

Why should you vote for Dan Reynolds to be on the USATT Board Of Directors? Three reasons. One, I am qualified and my qualifications will be useful to the board. Two, I love this sport, its been a part of my life for 46 years. Three, I saw the shortcomings of table tennis and I want to be a part of FIXING the issues.

Many of you already know my past, I am a veteran who is retired from the Army. I am a tax accountant with a terminal degree in accounting, and I graduated law school this year. I have owned my own business for 14 years and I have worked for industry and the government during that time. In six weeks I will be a lawyer. I graduated with a business law concentration from Texas Tech School of Law. These skills that I have learned and exercised will be a great asset to the USATT. I have spent a great amount of time in the last year writing about the duty of Loyalty and Care required to be a member of our board. You have my word that I will exercise honesty, integrity, and transparency while I am a board member.

I first started playing table tennis when I was 8 years old. And many of you have heard the story about my mentor Carter Richardson. Carter played in every US Open that he was physically able to play in from the first one until he was 96 years old. When he died at the age of 104, he was buried with a paddle in his hand.

I was of a member of the USATT until I joined the Army. I still played in all the different places around the world I was stationed. I played in German Clubs mostly because I spent about 10 year in Germany. I was injured in 2003 by piece of shrapnel in my lower back. I was told I would never walk again, when I walked, I was told it wouldn't be permanent. Well, I am still walking, through the grace of God. I understand adversity. In 2011, I started playing again, I was very frustrated, my back injury has severely limited and changed my forehand swing. Additionally, I couldn't move to get to the ball. In 2012, I injured myself at a tournament and lost the feeling in my left foot. I could no longer play at the level I desired. I became an Umpire and Referee because I love this sport. I knew that I had to be a part of it until my last breathe. In 2018, I was chosen to be the Chair of the Ethics and Grievance Committee. It is here I became familiar with the inner workings and difficulties around the management of the USATT.

There are many issues that have plagued the USATT over the last 15 years. Issues that have led to the board of directors reaching a point of dysfunction so great they had to step down for the good of the sport. Today, we have a new leadership team and It is my hope that if I become a member of the USATT Board that I can be a Model of the type of board member that demonstrates knowledge, skill, and the experience to make table tennis the best it's ever been. When my days on earth are done, I hope to be like Coach Carter, except, I want to have my paddle in one hand and a yellow card in the other. Vote for Dan Reynolds for the Board of Directors.

