



## PROFILE

Born in Chicago, Illinois in 1967, I faced polio as a baby, impacting my left leg. I am the proud father of four children and was married to Deb for three decades before our separation. I've been fortunate to take part in adaptive sports in Minnesota, which paved the way for a 16-year career in the Paralympics, encompassing three Winter Games, a Gold Medal, and multiple Hall of Fame inductions. My enthusiasm for technology motivates me to explore its potential in enriching our lives. I am dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities through sports, enabling them to lower their barriers and glean valuable life lessons from those who have encountered similar obstacles. While I have retired from competitive hockey, I still find joy in playing wheelchair softball during the summer. I eagerly anticipate moments spent with my four grandchildren and cruising in my Vanderhall.

I derive immense satisfaction from sharing my life's journey through motivational speaking and advocating for disability rights. My journey exemplifies the strength to overcome obstacles and pursue my passions.

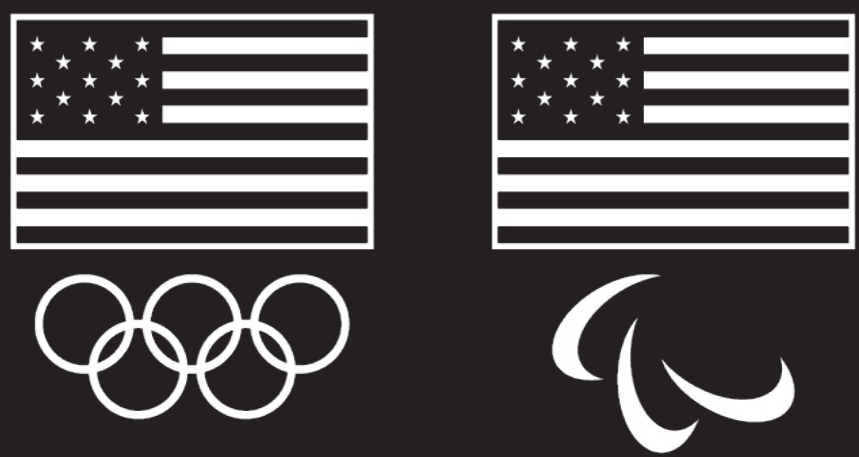
## OUR OWN MIRACLE ON ICE

The 2002 U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team made history as the first American team to win gold in the Paralympic Games. Their remarkable journey and triumph in Salt Lake City, Utah, defied all odds and set the stage for the dominant success Team USA had had since, including gold medals in the last four Paralympic Winter Games (2010, 2014, 2018, 2022).

When sled hockey made its Paralympic debut in 1994, Team USA was not one of the five countries to compete. Four years later in Nagano, Japan, the U.S. finished sixth of seven teams. Heading into Salt Lake City 2002, the U.S. had finished dead last at the previous world championship and only qualified for the Paralympics because it was the host country.

Under first-year head coach Rick Middleton (Hampton, N.H.), who redefined the team's style of play and culture, Team USA went unbeaten in the Paralympics and outscored opponents 26-6. Ten newcomers were among the 15-player roster that shocked the world by finishing on top of the podium.

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## MEDALS

- 2006 – Silver Medal, Paralympic Winter Games, Torino, Italy
- 2002 – Gold Medal, Paralympic Winter Games, Salt Lake City, UT. USA
- 1995 – Silver Medal, IPC Swedish Winter Games, Solleftea, Sweden
- 1993 – Silver Medal, World Championships, Lillehammer, Norway
- 1992 – Bronze Medal, Canadian Winter Games, Ottawa, Canada

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- 2002 – All World Goaltender Paralympic Winter Games
- 1997 – World all-star Goalie, IPC Swedish Winter Games
- 1996 – World all-star Goalie, IPC Sled Hockey World Championships
- 1995 – World all-star Goalie, IPC Swedish Winter Games
- 1992 – World all-star Goalie, Canadian Winter Games

## HALL OF FAME | HONORS

- U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, class of 2024
- U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame, class of 2022
- 2010 - White House Delegate to the Olympic Games, Vancouver Canada
- 2002 - U.S. Olympic Spirit Award by Nu Skin
- 2002 Bob Johnson Award - presented by Nike