

WAYNE BAUGHMAN

Wayne Baughman is what wrestling is all about. For a small boy wrestling in Indian Games in Oklahoma, he has become a legendary leader in all he has accomplished in the sport.

Wayne's records eclipsed almost everything in the recorded archives of American wrestling. For starters, he wrestled in twenty-five National Championships, three Olympic Championships, eight World Championships, and one Pan American Games. Then he coached two Olympic Teams, five World Championship Teams, and one Pan American Team.

Baughman's record is unsurpassed: sixteen National titles; 2nd in the Nationals seven times; twenty-time AAU All-American; 1976 National Sambo Champion; two-time Olympic Team captain; Pan American Games captain and gold medalist; one of only two wrestlers to place in all three International Styles of wrestling; and one of only two wrestlers to make the United States Olympic Team in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman.

Wayne Baughman was a Big 8 Champion, NCAA Champion, National AAU Champion, US Federation Champion, four-time USAF Greco-Roman Champion, eight-time Inter-Service Freestyle Champion, and seven-time Inter-Service Greco-Roman Champion. He recently retired as Head Coach of the USAF Academy after twenty-five years, and is now enjoying retirement with his wife, Betty, at their home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

As a wrestling icon, Wayne has given so much more back to the sport in the form of service to the National AAU Wrestling Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the United States Air Force, as an author of major wrestling histories, as an athlete's representative, and as a beacon for all wrestling athletes, coaches, officials, and administrators to follow.

The Wrestling Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States is honored to include the name of WAYNE BAUGHMAN as a member of the Class of 2007 to our Hall of Fame.