



2007 Man-of-the-Year Award

SCOTT FAUCETT

Waynesboro, PA

Scott has been a certified law enforcement official for over twenty-five years now. He had worked his way through the ranks and retired as Chief of Police. He then received his appointment to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. with the prestigious Pentagon Force Protection Agency-Homeland Security and attained the highest of national security clearances. He had also served in the United States Air Force at Andrews AFB in Washington within the Air Force One Presidential Support Squadron. Scott has received many professional achievements throughout his career. Such awards include the International Optimists Law Enforcement Award, the International Respect for Law Citation, 2x Law Enforcement Officer-of-the-Year Recipient, and numerous letters of commendation have been bestowed upon him for his unselfish and dedicated work with troubled youth, and not only those within our inner cities, but for young adults from third world countries as well. For his exemplary service to our nations youth, Scott was inducted into the Police Museum Foundation in San Antonio, TX as a Life Member. By working with troubled youth, he has been able to assist countless individuals achieve local, state, and national recognition as well, something none of them would have been capable of accomplishing if it were not for Scott's guidance and deep concern for their welfare. Not only has he accomplished many athletic achievements, but has been a humble and true good example to youth that he has come into contact with and has been a genuine unselfish public servant throughout his life. Scott has stood as an example to all, and to everyone who has come into contact with him has great respect for his kindness, love and compassion for life.

Scott is the son of Warren and Julie Faucett from Crown Point, Indiana. His father was a steel worker in Chicago and Gary, Indiana for over forty years, and his mother was the church administrator at St. Maria Garrett. His only sibling and dear sister, Kelly, resides in Indiana with her little family as well. He is married to his loving and devoted wife, Claudia Arely, and has a wonderful son, Phillip. Scott's family is a true core of what our country was and is today - family.

While in high school, and as the son of a hard steel working father, Scott's unselfish hard work was honored by being named as the American High School Athlete for 1977; Nominated by Staff Sports Media. He has been the only athlete from N.W. Indiana to have been honored with this distinction at his position. He was a first Team All-Area, All-Stars, and All-Conference recipient. In addition, he was a Team Captain, 5x Letterman, and center of the 1974 undefeated football team. He was the recipient of the coveted Mental Attitude Award and was a member of the Sectional Champion Wrestling Team of 1975.



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Scott signed his Letter of Intent with St. Joseph's College and was one of only two freshman to have earned their varsity letter. He had set two college school records in track and field in the javelin and shot-put relay where the javelin record stood for many years. While in college, the Iranian Hostage Crisis situation broke out, and of course, due to his great loyalty and patriotism to his country, Scott unselfishly put aside his college and wrestling ambitions and enlisted into the U.S. Air Force. While competing for the Air Force, he had established himself on the national USA wrestling scene. He had gained national recognition which included two national Olympic qualifying tournaments in 1984 and 1988 in Greco-Roman wrestling. Scott's career was culminated by winning the AAU/USA National Championships in Somo wrestling. He was named the Air Force Rookie-of-the-Year, was a state Greco-Roman champion as well, and was a 2x All-American (wrestling and football). Scott was now able to take his great love for wrestling into the heart of our cities and work with troubled young adults.

Scott has been awarded with numerous national honors for his unselfish contributions to our nations at-risk youth in an urban inner city environment. These individuals and the youth that he has mentored are of course not your everyday teenagers. They are the at-risk, troubled inner city youth and young adults who so desperately needed a charismatic individual in their lives, and those who have made a connection with at least one charismatic adult in their life are far more likely to succeed. He has been honored with the American Legion Voiture Chevaux Man of the Year, the City of Washington, D.C.'s Achievement Medal and

was a 2x Governor's Award Recipient for dedicated support of underprivileged children. Scott's Air Force achievements included being cited with the Operation Freedom One Citation - Return of American Hostages from Iran, the Air Force Rookie of the Year, 2x Honor Graduate, and the Outstanding Unit Citation to include the Air Force Good Conduct Medal and Longevity Ribbon. Scott has instilled in the thousands of youth that he has come into contact with the importance of faith, humility, civic duty and sportsmanship. His athletic success and professional achievements have been directly contributed due to these qualities learned while wrestling throughout his young life.

His tireless contributions to our youth and to mankind have and will always be directly contributed to wrestling. He is so patient and is capable of transforming these magnificent qualities into "true" positive factors in a young persons life. These attributes that were learned have been passed on to countless individuals and they will remember a compassionate wrestler who fought as a humble man. It is not just for the great champions, but for the little grappler who will strive to make the champion even better and who will continue to fight to make themselves better and to become part of society and to continue to contribute to mans humility to be good individuals, that which wrestling and Scott continues to teach.

It is not only about the awards, but the true character that was forged because of the efforts given by a young steel workers son on all of those old wrestling mats so long ago—the ones that made him a true American athlete. He is an honored Veteran and honored mentor to our nation. As a tireless public servant, his lasting contributions are to our youth, a nation and to mankind. Scott continues to work with underprivileged and trouble youth and provides motivational speeches whenever possible. He is a true son of our sport.

Excerpt from a Champion - "Scott excelled in wrestling and attained success in freestyle and Greco. He is a definite example of someone who has taken his love for wrestling into coaching, the military and the professional world. Scott developed as a man through wrestling, and used that development to influence others through coaching of wrestling. I particularly appreciate the way Scott has served our country by enlisting for military service, in his police department work and then in the Pentagon. During each of these periods of service he has sought to help young people and very often through wrestling. My recommendation is that Scott should be considered for both State Wrestling Hall of Fame honors and also possibly the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Consideration of Mr. Scott Faucett for Hall of Fame recognition is very worthy."

-Ben Peterson Olympic Champion/National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee