

curriculum vitae

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**Objective**

My career is dedicated to advancing the art, science & sport of human flight.

My goal is to continue to successfully represent the United States Parachute Association, its members and the USA, during National and International competition, air shows and events, both as peak performance coach and world class athlete.

My ambition is to fly in a way, as well as to carry myself publicly in a way, which will inspire the next generation to freely explore our sport and the spirit it carries within.

Seeking opportunities to contribute my expertise and services to Armed Forces Groups, Federal Agencies, as well as Universities and corporate special interest groups world wide.

Providing custom adventure travel tours, extreme sport shows and stunts, skydive coaching and licensing, team building courses, peak performance & personal development training, in air film and photography, product R&D.

**Experience**

As competition skydiver & coach, I have accumulated 18.450+ skydives and 270+ hours of free fall time to date.

My career has taken me several times around the planet and allowed me to collect work and life experience in Germany, Spain, USA, Russia, The United Arab Emirates and New Zealand since 1994.

**Employment**

Please find a chronological list of the most significant assignments below:

Skydive Dubai:

website address <http://skydivedubai.ae>

Skydive Dubai is a subsidiary of the Nad Al Sheba Private Club. The Club consists of a small core of specialists in various industries and is representing the interests of Sheik Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai.

I was recruited to the Club as a Training officer and assigned the roles of Chief Instructor and Assistant Manager of Skydive Dubai, the skydiving industry' s undisputed flagship venue.

chief instructor

The chief instructor at Skydive Dubai is responsible for the development, implementation and conduct of all Accelerated Free Fall student training programs and the subsequent licensing process on behalf of the United States Parachute Association. Furthermore, the chief instructor designs, implements and oversees the conduct of all professional coaching programs catering to experienced jumpers in all disciplines of sport skydiving.

In this position the chief instructor leads a team of 25 world class instructors and coaches and serves as the liaison to operations management.

October 2011 through September 2012

assistant operations manager

the assistant operations manager is responsible for the coordination and conduct of daily skydiving activities. In this role, he ensures operational efficiency as well as compliance with USPA and FAA safety standards and the associated law of aviation authorities in the United Arab Emirates. The assistant manager serves as a link between skydiving personnel and the administrative departments. In this position the assistant operations manager leads a team of 43 members.

September 2012 through June 2013

New Zealand skydiving school:

website address <http://skydivingnz.com>

chief instructor

The center is set up as a NZQA approved vocational college and is the only skydiving school world wide offering a 32 week education and a commercial diploma in skydiving. Government funding and student loans are being made available to enrolled attendees of the school.

It is the chief instructor' s responsibility to ensure that the execution of the training programs is in accordance with existing NZQA guidelines and quality assurance policies and compatible with the regulatory framework set by the New Zealand Parachute Industry Association and the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand.

March 2009 through September 2011

Flight Club Ltd.:

website address <http://FlightClub.Tv>

owner & CEO

Flight Club Ltd. has been incorporated in Leeston, New Zealand under the companies act of 1993.

The group is one of the world's more popular aerial extreme sport teams, provider of custom tailored coaching programs and organizer of exclusive high end adventure travel tours, shows & stunts in virtually all aspects of human flight:

sky diving, parachuting, base jumping, wind tunnel body flight, wing suit flight, IL 76 zero- gravity parabola flight, MiG 29 supersonic flight, MiG 25 suborbital flight and civilian space exploration programs.

I have been traveling world wide in this role since May 2005.

Skydive Arizona Trainingcenter:

website address <http://skydiveaz.com>

Skydive Arizona is commonly known as the largest and most popular skydiving venue in the world and as home base for US National Teams.

Founder & manager

On behalf of Skydive Arizona, I was recruited to conceptualize and set up, a peak performance training center, catering to the expectations and needs of flyers in all disciplines of the sport and of any experience level, ranging from recreational to professional.

Responsible for the development, implementation and conduct of advanced coaching programs.

For that purpose, I was leading a team of 8 National- and World Champion skydivers tasked with executing said training programs in the daily operation.

During that time, I also served as coach and/ or alternate training partner to the following National- and World Champion skydiving teams & US Armed Forces special task groups:

US Army Parachute Team Golden Knights 8 way, US Navy Parachute Team Leap Frogs, Lake Elsinore Matrix 8 (USA), Arizona Airspeed 4 way, 8 way and 16 way (USA).

February 2002 through November 2004.

Skydive University, Inc.:

website address <http://skydiveu.com>

Vice President, Campus Director, Coaches Certification Course Conductor/ Examiner

The company is internationally recognized as a specialist venue for peak performance coaching in sport skydiving. Several Skydive University developed training programs have been implemented into the student and coach/ instructor training manuals of the United States Parachute Association- the governing body of sport skydiving in USA.

As chief instructor and campus director at the Arizona and New Jersey campuses, I was responsible for the development and implementation of peak performance training methods and coaching programs for skydivers of any experience level in Formation skydiving.

The campus director coordinates a team of coaches and support personnel on the drop zone and oversees the conduct of these training programs during the daily operation.

In addition, I was tasked with the development and implementation of the Skydive University wind tunnel assisted Accelerated Free Fall training program as well as the Skydive University basic body flight 1 on 1 coaching programs.

Responsible for the conduct of coach certification courses and the subsequent certification of Skydive University coaches world wide.

Skydive Arizona Campus, USA  
May 1998 through February 2002.

**Qualification** United States Parachute Association:

website address <http://uspa.org>

- \* Accelerated Free Fall Instructor since 1996 (AFF I/E status pending)
- \* Coaches Certification Course Conductor/ Examiner since 1998
- \* Safety & Training Advisor since 2010
- \* Professional Exhibition Rating since 2010

other:

- \* Accelerated Free Fall Instructor, German Skydiving Federation, DFV, since 1997
- \* Tandem Master, German Skydiving Federation, DFV, since 1997
- \* Accelerated Free Fall Instructor, New Zealand Parachute Industry Association NZPIA, since 2010
- \* Instructor level 1, International Bodyflight Association, IBA, since 2008

breakdown of jump numbers by discipline:

Accelerated Free Fall Instructor	1.200
Tandem Master	900
Tandem photo/ video	1.000
Skydive University RW coach jumps	5.000
Free Flying coach jumps	5.250
4 way Formation skydiving	2.000
8 way Formation skydiving	1.700
other: BASE, wing-suit, military, etc	1.400

**Education**

Academic:

Degrees in Sports & Economics  
Institute for Economics and Science, Kempten, Germany  
July 1985 through July 1993;

Military Training:

2nd Airborne Ranger Battalion 252  
Tactical Commando Crises Reaction Forces, Nagold, Germany  
Rank: Corporal  
October 1993 - October 1995;

Continued education:

Degree: Coaches Certification Course Conductor/ Examiner  
Skydive University Main Campus, Sebastian, FL, USA,  
Jul. 1996- Apr. 1998

Detail: part of this effort includes the training and certification of instructional rating holders on behalf of the United States Parachute Association as regulated by NAA and FAI guidelines.

The person qualified for this assignment has demonstrated professional knowledge and in-air skill in the following areas:

adult education, skill analysis, biomechanics, aerodynamics, sport psychology, sport sociology, formation skydiving and debriefing techniques.

This qualification carries with it the obligation that the rating holder provide exemplary leadership and accept greater responsibility for the positive development of sport parachuting as a professional coach.

This rating is officially recognized as valid expert qualification by NAA and FAI in the USA, as well as by the equivalent authorities in Canada, UK, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Scotland and Australia.

**Language**

Native language/ bilingual German and English  
Conversational/ proficient Russian  
limited understanding of French & Spanish

**Publications**

Guinness Book of Aviation World Records 2002, skydiving competition, fastest 16 way, Team AZ Airspeed USA;

Guinness Book of Aviation World Records 2003, skydiving exhibition, largest formation, 300 way World Team;

Skydiving, Oct. 2001, cover shot, photo by Michael McGowan;

Parachutist, Nov. 2002, World Record ad, photo by Michael McGowan;

Parachutist, Feb. 2003, World Record cover shot, photographed by Jason Peters;

Parachutist, Feb. 2004, AZ Trainingcenter, photo by Jason Peters;

Parachutist, Apr. 2005, p.60, Flight Club Ltd., endorsement by US Army Public Relations & Recruiting Dept./ Golden Knights

**Awards**

Certificate of Appreciation, US Department of Defense, Army Parachute Team, Golden Knights 8 way, Raeford, NC, USA, June 2003;

FAI Aviation World Record, Oct. 2001, Skydiving competition, Team Arizona Airspeed Blue (USA), Eloy, AZ, USA;

FAI Aviation World Record, Dec. 2002, Skydiving exhibition, 300 way World Team, Eloy, AZ, USA;

1st place, US National Championships, Formation skydiving, 16 way, Oct. 2001, Team Arizona Airspeed Blue, Eloy, AZ, USA

3rd place, US National Championships, Formation skydiving, 8 way, Oct. 2001, Team Elsinore Matrix, Eloy, AZ, USA

1st place, US National Championships, Formation skydiving, 16 way, Sep. 2002, Team Arizona Airspeed Blue, Ottawa, IL, USA

United States Parachute Association awards & honors:  
several internationally recognized awards for "excellence in the field", being a "pioneer of our sport who has achieved a milestone" and "having risen to the very top of the field of endeavour".

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