cycling Club of Long Beach, California he quickly made the United States Olympic team and attended the 1932 Summer Olympics. Allen remained athletically active throughout his entire life, routinely cycling 50-60 miles distances in his 80s. He also bungee jumped regularly until 2006 when, at the age of 92, he set a world record as the oldest person to have done so. For many years he was the oldest living American Olympic cyclist and, at the time of his death, the third-oldest known Olympian for the United States overall.

Lee Allen
(wrestling 1956, ’60)

Lee Allen passed away June 11, 2012. He was 77.

A native of Kansas, Allen owns the distinction of having wrestled in two different styles at two Olympics, competing in freestyle at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, and in Greco-Roman at the 1960 Olympics in Rome. He was head Greco coach for the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Prior to his international mat career, Allen was an undefeated, four-time high school state champ in Oregon who then had a perfect record at Portland State. After serving as a high school coach in Oregon, Allen moved onto collegiate coaching in California. At Skyline College, he was responsible for both men’s and women’s programs; he then took the helm of the women’s program at Menlo College until his retirement in 2010.

Lee Dale Allen is survived by his wife, Joan, daughters Sara Fulp-Allen and Katherine Fulp Allen.

Ann Curtis Cuneo
(swimming, 1948)

Ann Cuneo died June 26, 2012. She was 86.

She was a swimming world-record holder in two events in 1944, but the Olympics were not held that war-torn year, so she had to wait until the London Games in 1948, where she showed that she had not lost any of her skills by winning two gold medals and a silver in freestyle events.

Mrs. Cuneo, the mother of three sons and two daughters, was inducted into several sports shrines over the years, including the International Swimming Hall of Fame and the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Survivors include her children Carrie Cuneo of San Rafael; Susan Cuneo Starr of Lafayette, Calif.; David Cuneo of Corte Madera; Brian Cuneo of Truckee; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Louis K. McMillian, Jr.
(rowing, 1952)

Louis McMillian passed away on September 13, 2012. He was 83.

Mr. McMillan was a member of the four-man U.S. crew team at the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki. He managed youth baseball teams and was a volunteer at St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church in Springfield.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Helen Moore McMillan; two children, Cameron McFeeters and Mark McMillan; and three grandsons.

Phil Moriarty
(diving coach, 1960)

Phil Moriarty passed away on August 18, 2012. He was 98.

Moriarty, who coached the United States diving team at the Rome Olympics in 1960, helped train some of his era’s greatest swimmers, among them the Olympic gold medalists Don Schollander, Steve Clark, Mike Austin, John Nelson and Jeff Farrell.

He also coached Olympic diving champions like Bob Clotworthy and David Browning. In 1960, Moriarty’s divers won two gold and four silver medals in Rome.

He is survived by 2 sons, Philip and Richard; a daughter, Ellen L. Moriarty; 7 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.
Reginald James “Reggie” Pearman, III  
(athletics, 1952)

Reggie Pearman passed away on June 11, 2012. He was 89.

A 1952 U.S. Olympian in the 880-yard run, Pearman announced his retirement from track and field after winning the National AAU 400-meter championship in Dayton, OH, in 1957.

Pearman was a 1950 graduate of NYU’s School of Education. He anchored relay teams to six Championship of America medley performance in 1950. When the “Wall of Fame” was established at the 100th running of the Penn Relays in 1994, Pearman was one of 16 charter inductees.

Mary Perry  
(volleyball, 1964, ’68)

Mary Perry passed away on June 4, 2012. She was 69.

Mary was chosen for the Sao Paulo, Brazil, Pan Am Games U.S. Women’s Volleyball Team, and won team gold. She went on to compete in two Olympics, 1964 in Tokyo, and 1968 in Mexico City. In 2009, Mary was awarded the Flo Hyman All-Time Great Player Award and was inducted into the U.S. Volleyball Hall of Fame.

Mary is survived by her three brothers, Irv, Doug, and Charles Perry, and their families; and by her partner of 33 years, Sue Schilling.

Patrick Porter  
(athletics, 1984, ’88)

Patrick Porter passed away on July 26, 2012. He was 53.

Pat was a two-time U.S. Olympic Team Member in the 10,000 meters, a world record holder, twelve-time U.S. National Champion, won a record-setting eight consecutive USA Track & Field Senior Men’s Cross Country National titles, and he represented the U.S. at the World Cross Country Championships from 1982-1989. In 1998 he played Finnish distance runner Lasse Virén in the movie Without Limits, a biographical film about American distance legend Steve Prefontaine.

He competed for Athletics West, Nike, Mizuno and Pearl Izumi throughout his running career. He was a top salesman for Centex Homes. He graduated from Adams State College in 1982, was a pilot, NRA member, and attended Calvary of Albuquerque.

Pat is survived by his wife of twenty years and 1988 U.S. Olympian, Trish King Porter; daughter, Shannon Porter; parents, Jack and Ruth Porter from Cedar Edge, Colorado; and twin sister, Patricia Porter Van Inwagen (Chris) from Evergreen, Colorado.

Robert Tetzlaff  
(cycling, 1960, ’68)

Robert Tetzlaff passed away on September 27, 2012. He was 76.

Tetzlaff was a pioneer in American road racing and a member of the 1960 and 1968 Olympic teams. He was a silver medalist at the 1963 Pan American Games and he won the first two editions of the Nevada City Classic. Later he coached many top athletes, including a young Greg LeMond.

He is survived by his wife Lorine, and their son, Scott Oliver. Rob and Lorine were founders of the Los Gatos Cycling club and the Cat’s Hill Bicycle Race, which has been held in Los Gatos since 1974.
Alvin Ulbrickson, Jr.  
(rowing, 1952)

Alvin Ulbrickson passed away on July 6, 2012. He was 81.

The son of legendary Huskies rowing coach, Alvin Ulbrickson, Sr. who followed in his father’s footsteps; he competed at the University of Washington and graduated in 1952 with a degree in physical education. He also won a bronze medal at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

After retiring from the university, Mr. Ulbrickson served as the executive director of the South Snohomish County Chamber of Commerce and moved to Orcas Island. He remained a supporter of the UW and its rowing team long after leaving the university. His son said Mr. Ulbrickson would call him for real-time updates as the Huskies rowers raced in national competitions.

Both Mr. Ulbrickson and his father were inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame.

Alvin is survived by his wife, Monica; daughter Rinda; son Alvin III and three grandchildren.

Jonathan Wentz  
(para-equestrian, 2012)

Jonathan Wentz passed away on September 30, 2012. He was 21.

Wentz had recently returned from London where he was a member of the U.S. Team that earned seventh place at the 2012 Paralympic Games. At those American equestrian at either the London Olympic or Paralympic Games.

As well as competing at the highest level, Wentz was a tireless advocate for his sport. He served on the USEF Youth Council representing para-equestrian and was a member of the USEF Para Equestrian Technical Committee. Additionally, he served as an ambassador for hippotherapy, therapeutic riding, and para-equestrian dressage from an early age.

Games, Wentz also finished fourth in the Individual Test and fifth in the Freestyle Test in Grade 1b competition riding Kai Handt’s NTEC Richter Scale. These strong results earned Wentz the distinction of being the highest-placed
1. Carmen Forest (team handball, 1984) shares her Olympic journey with students during her 2012 Olympic Presentation to the students at Goddard Academy.


3. Pat Sapp (para-sled hockey, 2002) member of the Southwest Chapter receives the inaugural Dorothy Franey Langkop Ambassador Award from Willie Banks and Tina Noyes during the USOA Annual Meeting, September 20–21, 2012.

4. Heather Petri (waterpolo, 2000, '04, '08, '12) London Games Olympic Champion is honored during the BASOC Welcome Home Dinner and is escorted by a young member of Soccer America.

5. During a tree planting ceremony at the gravesite of John Woodruff (athletics, 1936) at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Ind., Gregg Bell (athletics, 1956) and Ollan Cassell (athletics, 1964) took time to honor the Olympic great and celebrate the start of the 2012 London Olympic Games.

6. On July 26th at the London Olympic Park Stratford Station the final ceremonial flag and Walk to London 2012 proclamation was presented to the British Olympians Association by Willie Banks, President USOA.

7. On Saturday October 6, West Point Olympians were honored at halftime of the football game with Boston College

   Left to right: front row Anita Allen Caskey (modern pentathlon 2004), George “Bis” Moore (modern pentathlon 1948); back row: Craig Gilbert (team handball 1984), Tom Lough (modern pentathlon 1968), Lorenzo Smith (bobsled 2006), Mike Thornberry (team handball 1996), Guy Troy (modern pentathlon 1952), and Peter Lash (team handball, 1984, ’88).

8. Dave Clark (athletics, 1960) who competed for North Texas State College and was a pole vaulter continues to spread the spirit of Olympism and loves sharing the Olympic Spirit with children in the Dallas area.

9. Legendary track & field coach and recent USOC Hall of Fame Inductee, Ed Temple celebrates with his Tigerbelles' during a parade honoring the incredible achievements of the Tennessee State University track & field program.
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