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**NOMINATION
2005 FAI LEONARDO DA VINCI PARACHUTING DIPLOMA**

SCOTT RHODES, UNITED STATES

“For his unparalleled success as a national and world skydiving champion, and his command and leadership within the world skydiving community.”

The following describes the accomplishments of Scott Rhodes:

Gold Medal winner in the following world and national competitions:

Eight-way world champion: 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, and 1997;

Eight-way world cup champion: 1984, 1986, 1988, and 1990;

Eight-way national champion: 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, and 1997;

Four-way national champion: 1984, 1986, 1987, and 1990;

Twenty-way national champion: 1990, 1991, 1995, and 1996.

Silver medallist:

Eight-way: 1976 World Championship.

Eight-way world records:

1991 – 23 points

1995 – 25 points

1997 – 30 points

1997 – 31 points

Four-way world records:

1990 – 24 points

During the most productive years, when the most medals were won and the most were records set, Scott Rhodes served as captain of the his team, the United States Army Parachute Team - the Golden Knights. As captain, the United States eight-way team was never defeated in world competition, and the success of the team, in a very important way, belongs to Scott Rhodes for his leadership. He is surely a role-model example to every competitor worldwide.

Scott Rhodes' achievements, in every sense of the word, have never been surpassed or even equaled in the history of skydiving anywhere in the world.