

# 2026 Veterans Hall of Fame Eligibility List

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Each Screener will submit a ranked list of 10 names (1 = most deserving) selected from the list below as their preliminary ballot. \*First appearance on Veterans List

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Amado Guevara Kevin Hartman Frankie Hejduk Chris Hellenkamp Chris Henderson Lori Henry Thierry Henry Stuart Holden Angela Hucles Zak Ibsen Eddie Johnson Dominic Kinnear Jovan Kirovski Chris Klein Frank Klopas A.J. Lachowecki Karina LeBlanc \* Amy LePeilbet \* Eddie Lewis Lori Lindsey Kristin Luckenbill Pablo Mastroeni **Clint Mathis** Alan Mayer Michael McAndrews Bill McPherson Shep Messing Heather Mitts Luis Montanez Yuri Morales Pat Morris Kaizer Motaung Jen Lalor Nielson Jose Noguera Victor Nogueira ^ Ronnie O'Brien Ben Olsen Pat Onstad

Leslie Osborne Heath Pearce \* Troy Perkins \* **Brett Phillips Emily Pickering** Steve Ralston Ante Razov **David Regis** Rene Renteria \* Donovan Ricketts \* **Tiffany Roberts** Eddie Robinson JC Russo Tony Sanneh Homare Sawa \* Diego Serna **Ronald Silva** Alex Skotarek Mike Sorber Bakary Soumare \* Matt Stewart \* Brandon Taguinod Lindsay Tarpley Tatu Zach Thornton Lee Tschantret Taylor Twellman Rachel Buehler Van Hollebeke\* Greg Vanney Marthell Vazquez \* Aly Wagner Christie Welsh Pat White Cat Reddick Whitehill \* Josh Wolff Raphael Xexeo Kerry Zavagnin

# 2026 Veterans Eligibility List Overview

This is the list of individuals eligible in the election that will choose a Veteran player or players to be inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2026. This list is based on the criteria that were established by the Hall of Fame in March 1999 and modified in 2002, 2007, 2013, 2020 and other years.

To be eligible for the National Soccer Hall of Fame Veterans Ballot, an individual must have met No. 1 and either No. 2, No. 3 or No. 4:

- 1. A player must have been retired^ for more than 10 full calendar years prior to the year of induction.
- 2. A player must have played at least 20 international games for the United States Men's National Team, the United States Women's National Team or one of the nine Extended National Teams (Men's and Women's Beach, Men's and Women's Futsal, Men's and Women's CP, Men's and Women's Deaf and Coed Power). This 20-game requirement is reduced to 10 games if the games were prior to 1990 and five games if the games were prior to 1960.
- 3. A player must have played at least five seasons in a United States first-division professional league\* and been a postseason league all-star at least once. (Best XI).
- 4. A player must have played at least five seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League between the end of the NASL in 1984 and the end of the MISL in 1992, and been selected as a first-team postseason all-star in at least one of those seasons.

All individuals that meet the eligibility requirements above will appear on the Veterans Eligibility List and remain on this list until election to the Hall of Fame or Sunset.

Play by foreign players in foreign leagues or with the national teams of other countries is usually cited here only when it affects retirement year, as those accomplishments have no bearing on a person's qualifications for a Hall of Fame of American soccer.

**Veterans Sunset Rule:** An individual will be removed (sunsetted) from the Veterans Eligibility List if they do not appear on the 10-person Final Veterans Ballot in eight consecutive years. An individual can be reinstated to the Veterans Eligibility List when an application is made to the National Soccer Hall of Fame by anyone seeking to have a sunsetted candidate restored. The application will automatically be accepted and allow the clock to reset the Sunset Rule for another eight years.

**Note:** This list contains some players who did not meet new criteria set in 2008 but had met the old criteria (which included Open Cup and League championships). They have been retained on this list as specified at the time of that change. It also contains some players who meet the "all-star" requirement stated in No. 3 above by an MVP award or a goalscoring title in pre-1968 leagues that did not choose all-star team.

\* Since 1968, the United States first-division professional leagues are Major League Soccer (MLS), the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA), Women's Professional Soccer (WPS), the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), the USL Super League (USLSL) and the original North American Soccer League (NASL). Prior to 1968, the leagues recognized at this level are: The American Soccer League, the North American Soccer Football League, the German-American Soccer League of New York, the National Soccer League of Chicago, the St. Louis Soccer League, the Keystone League of Western Pennsylvania, the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League, the San Francisco Soccer League and the National Association Foot Ball League.

<sup>^</sup>Retirement year is defined as the year in which a player last appeared in an official match. For United States National Team eligible players, an official match can be with any professional or semiprofessional team in the United States or abroad, including official non-league events such as the U.S. Open Cup and the CONCACAF Champions Cup. If the player is not eligibile to play for the United States, he or she is considered to be retired for purposes of this list on departing from American professional soccer, unless he or she continues playing

professional soccer in another country at a level ruled by the Hall of Fame's historians to be equivalent to or better than the top American leagues.

# 2026 Veteran Eligibility List Biographies

These capsule biographies include both information about the achievements that enabled these candidates to meet the eligibility criteria and other information about their careers. The statement of how he or she met the Hall of Fame eligibility criteria appears in italics after the name.

This list has been broken into three sections. The purpose of doing this is to assist voters and not to indicate different levels of eligibility. All candidates in all sections are equally eligible. The three sections are:

1. Candidates who are appearing on the Veterans Eligibility List for the first time.

2. Previously-sunsetted candidates restored to the Veterans Eligibility List via appeal.

3. Candidates who have been on the Veterans Eligibility List in previous year.

## The following candidates are appearing on the Veterans Eligibility List for the first time.

#### **Chris Ahrens**

*Eligibility: 54 games for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy National Team.* 

A defender and midfielder who was a member of the U.S. team at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London. Born with cerebral palsy, Ahrens appeared in 54 games for the U.S. Men's CP National Team between 2006 and 2015, including two appearances at the Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CPISRA) World Championships. He was on the U.S. team that finished second at the Copa America 2010 and third at the Paralympic World Cup in 2012.

#### Leigh Ann Robinson Brown

*Eligibility: Three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer and three seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection.* 

A defender who won two league titles during her six first-division seasons. Brown played all three seasons of WPS, for Bay Area, Atlanta and Philadelphia, and the first three seasons of the NWSL, all for Kansas City. She was named a first-team NWSL all-star in 2013, and then was a star of the Kansas City teams that won the NWSL championship in 2014 and 2015. In addition to her first-division seasons, Brown played one seasons in the W-League and one season in the WPSL. She played two games for the U.S. Women's National Team, both in 2013.

## **Edson Buddle**

Eligibility: 14 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A forward who played 14 seasons in MLS. Buddle played in MLS from 2001 to 2010 and 2012 to 2015, for Colorado, Los Angeles, New York Red Bulls and Toronto. The peak of his MLS career came during his Los Angeles seasons, when he won an MLS title in 2012, was named to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2010 and was a runner-up for the MLS title in 2009. During his MLS career, he played 304 regular-season games and 20 playoff games. In those 324 games, he scored a total of 104 goals. 2010 also was the year when he was a member of the United States team at the World Cup, playing in two games. Those games were among 11 full internationals that he played for the United States between 2003 and 2012.

## Lori Chalupny

Eligibility: Three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer, with one all-WPS selection, and three seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection, and 106 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who won World Cup and Olympic championships with the U.S. Women's National Team. Chalupny played 106 full internationals for the United States between 2001 and 2015, including seven games at the 2007 and 2015 Women's World Cups and five games at the 2008 Olympic Games. Although she was not a frequent goalscorer over the years, with 10 goals in her national-team games, several of those came in key situations in both the World Cup and Olympic Games. At the 2007 Women's World Cup, where she scored two goals, she played every minute of all six United States games. She reached the 100-plus caps level despite having missed four years of national-team play due to concussions. Chalupny played all three seasons of WPS, with St. Louis and Atlanta, and the first three seasons of the NWSL, with Chicago. She was chosen to the WPS post-season all-star team in 2009 and the NWSL post-season Best XI in 2013. In those six first-division seasons, she played 108 regular-season games and two playoff games. She also played one season in the WPSL and one season in the Swedish first division.

## **Kenny Cooper**

#### Eligibility: Nine seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A forward who had careers in both MLS and Europe. Cooper played nine seasons in MLS between 2006 and 2015, with Dallas, Portland, New York Red Bulls, Seattle and Montreal, and was named to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2009, when he was with Dallas. In those MLS seasons, he played 211 regular-season games and seven playoff games, and scored 75 goals. He twice scored 18 goals in an MLS season. He was a runner-up in the U.S. Open Cup in 2007, and also played four seasons in English professional leagues and one season in the German second division. Cooper played 10 full internationals for the United States between 2007 and 2009, including two World Cup qualifiers.

## **Todd Dunivant**

## Eligibility: 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A defender who was a member of five league champion teams during his long career in MLS. Dunivant played 13 seasons in MLS between 2003 and 2015, for San Jose, Los Angeles, New York and Toronto, and was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2011. He played on the winning team in the MLS final in 2005, 2011 and 2012, all for Los Angeles, and was a member of the winning squad in 2003 with San Jose and 2014 with Los Angeles. He also played on the winning side in the 2005 U.S. Open Cup final with Los Angeles and the losing side in the 2009 MLS final with Los Angeles. During his MLS career, he played 282 regular-season games and 25 playoff games. Dunivant played two games for the U.S. Men's National Team, both in 2006.

## Karina LeBlanc

*Eligibility: Three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association, three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer, with one all-WPS selection, and three seasons in the National Women's Soccer Association.* A Canadian goalkeeper who had a very long career in American first-division soccer. LeBlanc played all three seasons of the WUSA, all for Boston; all three seasons of WPS, for Los Angeles, Philadelphia and magicjack, and the first three seasons of the NWSL, for Portland and Chicago. She was one of only three players to play those nine seasons. LeBlanc, who played in the Canadian national team from 1998 to 2015, including five Women's World Cups, was chosen as a WPS all-star in 2009 and won an NWSL championship in 2013 with Portland.

# Amy LePeilbet

Eligibility: Three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer, with two all-WPS selections, two seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one Best XI selection, and 84 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who starred in the U.S. national team and won a string of honors in first-division leagues. LePeilbet played 84 full internationals for the United States between 2004 and 2012, including six at the 2011 Women's World Cup and five at the 2012 Olympic Games. She played in the final in both of those tournaments, winning an Olympic gold medal in 2012. During her five-year career in first-division club soccer, which included three seasons in WPS and two seasons in the NWSL, she was selected as a first-team all-star three times. She was a WPS all-star in 2009 and 2010, and was named to the NWSL Best XI in 2015. She won NWSL championships in both 2014 and 2015 with Kansas City. All three of her WPS seasons were with the Boston Breakers. During her five WPS/NWSL seasons, she played 82 regular-season games and six playoff games. She also played six seasons in the W-League.

# **Heath Pearce**

## Eligibility: 35 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who played for the United States for seven years, and for both American and European clubs. Pearce played 35 full internationals for the United States between 2005 and 2012, including nine World Cup qualifiers in 2008 and 2009. He was a member of the United States squad during its run to the final of the 2009 Confederations Cup. He also played for the United States in the 2009 CONCACAF Gold Cup. Pearce played six seasons in MLS between 2009 and 2014, for Dallas, Chivas, New York and Montreal. He also played two seasons in the Danish first division, two seasons in the German second division and one season in the Swedish first division. During his MLS seasons, he played 129 regular-season games and two playoff games.

## **Troy Perkins**

## Eligibility: Ten season in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A goalkeeper who was named to the MLS Best XI. Perkins played 10 seasons in MLS between 2004 and 2015, for D.C., Portland, Montreal and Seattle. In addition to making the Best XI in 2006, he also was chosen as the MLS goalkeeper of the year that season. Perkins played seven full international games for the United States in 2009 and 2010, including five games at the 2009 CONCACAF Gold Cup. In addition to his MLS seasons he also played two seasons in the Norwegian first division and one season in the USL. During his MLS career, he played 217 regular-season games and six playoff games.

## **Rene Renteria**

# Eligibility: At least 23 matches for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy (CP) National Team

A forward who made 23 appearances for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy National Team from 2012 to 2015, Renteria played five matches and netted one goal at the 2012 Paralympics in London and also played four matches and tallied a goal to help the team claim third place at the 2014 IFCPF Copa America in Toronto, Canada. He also helped the USA claim bronze at the 2012 BT Paralympic World Cup in Manchester and won U.S. Soccer's Athlete of the Year with a Disability in 2013.

## **Donovan Ricketts**

# Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections.

A Jamaican goalkeeper who starred for several MLS teams. Ricketts played seven seasons in MLS between 2009 and 2015, for Los Angeles, Montreal, Portland and Orlando. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in both 2010 and 2013, was a starter on the Los Angeles team that was runner-up for the MLS title in 2009, was the backup goalkeeper on the Los Angeles team that won the MLS title in 2011, and was MLS Goalkeeper of the Year in 2013, when he was with Portland. During his MLS seasons, the Jamaican national team star played 188 regular-season games and 12 playoff games.

#### **Homare Sawa**

*Eligibility: Three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association, with two all-WUSA selections, and two seasons in Women's Professional Soccer.* 

A Japanese midfielder who was among the leading foreign stars in both the WUSA and WPS. Sawa, who played for Japan in six Women's World Cups, played all three seasons of the WUSA, all for Atlanta, and the 2009 and 2010 WPS seasons, both for Washington. She was chosen to the WUSA's post-season all-star team in both 2002 and 2003. During those five seasons, she played 103 games and scored 19 goals. After her final season in American pro soccer, Sawa continued playing in both the Japanese women's national team and the Japanese women's first division for an additional five years. She was captain of the Japan team that won the Women's World Cup in 2011.

### **Bakary Soumare**

#### Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A Malian defender who played seven seasons in MLS, Soumare, who was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in the second of those seasons, 2008, played in MLS from 2007 to 2015 with Chicago, Philadelphia, Montreal and Dallas. He played 125 MLS regular-season games and four MLS playoff games. Soumare, who grew up in New York and was capped 12 times by his native Mali, played several seasons in Germany and France in between his two stints in MLS.

#### **Matt Stewart**

#### Eligibility: 28 games for the U.S. Men's Futsal National Team.

A forward who scored 12 goals for the U.S. Men's Futsal National Team. Stewart played 28 games for the United States between 2007 and 2012. His appearances and goals put him in the top five in both categories for that team. He was a member of the United States team at the 2008 FIFA Futsal World Cup in Brazil, after scoring a hat trick against Panama in the concluding match of the qualifying tournament in Guatemala. Stewart had a 20-year career in indoor professional soccer, including Major Indoor Soccer League titles with the Milwaukee Wave in 2011 and 2012.

#### **Rachel Buehler Van Hollebeke**

*Eligibility: Three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer, with one all-WPS selection, two seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, and 113 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.* A defender who won two Olympic titles as a member of the U.S. national team. Van Hollebeke played in two of the United States six games at the 2008 Olympic Games and all six of its games at the 2012 Olympic Games. The 113 full internationals she played for the United States between 2008 and 2015 also included five games at the 2011 Women's World Cup and six World Cup qualifiers in 2010. Van Hollebeke played three seasons in WPS between 2009 and 2011, for Bay Area and Boston, and two seasons in the NWSL, between 2013 and 2015, both for Portland. She won two league championships in those years, a WPS title in 2010 with Bay Area and an NWSL title in 2013 with Portland. She was chosen as a WPS all-star in 2010 and an NWSL second-team all-star in 2013.

#### Marthell Vazquez

## Eligibility: 37 caps for the U.S. Men's Cerebral Palsy (CP) National Team.

Spending a majority of his time as a midfielder, Vazquez earned 37 caps for the U.S. Men's CP National Team from 2009 to 2015. During his time with the CP MNT, Vazquez represented the United States at two CPISRA World Cups in 2009 and 2015, two Copa America tournaments in 2010 and 2014, as well as the 2012 Paralympics in London and 2015 Parapan American Games in Toronto. Vazquez registered a hat trick in an 8-4 win against Mexico during the 2014 Copa America and switched to play goalkeeper in the latter part of his career, starting seven of his last nine appearances between the sticks for the United States.

## **Cat Reddick Whitehill**

#### Eligibility: 134 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who played for the United States in two World Cups and one Olympic Games. Whitehill played in five of the United States' six games (including the final) in its gold-medal-winning effort at the 2004 Olympics. She also played in all six of the United States' games at both the 2003 Women's World Cup and the 2007 Women's World Cup. Those 17 games, and seven World Cup qualifiers, were among 134 full internationals that Whitehill played for the United States. Her first full international was against Italy in 2000 and her last against Mexico in 2010. She scored 11 goals in those games, including two against North Korea in the 2003 Women's World Cup. Whitehill played three seasons in WPS, for Atlanta and Washington, and three seasons in the NWSL, all for Boston. During those six seasons, she played 106 regular-season games and two playoff games.

# The following previously-sunsetted candidates have been restored to the Veterans Eligibility List via appeal.

#### Victor Nogueira

Eligibility: Five seasons in the North American Soccer League, with one league championship, and eight seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League during the qualifying period (1984-92), with three all-league selections in that period.

A goalkeeper who starred in the NASL and then continued playing indoors for two decades afterward. Nogueira, who was born in Mozambique, broke into the NASL in 1979 with the Atlanta Chiefs. He won his only NASL championship in 1984, the league's final season, with the Chicago Sting. During his six-season NASL career, in which he also played for the Montreal Manic, he played 79 regular-season games and eight playoff games. Nogueira played in the MISL from the 1982-83 season through the 1991-92 season, for the Chicago Sting, Cleveland Force and San Diego Sockers, and the National Professional Soccer League from the 1993-93 season through the 2002-2003 season, all for the Milwaukee Wave. He was a first-team all-MISL selection in 1989, 1991 and 1992, and a first-team all-NPSL selection in 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. He was the MISL most valuable player in 1991 and 1992, and the NPSL most valuable player in 1996 and 1998. He won MISL championships in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992 with San Diego, and NPSL championships in 1998, 2000 and 2001 with Milwaukee. Nogueira played 16 games for the U.S. national futsal team between 1992 and 2000.

## The following candidates have been on the Veterans Eligibility List in previous years.

## **Chris Albright**

# *Eligibility: 15 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 22 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who won three league championships during his 15 seasons in MLS and was a member of the U.S. squad at the 2006 World Cup. Albright played for D.C. United, LA Galaxy, New England Revolution, New York Red Bulls and Philadelphia Union during his MLS career, which lasted from 1999 to 2013. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2005 and was a star in the LA Galaxy team that won the MLS-U.S. Open Cup double in 2005. He also played for MLS champion teams in D.C. in 1999 and Los Angeles in 2002. He played in 235 MLS regular-season games and 18 MLS playoff games. Albright played 22 full internationals for the United States between 1999 and 2007, including eight World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. In addition to the 2006 World Cup, he also was a member of the U.S. team at the 2000 Olympic Games.

### Juan Pablo Angel

## Eligibility: Six seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A Colombian forward who was among the leading MLS goalscorers during his career in that league. Angel, who had starred in the Colombian national team and with South American and European clubs, played in MLS for six seasons, from 2007 to 2012, initially for the New York Red Bulls, but later for the Los Angeles Galaxy and Chivas. In his first four MLS seasons, all with New York, he scored a total of 61 goals. He added 14 more goals in his final two seasons. Angel's best season was in 2007, when he scored 19 goals and was named to MLS' Best XI. A year later, when he scored 16 goals, he was the attacking star of the Red Bulls team that reached the MLS championship game for the first time. After leaving MLS, he played two seasons in his native Colombia before retiring.

## **Benyam Astorga**

*Eligibility: 27 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team during the modern era (2005-present).* Astorga's career on sand began years before the discipline fell under USSF's umbrella. While many stats prior to 2005 are still unknown, Astorga appeared in 27 games and scored 11 goals with the U.S. Soccer crest between 2005 and 2012. One of three players to represent the USA in the first three FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups (2005, 2006, 2007), Astorga scored seven goals in eight World Cup matches, including the winner in the USA's first-ever World Cup victory against Poland in 2006, as well as the team's second World Cup win against IR Iran in 2007. He also took part in four Concacaf Beach Soccer Championships (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008) amassing 16 caps and three goals while helping the USA claim its first regional crown in 2006. After four years away from the Beach MNT, Astorga returned to play in one final tournament at the 2012 Copa América in Rio Quente, Brazil, scoring his last international goal against the hosts in the tournament opener.

## John Ball

## Eligibility: 27 games for the U.S. Futsal National Team.

A member of the U.S. futsal national team that advanced to the second round of the 2004 FIFA Futsal World Cup. Ball appeared 27 times for the U.S. futsal team, scoring four goals, including two against world powerhouse Brazil. Ball had an 18-year career in professional soccer, both indoor and outdoor. His longest stops were indoors in Cleveland and outdoors in Rochester. He played 11 games in his one season in MLS, with the Chicago Fire, scoring a playoff goal.

# Wade Barrett

# Eligibility: Nine seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A midfielder who was a mainstay of teams that won three MLS championships during his career. Barrett played nine seasons in MLS between 1998 and 2009, for San Diego and Houston. He won MLS titles in 2001 with San Jose and in 2006 and 2007 with Houston. His MLS career was sandwiched around three seasons that he played outside the United States, two in the Danish first division and one in the Norwegian first division. He played two full internationals for the United States, in 2002 and 2007. During his MLS career, he played 241 regular-season games and 21 playoff games.

## **David Beckham**

## Eligibility: Six seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A midfielder who brought great publicity, along with some controversy, to American soccer during his time in MLS. Beckham played six seasons in MLS, all of them for the Los Angeles Galaxy, and helped his team to MLS championships in the last two of those seasons, 2011 and 2012. He earlier had been a member of the Los Angeles team that lost in the MLS title game in 2009. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2011. Beckham, a star of the English national team, was one of the most famous players in the world when he signed with the Galaxy in 2007. His arrival in the league, and the publicity that came with it, was a factor in increasing MLS crowds. Prior to joining the Galaxy, he had won league championships with Manchester United in England and Real Madrid in Spain. In the one season he played after leaving the Galaxy, he won a league title with Paris St.-Germain in France. He played 98 MLS regular-season games and 17 MLS playoff games.

## **Gregg Berhalter**

### Eligibility: 44 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who played for the United States in two famous cup runs, at the 1999 Confederations Cup and the 2002 World Cup. Berhalter played 44 full internationals for the United States between 1994 and 2006, including games against Mexico and Germany at the 2002 World Cup and games against Brazil, Mexico and Saudi Arabia at the 1999 Confederations Cup. It was Berhalter's header that was controversially kept out of the net by a German defender's arm in the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals. Berhalter's 44 caps also included 14 World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001 and 2004, and he was a member of the United States teams at the 2006 World Cup and the 2003 Confederations Cup. Berhalter's three seasons in MLS, all with the Los Angeles Galaxy, came at the end of a club career that was spent mostly in Europe. Earlier, he had played seven seasons in Germany, six in Holland and one in England, mostly at the second-division level. He was team captain at both Energie Cottbus and Munich 1860, leading Cottbus to promotion in the 2005-06 season. He played 52 MLS regular-season games and five MLS playoff games.

## **Chico Borja**

*Eligibility: Eight seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League during the qualifying period (1984-92), with one all-MISL selection in that period, and 11 games for the U.S. Men's National Team (prior to 1990).* A midfielder who starred in both the North American Soccer League and the Major Indoor Soccer League. Borja, who was born in Ecuador, played four seasons in the NASL between 1981 and 1984, for New York and Team America. He was named to the NASL's North American all-star team in 1984 and won an NASL title in 1982 with the New York Cosmos. He played eight seasons in the MISL during the period when there was no first-division outdoor league in the United States, for Las Vegas, Wichita and Los Angeles. He was a first-team all-MISL selection in 1989, when he was with the Wichita Wings. Borja's 11 full internationals for the United States team at the 1984 Olympic Games. Borja was also a member of the U.S. Men's Futsal National Team from 1992 to 1995, helping the team to a runner-up finish at the 1992 FIFA Futsal World Championship. He finished his futsal career with seven goals in 11 caps.

#### **Sean Bowers**

## Eligibility: 35 games for the U.S. Futsal National Team.

A defender who captained the United States team in two Futsal World Cups. Bowers holds the record for caps in the U.S. futsal team, with his 35 surpassing the record of 30 long held by Jim Gabarra. In the course of earning those caps, he was captain of the United States teams at the 1996 Futsal World Cup in Spain and the 2004 Futsal World Cup in Taiwan. Bowers played professional indoor soccer from 1991 to 2010 with five different teams in various leagues. He also played four seasons of first-division outdoor soccer with the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer. He played 116 games in his MLS career.

## **Thori Staples Bryan**

## Eligibility: 64 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who was a regular in the U.S. women's national team in the 1990s. Bryan played 64 full internationals for the United States, the first against Germany in 1993 and the last against Ireland in 2003. Those 64 caps included two World Cup qualifiers in 1994 and the United States' games against Australia, Japan and China at the 1995 Women's World Cup.Bryan played three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association, plus the festivals of 2004, all of them with the same franchise, which began as the Bay Area CyberRays and was renamed the San Jose CyberRays in 2002. She won a WUSA championship in 2001 with Bay Area. Bryan played four seasons in the W-League, both before and after her WUSA seasons.

#### Jose Burciaga Jr.

#### Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A midfielder who was a mainstay of a string of good Kansas City Wizards teams in MLS. Burciaga played seven seasons in MLS between 2001 and 2008, the first six of those with Kansas City and the last with the Colorado Rapids. He was a star of the Kansas City team that won the U.S. Open Cup in 2004 and was runner-up for the MLS title that season. In 2006, he was selected to the MLS Best XI. During his MLS career, Burciaga played 125 regular-season games and five playoff games.

#### **Mike Burns**

#### Eligibility: 75 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who starred in both the U.S. national team and MLS. Burns' 75 full internationals for the United States included two games at the 1998 World Cup and 11 games in World Cup qualifying in 1996 and 1997. He also was a member of the United States squad at the 1994 World Cup, although he did not play any games, and at the 1992 Olympic Games. Burns played seven seasons in Major League Soccer between 1996 and 2002, for New England, San Jose and Kansas City, appearing in 169 MLS regular-season games and six MLS playoff games. He also played one season in the Danish first division.

## **Danny Califf**

*Eligibility: 10 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 23 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* 

A defender who starred in MLS and the U.S. national team. Califf played 10 seasons in MLS between 2000 and 2013 for Los Angeles, San Jose, Philadelphia and Chivas. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2005, after having won an MLS title in 2002 and a U.S. Open Cup in 2001, both with Los Angeles. In between the two portions of that MLS career, he played five seasons in the Danish first division. He played 211 MLS regular-season games and 23 MLS playoff games. Califf played 23 full internationals for the United States between 2002 and 2009, including four World Cup qualifiers in 2005, 2008 and 2009, and was a member of the U.S. teams at the 2000 Olympic Games and the 2003 and 2009 Confederations Cups.

## Joe Cannon

#### Eligibility: 15 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A goalkeeper who was a longtime mainstay of Major League Soccer. Cannon played 15 seasons in MLS between 1999 and 2013 for San Jose, Colorado, Los Angeles and Vancouver. He won an MLS championship in 2001 with San Jose, was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2004, and was the MLS goalkeeper of the year in 2002 and 2004. He played two full internationals for the United States, against New Zealand in 2003 and Honduras in 2005.

## **Ronald Cerritos**

## Eligibility: 10 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A Salvadoran forward who played 10 seasons in MLS and won various honors. The first five of Cerritos' MLS seasons, beginning in 1997, were played for San Jose, where he was an MLS Best XI selection in 1997 and won an MLS championship in 2001. He subsequently played for Dallas, D.C. and Houston before retiring after the 2006 season. He played played one season in the USL first division. During his 10 seasons in MLS, Cerritos played 176 MLS regular-season games and eight MLS playoff games.

## **Anthony Chimienti**

## Eligibility: 37 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.

A forward, Chimienti was a prolific scorer in big competitions tallying 29 goals in 37 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2006 and 2013. He is among a small club of U.S. players to appear in three FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups (2006, 2007 and 2013) and is the USA's second all-time leading goal scorer in the competition with nine goals in as many matches, including braces in the USA's first two World Cup wins against Poland in 2006 and IR Iran in 2007. Part of the U.S. rosters at six Concacaf Beach Soccer Championships (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013), Chimienti scored 20 goals in 25 overall matches during Concacaf's World Cup qualifying competition, including hat tricks the Bahamas in 2009 and Guatemala in 2011. He was also part of the first two U.S. squads to claim the Concacaf Beach Soccer Championship title in 2006 and 2013.

# **Brian Ching**

# *Eligibility: 45 games for the U.S. Men's National Team, and 12 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.*

A forward who scored 90 goals in MLS and 11 for the U.S. national team. Ching played 12 MLS seasons between 2001 and 2013 for Los Angeles, San Jose and Houston, winning an MLS title in 2006 with Houston and being chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2004. His MLS goals included 82 in regular-season play and eight in the playoffs. Ching played 45 full internationals for the United States between 2003 and 2010, including 17 World Cup qualifiers in 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009, and was a member of the United States team at the 2006 World Cup. His achievements for the United States also included winning a CONCACAF Gold Cup championship in 2007. Ching also played one season in the A-League and was a runner-up for the MLS title in 2011 and 2012 with Houston. He played 229 MLS regular-season games and 26 MLS playoff games.

## Wilman Conde

## Eligibility: Five seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A Colombian defender who made the Best XI once during his MLS career. Conde played five seasons in MLS, the first four with the Chicago Fire and the fifth with New York MetroStars. He was named to the MLS Best XI in the third of those seasons, 2009. During his MLS seasons, he played 90 regular-season games and seven playoff games.

# **Jimmy Conrad**

# Eligibility: 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, with four Best XI selections, and 28 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who had a long career in MLS and also played for the United States in the World Cup. Conrad played 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, between 1999 and 2011, for San Jose, Kansas City and Chivas, winning an MLS championship in 2001, when he was with San Jose. Conrad, who also won a U.S. Open Cup title in 2004 with Kansas City, was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI four times, in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008, and was the MLS defender of the year in 2005. Conrad played 28 full internationals for the United States, the first against Cuba in 2005 and the last against Honduras in 2010. His 28 caps included one World Cup qualifier in 2005 and two World Cup games in 2006. He also was a member of the U.S. team that won the 2005 CONCACAF Gold Cup, playing in all of the United States' six games in that tournament. Conrad played one season in the A-League, in 1998. During his MLS career he played 308 regular-season games and 18 playoff games.

#### **Bobby Convey**

#### Eligibility: 46 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A midfielder who was a regular in the United States team at the 2006 World Cup and played for several clubs in the United States and England. Convey played 46 full internationals for the United States between 2000 and 2008. He started two of the United States' three games at the 2006 World Cup, did the same at the 2003 Confederations Cup, and also played seven World Cup qualifiers in 2004 and 2005. He played 11 seasons in MLS between 2000 and 2014, starting his MLS career with five seasons with D.C. United and finishing it with six seasons with San Jose, Kansas City, Toronto and New York Red Bulls. In between those MLS stints, he played five seasons in England with Reading, two of which were in the English Premier League.

## **Kevin Crow**

*Eligibility: Eight seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League during the qualifying period (1984-92), with five all-MISL selections in that period, and 13 games for the U.S. Men's National Team (prior to 1990).* A defender who starred for both indoor and outdoor teams. Crow played eight seasons in the MISL, all of them during the period when there was no first-division outdoor soccer league in the United States. He was chosen to the All-MISL first team in 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1991, and won six MISL championships, all of them with the San Diego Sockers, in 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992. Outdoors, Crow played two seasons in the North American Soccer League, both for San Diego. His 13 full internationals for the United States included five World Cup qualifiers in 1984, 1985 and 1988, and he was a member of the United States teams at the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games. During his NASL career, he played 52 regular-season games and two playoff games

## Jeff Cunningham

#### Eligibility: 14 seasons in Major League Soccer, with three Best XI selections.

A forward who was among the all-time leading goalscorers in Major League Soccer. Cunningham played 14 MLS seasons between 1998 and 2011 for the Columbus Crew, Real Salt Lake, Toronto FC and FC Dallas. When he retired, he held the MLS career record for regular-season goals, with 134. He also scored five playoff goals. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2002, 2006 and 2009, and was the league's leading scorer in the last two of those seasons. He won a U.S. Open Cup championship in 2002 with Columbus and was MLS runner-up in 2010 with Dallas. The Jamaican-born forward played 12 full internationals for the United States between 2001 and 2010, including two World Cup qualifiers in 2005, and was a member of the United States team at the 2003 Confederations Cup. After retiring from MLS, he played one season in the Guatemalan first division and one season in the NASL II.

## Jay DeMerit

## Eligibility: 25 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who was one of the stars of the United States' run to the final of the 2009 Confederations Cup. DeMerit played 25 full internationals for the United States between 2007 and 2011. He started all five of the United States' games at the 2009 Confederations Cup and made an effective pairing in central defense with Oguchi Onyewu, particularly in the upset victory over Spain in the semifinals. A year later, he started all four of the United States' games at the 2010 World Cup. He also played for the United States at the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup, the 2007 Copa America and three World Cup qualifiers in 2008 and 2009. Much of DeMerit's club career was spent at Watford in England, including one season in the English Premier League. After the 2010 World Cup, he moved to MLS, where he played four seasons for Vancouver.

## John Doyle

# *Eligibility: Five seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 53 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A defender who played for the United States in the World Cup, the Olympic Games and the CONCACAF Gold Cup. Doyle played the last two of the United States' three games at the 1990 World Cup, helping to stiffen the defense after the rout by Czechoslovakia in the opening game. He played a significant role in holding tournament favorite Italy to a 1-0 win in the next game. However, Doyle's greatest moment for the United States may have come the following year, when he scored the opening goal of the United States' historic 2-0 upset of Mexico in a semifinal of the first CONCACAF Gold Cup. He also played two games for the United States at the 1988 Olympic Games and four World Cup qualifiers in 1988 and 1989, including the landmark win over Trinidad in 1989. Doyle played most of his professional career in northern California, for the San Francisco Bay Blackhawks of the A-League and the San Jose Clash of MLS, although he also played one season in the Swedish first division and one in the German first division. During his five MLS seasons, he played 132 regular-season games and three playoff games. He was named to the MLS Best XI in 1996, and also was the MLS defender of the year that season.

## **Tina Frimpong Ellertson**

## Eligibility: 33 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who played in the U.S. national team and several top women's leagues. Ellertson played all three seasons of Women's Professional Soccer, for St. Louis, Atlanta and magicjack, and the inaugural season of the National Women's Soccer League in 2013, for Portland. She was chosen as a WPS all-star in 2009 and won an NWSL championship in 2013 with Portland. She also played two seasons in the W-League. She played 33 full internationals for the United States, the first against Iceland in 2005 and the last against China in 2008, including three games at the 2007 Women's World Cup.

## **Stacey Enos**

## Eligibility: 10 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A member of the first U.S. women's national team. Enos, a midfielder, played all four games of the U.S. team's inaugural tournament, in Jesolo, Italy, in 1985. She then played all six of the U.S. team's games in 1986, including four more in its second visit to the Jesolo tournament.

## Lorrie Fair

# Eligibility: 120 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A midfielder who was a member of the United States team that won the 1999 Women's World Cup. Fair played 120 full internationals for the United States, the first against Norway in February 1996 and the last against Iceland in July 2005. Those 120 games included four World Cup qualifiers in 2002, four in the 1999 World Cup and five in the 2000 Olympic Games. Fair played all three Women's United Soccer Association seasons for Philadelphia, plus the WUSA festivals in 2004. After the end of WUSA, she played two seasons in the WPSL, two in the French first division and one in the English first division.

## **Francis Farberoff**

*Eligibility: 61 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team during the modern era (2005-present), and over 100 combined matches representing the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.* 

A defender who collected over 100 combined appearances for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team both before and during U.S. Soccer's administration of the Beach MNT. Farberoff has had one of the most decorated Beach Soccer careers among anyone to wear a U.S. jersey on sand. Although the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup has been played since 2005, the game began more than 10 years earlier on the beaches of Brazil. Farberoff was a member of the USA team that competed at the 2000 Beach Soccer World Championships in Brazil - the sixth edition of the world's elite tournament - making his debut on Feb 10, 2000 in a 6-4 win over Uruguay. He also represented the USA at the 2001, 2003 and 2004 World Championships - scoring four goals - and then continued reaching the pinnacle tournament under the U.S. Soccer Federation crest at the 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2013 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups, scoring twice more at the top competition. Prior to the sport falling under USSF, Farberoff appeared in over 40 international matches for the USA. And since the sport fell under FIFA in 2005, he appeared and served as captained in nearly all of his 61 modern-era games. Primarily playing on the defensive side of midfield, Farberoff came up with big goals time again. Of his 18 goals since 2005, he scored 11 in 30 World Cup qualifying matches and twice at the World Cup, and was the team's head coach at the 2021 and 2024 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups.

## **George Fernandez**

## Eligibility: 20 games for the U.S. Futsal National Team.

A defender who played for the United States in two Futsal World Cups. Fernandez played 20 games for the United States, including the 1992 Futsal World Cup in Hong Kong and the 1996 Futsal World Cup in Brazil. In the 1992 Futsal World Cup, he scored goals against Russia, the Netherlands and Argentina in helping the United States to a second-place finish. Fernandez had a 15-year career in professional indoor soccer, with the Cleveland Force, Los Angeles Lazers, San Diego Sockers, Cleveland Crunch and Cincinnati Silverbacks, winning Major Indoor Soccer League championships with San Diego in 1988, 1989 and 1990. Outdoors, he appeared for the United States in the Under-20 World Cup in 1981.

## **Eddie Gaven**

## Eligibility: 11 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A midfielder who starred in Major League Soccer for more than a decade. Gaven played 11 seasons in MLS between 2003 and 2013 for the Metrostars and Columbus. He won an MLS championship in 2008 with Columbus and was named to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2004. During his MLS career, which began when he was 16 years old but ended early because of injury, he played 277 regular-season games and 15 playoff games. He played eight full internationals for the United States, the first against Poland in 2004 and the last against South Africa in 2010.

## Lisa Gmitter

## Eligibility: 11 games in the U.S. Women's National Team (prior to 1990).

A forward who played for the U.S. women in the team's early years. Gmitter scored three goals in her 11 full internationals, the first of which was against Canada in 1986 and the last against Chinese Taipei in 1987. She played for the United States in two of women's soccer's earliest international tournaments, in Jesolo, Italy, in 1986 and in Taipei, Taiwan, in 1987.

### **Brent Goulet**

#### Eligibility: 12 games for the U.S. Men's Futsal National Team (prior to 1990).

A forward who had succesful careers in both indoor and outdoor soccer. Of Goulet's 12 caps for the U.S. Futsal National Team, eight came in the first Futsal World Cup, held in 1989 in the Netherlands. He scored two goals in that tournament, in victories over Italy and Brazil. Goulet also played, and scored two goals, in the FIFA Indoor Tournament in Spain in 1987. In his only MISL season, for Tacoma in 1989-90, he played 33 games and scored 11 goals. Outdoors, Goulet played eight full internationals for the U.S. Men's National Team, including two World Cup qualifiers in 1989, and was named the USSF's Male Player of the Year in 1987. He played four seasons in the Western Soccer League, one in the English second division and 11 in German professional leagues.

#### Amado Guevara

#### Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A midfielder who starred in Major League Soccer. Guevara, a star of the Honduran national team, played seven seasons in MLS between 2003 and 2009 for MetroStars, Chivas and Toronto. In 2004, when he was with the MetroStars, he was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI and as the MLS most valuable player. Although he was a playmaker rather than a striker, he scored 10 goals that season, and then had 12 in 2005. During his MLS career, he played 153 regular-season games and eight playoff games. After leaving MLS, he continued to play for several more years in the Honduran first division before retiring.

## Kevin Hartman

#### Eligibility: 16 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A goalkeeper who was one of the leading stars of MLS for more than a decade and retired as the all-time leader in first-division appearances in American soccer. Hartman played 16 seasons in MLS between 1997 and 2012 for Los Angeles, Kansas City and Dallas, appearing in a total of 465 MLS games, 416 in the regular season and 49 in the playoffs. At the time that he retired, only one active player was within 100 appearances of Hartman's total. Hartman won a string of championships during his seasons with the L.A. Galaxy, the MLS title in 2002 and 2005, the U.S. Open Cup in 2001 and 2005 and the CONCACAF Champions Cup in 2001. In all, he played in the MLS final five times, being on the losing side with Los Angeles in 1999 and 2001 and with Dallas in 2010. He also won individual honors, being named to the MLS postseason Best XI in 1999 and the MLS Goalkeeper of the Year in 1999 and 2010. He played five full internationals for the United States between 1999 and 2006.

## Frankie Hejduk

## Eligibility: 85 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who was a key man in the United States' run at the 2002 World Cup and also had a long career in MLS. Hejduk played 85 full internationals for the United States, the first against El Salvador in 1996 and the last against Denmark in 2009. He started four of the United States' five games at the 2002 World Cup, missing one game because of a suspension. He played in all three matches at the 1998 World Cup. One of only seven USMNT players to appear in qualifiers for four different World Cups, Hejduk amassed 26 World Cup qualifying caps in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009. In addition to those two World Cups, he was a member of the United States teams at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games and the 1999 and 2003 Confederations Cups. He was a regular in the United States teams that won the 2002 and 2005 CONCACAF Gold Cups, playing in both finals and was also part of the 2007 Gold Cup winning side. Hejduk played 12 seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2011, for Tampa Bay, Columbus and Los Angeles, playing a total of 203 MLS regular-season games and 17 MLS playoff games. He was the captain of the Columbus team that won the MLS championship in 2008, and also was a runner-up in the U.S. Open Cup with Columbus in 2010. In between his two stretches in MLS, he played four seasons in the German first division and one season in the Swiss first division.

## Chris Hellenkamp

## Eligibility: 13 games for the U.S. Futsal National Team (prior to 1990).

A midfielder who played for the United States futsal team at FIFA indoor tournaments in 1986 and 1987. In Hellenkamp's 13 games for the U.S. in those years, he scored five goals, four of which came at FIFA tournaments in Spain, Brazil and Hungary. Hellenkamp had a long career in various professional indoor and outdoor soccer leagues in the United States. He played 12 seasons between 1981 and 1995 with indoor teams that included the San Diego Soccers, Tacoma Stars, Louisville Thunder and Milwaukee Wave, and nine seasons between 1981 and 1998 with outdoor teams that included the Portland Timbers and Boston Bolts.

## **Chris Henderson**

# Eligibility: 79 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A midfielder and forward who was a regular for the United States in the early 1990s and then had a long career in Major League Soccer. Henderson's 79 caps for the United States included two World Cup qualifiers in 1997 and one in 2001. He was a member of the United States team at the 1990 World Cup, when he was only 19. He didn't play in that World Cup, but a year later, he played every minute of all five U.S. games as the United States won its first major international championship at the CONCACAF Gold Cup. Henderson played 11 seasons in MLS, for Colorado, Kansas City, Miami, Columbus and New York. He won an MLS title in 2000 when he was with Kansas City, and also reached the MLS final in 1997 with Colorado. Prior to the start of MLS in 1996, he had played one season each in the the Western Soccer League, the Norwegian first division and the German second division. When he retired, he was among the all-time leaders in MLS appearances, having played 317 MLS regular-season games and 31 MLS playoff games.

## Lori Henry

## Eligibility: 39 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who played in two landmark teams in American women's soccer history. In 1985, Henry was a member of the first women's national team organized by the U.S. Soccer Federation, for a tournament in Jesolo, Italy, and started all four games in that tournament. In 1991, she played in the first Women's World Cup in China, and was the only player from that 1985 first USWNT game to do so. Henry played two games in that 1991 Women's World Cup, which the United States won. In between those two tournaments, she played another 33 games for the United States, scoring three goals in those games, and served as captain of the team for three years. In all, she started each of the first 28 games ever played by the U.S. Women's National Team.

# **Thierry Henry**

# Eligibility: Five seasons in Major League Soccer, with three Best XI selections.

A forward who was named to the Best XI three times in his five-year MLS career. Henry, who had been a star in the French national team and the English Premier League for more than a decade, played in MLS from 2010 to 2014, joining the New York Red Bulls in their first season in their new stadium in New Jersey and playing five seasons with them. Henry was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2011, 2012 and 2014. During his MLS career, Henry played 122 regular-season games and 13 playoff games, and scored 52 goals in those games.

## **Stuart Holden**

# Eligibility: 25 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A midfielder who won two MLS titles before his career was slowed by injuries. Holden, who was born in Scotland and grew up in Texas, played four seasons in MLS with the Houston Dynamo, winning MLS titles with them in 2006 and 2007, and being selected to the MLS Best XI in 2009. After that season, he moved to Bolton Wanderers in England. He played four seasons with Bolton, but injuries kept him from becoming fully established there. Holden played 25 full internationals for the United States, including six World Cup qualifiers in 2009 and 2013, and 10 games at the 2009 and 2013 CONCACAF Gold Cups. He appeared in one game at the 2010 World Cup, although by then he had suffered the first of that string of injuries, a broken leg resulting from a bad tackle in a national-team friendly.

#### **Angela Hucles**

#### Eligibility: 109 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A midfielder who won two Olympic gold medals. Hucles' full international caps included two at the 2004 Olympic Games and six at the 2008 Olympic Games. Hucles, who had been primarily a backup, broke out as a goalscoring star at the 2008 Olympics, scoring four goals in three games at one stretch as the Americans avenged their defeat by Brazil in the previous year's World Cup. She also was a member of the United States squads at the 2003 and 2007 World Cups, and played four World Cup qualifiers in 2002 and 2006. In her 109 games for the United States, she scored 13 goals. Hucles played three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association, all for the Boston Breakers, and one season in Women's Professional Soccer, again for Boston. In her WUSA/WPS seasons, she played 56 regular-season games and one playoff game.

## Zak Ibsen

## Eligibility: 22 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.

One of the few U.S. Men's Beach Soccer players to also have caps with the U.S. Men's National Team, Ibsen amassed nine goals in 22 appearances with the Beach MNT between 2006 and 2010. Four years after retiring from a long outdoor career in Major League Soccer, Ibsen debuted for the Beach MNT at the 2006 Concacaf Beach Soccer Championship where he scored a goal in his first international beach soccer match, a 3-0 win against Canada leading to help the USA win its first confederation title. It was his first of four appearances at the regional World Cup qualifying tournament (2006, 2007, 2009, 2011), where he collected a total of 16 caps and seven goals. Ibsen took part in two FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups in 2006 and 2007, scoring two goals in the latter tournament, including what would stand as the game winner in the 7-6 victory against IR Iran. Prior to his time on the sand, Ibsen was a standout defender at UCLA and had a nine-year professional outdoor career which included time with German clubs Bochum, Saarbrücken and Rot-Weiß Erfurt, before returning home to play in Major League Soccer with New England Revolution, Dallas Burn, Chicago Fire, LA Galaxy and San Jose Earthquakes. Ibsen won the 1998 MLS Cup and U.S. Open Cup with Chicago, as well as the 2001 MLS Cup with San Jose.

## **Eddie Johnson**

## Eligibility: 63 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A forward who enjoyed two successful stints in MLS sandwiched around a period in Europe. Johnson played 63 full internationals for the United States between 2004 and 2014. Those included two games at the 2006 World Cup and 20 World Cup qualifiers over the years. He was a starter in the team that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup final in 2013. Johnson's MLS career began with seven seasons with Dallas and Kansas City between 2001 and 2007. He then played five seasons in English and Greek professional leagues before returning to MLS in 2012 and playing three seasons with Seattle and D.C. In his 10 MLS seasons, he played 202 regular-season games and 14 playoff games, and scored 74 goals.

## **Dominic Kinnear**

## Eligibility: 54 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A star of the U.S. national team and the early seasons of Major League Soccer. Kinnear played for the United States from 1990 to 1994. His 54 full internationals included two of the United States' three games at the 1993 Copa America in Ecuador and two of its five games at the 1991 CONCACAF Gold Cup, where the United States won its first major international title. He played five seasons in Major League Soccer, from 1996 to 2000, for Colorado, San Jose and Tampa Bay, as well as one season in the Mexican first division and six seasons in the APSL/A-League. Kinnear played 117 MLS regular-season games and four MLS playoff games.

## Jovan Kirovski

#### Eligibility: 62 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A forward who played for the United States for a decade. Kirovski's 62 full internationals for the United States included 11 World Cup qualifiers in 1996, 2000, 2001 and 2004. He also was a member of the United States teams at the 1996 Olympic Games and the 1999 and 2003 Confederations Cups. He played his first full international for the United States against Saudi Arabia in October 1994 and his last against Grenada in June 2004. Kirovski played eight seasons in MLS for Los Angeles, Colorado and San Jose, and was a runner-up for the MLS title with Los Angeles in 2009. He played 174 MLS regular-season games and 14 MLS playoff games. Earlier, he had played four seasons in German professional leagues, three seasons in English professional leagues and one season in the Portuguese first division.

## **Chris Klein**

## Eligibility: 22 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A midfielder who played in the national team and was a longtime star in MLS. Klein played 22 full internationals for the United States, the first against Mexico in October 2000 and the last against Germany in March 2006. Those 22 caps included two World Cup qualifiers in 2000 and 2001. He played 13 seasons in MLS between 1998 and 2010 for Kansas City, Real Salt Lake and Los Angeles, winning an MLS championship in 2000 with Kansas City. He also reached the MLS title game in 2009 with Los Angeles. During those 13 seasons, he played 333 MLS regular-season games and 20 MLS playoff games.

## **Frank Klopas**

## Eligibility: 40 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A forward who was a regular for the United States in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Klopas played 40 full internationals for the United States between 1988 and 1995. Those caps included seven World Cup qualifiers in 1988 and 1989. He was a member of the U.S. teams at the 1988 Olympic Games and the 1994 World Cup. Klopas, who was born in Greece, is one of only three players (the others are Hugo Perez and Thomas Dooley) to have scored goals for the USMNT against the country in which they were born. Klopas, who grew up in Chicago, was signed out of high school by the Chicago Sting of the North American Soccer League, but never played in the NASL before it folded. After four seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League, he moved his playing career to Greece, where he played five seasons in the first division. Klopas finished his career with four seasons in Major League Soccer between 1996 and 1999 for the Kansas City Wiz and the Chicago Fire. In 1998, he won both an MLS championship and a U.S. Open Cup title with Chicago. He played 89 MLS regular-season games and 10 MLS playoff games.

## A.J. Lachowecki

## Eligibility: 18 games for the U.S. Futsal National Team (prior to 1990).

A goalkeeper who was one of the stars of the U.S. performance at the 1989 Futsal World Cup. Lachowecki, who was the goalkeeper for the Los Angeles Lazers of the Major Indoor Soccer League at the time, recorded the first shutout in the U.S. futsal team's history during that tournament, against Paraguay. He also scored the U.S. team's first goal by a goalkeeper, against Italy, during the American team's run to third-place finish in that tournament. Lachowecki played six seasons of professional indoor soccer, from 1985 to 1991, for the Louisville Thunder, Los Angeles Lazers, Tacoma Stars and Atlanta Attack.

# **Eddie Lewis**

*Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 82 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* 

A midfielder who starred in MLS, the U.S. national team and English leagues. Lewis played 82 full internationals for the United States, the first against Peru in October 1996 and the last against Trinidad in September 2008. More than a quarter of those 82 games came in World Cup play, five in the 2002 and 2006 World Cups and 21 in World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2008. Perhaps Lewis' most famous moment in a U.S. uniform came in 2002, when his perfect cross from the left wing was headed into the net by Landon Donovan for the second goal of the United States' World Cup upset over Mexico. In addition to his World Cup play, Lewis was a member of the United States teams at the 1999 and 2003 Confederations Cups and the U.S. team that won the 2002 CONCACAF Gold Cup. Lewis played seven seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2010 for San Jose and Los Angeles, and was chosen to the MLS post-season Best XI in 1999. He played 163 MLS regular-season games and nine MLS playoff games. Between 2000 and 2008, Lewis played nine seasons in English professional leagues, becoming a regular at several different clubs.

## Lori Lindsey

Eligibility: Two seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association, three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer and two seasons in the National Women's Soccer League, with one all-WPS selection, and 31 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A midfielder who was a member of the United States team at the 2011 Women's World Cup. Lindsey played in leading United States leagues for more than a decade, including two seasons in the WUSA for San Diego and Washington, three seasons in WPS for Washington and Philadelphia, and two seasons in the NWSL for Washington. She was chosen as a WPS postseason all-star in 2010. In addition to her years in those leagues, she played seven seasons in the W-League, one season in the Women's Premier Soccer League and two seasons in the Australian first division. During her seven American first-division seasons, she played 133 regular-season games and four playoff games. Lindsay played 31 full internationals for the United States between 2005 and 2013, including three World Cup qualifiers in 2010 and one game at the 2011 Women's World Cup.

## Kristin Luckenbill

# *Eligibility: Three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association and two seasons in Women's Professional Soccer, with one all-WUSA selection.*

A goalkeeper who starred in both the WUSA and WPS. Luckenbill played three seasons in the WUSA, all of them for Carolina, and two seasons in WPS, for Boston and Sky Blue. The greatest of those seasons was 2002, when Carolina won the WUSA championships and Luckenbill was chosen as both an all-star and the WUSA goalkeeper of the year. She played 53 WUSA games, 51 in the regular season and two in the playoffs, and 15 WPS games. Luckenbill, who played 14 full internationals for the United States, all of them in 2004, played four seasons in the W-League and one season in the Swedish first division.

## Pablo Mastroeni

# *Eligibility: 65 games for the U.S. Men's National Team, and 16 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.*

A midfielder who played an important role in the United States' run at the 2002 World Cup. Mastroeni was a surprise starter at that World Cup, but ended up playing three of the United States' five games as it reached the quarterfinals, and then played two more games at the 2006 World Cup. He played 65 full internationals for the United States between 2001 and 2009, including 15 World Cup qualifiers in 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009, and five World Cup games in 2002 and 2006. In addition to his World Cup play, he was a member of the U.S. teams that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup title in 2002 and 2007, and the U.S. team at the 2003 Confederations Cup. He played 16 seasons in MLS between 1998 and 2013 for Miami, Colorado and Los Angeles. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2001 and won an MLS championship in 2010 with Colorado. During his MLS career, he played 334 regular-season games and 27 playoff games.

# **Clint Mathis**

# *Eligibility: 12 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 46 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who played 12 seasons in MLS and played in the 2002 World Cup. Mathis played in MLS from 1998 to 2010, for Los Angeles, New York, Salt Lake and Colorado. He was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2000, won an MLS title in 2009 with Salt Lake and played in 258 MLS regular-season games and 29 MLS playoff games. He holds the MLS record for goals in a single game with five, for the MetroStars against Dallas in 2000. Mathis played 46 full internationals for the United States between 1998 and 2005, including seven World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001 and 2004 and three World Cup games in 2002. The 12 goals that he scored in those 46 games included a crucial one against South Korea in the 2002 World Cup, when the United States reached the quarterfinals. He also played for the United States at the 2002 CONCACAF Gold Cup and the 2003 Confederations Cup. In addition to his MLS years, Mathis also played two seasons in the German first division and one season in the Greek first division.

# Alan Mayer

*Eligibility: Eight seasons in the North American Soccer League, with one NASL North American all-star selection.* 

A goalkeeper who starred in both the NASL and the Major Indoor Soccer League. Mayer, who attracted attention through being the most prominent American goalkeeper to wear a football helmet while playing goal, played in the NASL from the 1974 season through the 1981 season for the Baltimore Comets, San Diego Sockers, Las Vegas Quicksilver and California Surf. He was chosen to the NASL's North American all-star team in 1978, when he was with San Diego. Mayer played eight seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League, for Pittsburgh, New Jersey, San Diego, Las Vegas and Kansas City. He won an MISL championship in 1983 with San Diego, and also was a first-team all-MISL selection that year.

# **Michael McAndrews**

## Eligibility: 31 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.

A goalkeeper who earned 31 caps for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National team between 2010 and 2014, McAndrews represented the USA at the 2013 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, backstopping the side to its thirdever World Cup victory in the 6-4 win against United Arab Emirates. A member of the U.S. squad two Concacaf Beach Soccer Championships (2011, 2013), McAndrews combined with goalkeeper Chris Toth to help the USA claim its second regional title in 2013 in the Bahamas.

# **Bill McPherson**

*Eligibility: 10 seasons in the original American Soccer League, with five ASL championships and five U.S. Open Cup championships, and two seasons in the St. Louis Soccer League, with two league championships and two U.S. Open Cup championships.* 

A midfielder who was one of the leading stars of powerhouse teams in both Fall River and St. Louis. McPherson played in the ASL from the 1922 season through the 1931 season, for the Fall River Marksmen and the New Bedford Whalers, and won ASL championships in 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929 and 1930 with Fall River. He played in the St. Louis Soccer League in the 1933 and 1934 seasons, both for Stix, Baer & Fuller, winning league championships in both seasons. McPherson, who emigrated from Scotland in 1922, also won the U.S. Open Cup seven times, four with Fall River, one with New Bedford and two with Stix, Baer & Fuller. In both Fall River and St. Louis, he formed part of a famous right-side attacking triangle with outside right Alex McNab and inside right Billy Gonsalves. For more than 75 years, until he was overtaken by MLS players, McPherson held the record for the most games played in first-division American soccer, with the 370 games that he played in the original ASL.

### **Shep Messing**

*Eligibility: Seven seasons in the North American Soccer League, with one NASL championship.* A goalkeeper who starred in both the NASL and the Major Indoor Soccer League. Messing played seven seasons in the NASL, for the New York Cosmos, Boston Minutemen, Oakland Stompers and Rochester Lancers. He won an NASL title in 1977, making a crucial save near the end of the final that preserved the Cosmos' win over Seattle. During his NASL career, he played 119 regular-season games and nine playoff games. He played eight seasons in the MISL, for the New York Arrows, New York Cosmos, New York Express and Pittsburgh Spirit, winning four MISL championships with the Arrows, in 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982. He was named to the all-MISL first team in 1979, 1980 and 1981, and played 182 MISL regular-season games and 20 MISL playoff games. Messing played for the United States in the 1972 Olympic Games in Germany. He was a colorful player who succeeded in attracting considerable attention to soccer with off-the-field activities, and wrote an autobiographical book, *The Education of an American Soccer Player*, that told much of life as a pro soccer player.

## **Heather Mitts**

#### Eligibility: 137 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who won three Olympic gold medals with the U.S. national team. Mitts played 137 full internationals for the United States, the first against Finland in 1999 and the last against China in 2012. Those included seven World Cup qualifiers in 2006 and 2010 and nine games at the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. Injuries kept her out of the World Cup early in her career, but she was a member of the United States squad at the 2011 Women's World Cup.She played three seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association between 2001 and 2003, all for the Philadelphia Charge, and three seasons in Women's Professional Soccer between 2009 and 2011, for the Boston Breakers, Philadelphia Independence and Atlanta Beat. During her WUSA/WPS career, she played 94 regular-season games and five playoff games.

#### Luis Montanez

*Eligibility: 26 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team during the modern era (2005-present).* A goalkeeper who also represented the USA prior to U.S. Soccer's taking over the administration of the National Team in 2005, Montañez represented the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team under the Federation 26 times between 2006 and 2010. Part of the squad at the 2006 and 2007 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups, Montañez contributed to the team's first two World Cup victories against Poland and IR Iran, respectively. The 'keeper also participated in five Concacaf Beach Soccer Championships (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011), earning 20 caps in the World Cup qualifying tournament, contributing to the first shutout in U.S. Beach MNT history with a 3-0 win against Canada in 2006, en route to the team's first Concacaf title.

#### Yuri Morales

## Eligibility: 35 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.

A professional outdoor convert to the sand, Morales scored a remarkable 35 goals in 35 matches for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2006 and 2014. The forward was part of the U.S. rosters at the 2006 and 2007 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups, scoring a goal in each against Japan and IR Iran, respectively. Debuting at the 2006 Concacaf Beach Soccer Championship, Morales led the team with five goals during the tournament, helping the side claim its first confederation championship. He would appear in five total CBSC tournaments (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011), with his 21 goals in 18 matches ranking him third all-time among U.S. players in World Cup qualifying matches. Prior to his time with the Beach MNT, Morales played for Danish side Viborg, as well as USL clubs Portland Timbers, Puerto Rico Islanders and California Victory.

## **Pat Morris**

#### Eligibility: 29 games for the U.S. Futsal National Team.

A defender who scored goals for the United States in two Futsal World Cups. Morris, who retired as the secondleading scorer in the U.S. futsal team's history, scored against Italy at the 2004 Futsal World Cup in Taiwan and against Thailand at the 2008 Futsal World Cup in Brazil. He also scored three goals for the United States at the 2007 Pan-American Games in Brazil and three more at the CONCACAF tournament in Guatemala at which the United States qualified for the 2008 Futsal World Cup. Morris played 12 seasons in the second Major Indoor Soccer League, and was named to the all-MISL first team eight times in those seasons.

#### **Kaizer Motaung**

*Eligibility: Five seasons in the North American Soccer League, with one NASL championship and two all-NASL selections.* 

A forward who was the star of the first NASL champion team, the 1968 Atlanta Chiefs. Motaung's NASL career was divided into three segments, because he took breaks from the NASL to play for the team he founded in his native South Africa, Kaizer Chiefs (named for Motaung and his NASL team). He was named a first-team NASL all-star in 1969 and 1971, and in addition to his 1968 title, was a runner-up for the NASL championship in 1971. He was the NASL scoring leader in 1969 with 16 goals in 15 games. Motaung scored the third goal of Atlanta's 3-0 win over the San Diego Toros on Sept. 28, 1968 that gave it the first NASL title.

#### Jen Lalor Nielsen

#### Eligibility: 23 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A defender who was among the stars of the Women's United Soccer Association. Nielsen, who was known as Jen Lalor at the time, played 23 full internationals for the United States, the first against Norway in August 1992 and the last against China in January 2001. Among those games were two World Cup qualifiers, both in 1994. Nielsen played three seasons in the WUSA, for New York and San Diego, appearing in 51 WUSA regular-season games and two WUSA playoff games. She also played three seasons in the WPSL and one season each in the W-League, the Japanese pro league, the Swedish pro league and the Danish pro league.

#### Jose Noguera

*Eligibility: Seven seasons in the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League, with three league championships.* A forward who was the outstanding player in the Los Angeles league in the early 1950s. Noguera, a native of Argentina who began playing in the United States at the age of 35 after successful careers in Argentine and Mexican soccer, played in the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League from 1948 through 1954, with Pan-American, San Pedro Yugoslavis and McIlwaine Canvasbacks. He won league titles in 1958 with Pan-American, and 1951 and 1952 with McIlwaine. He was a playmaker best known for setting up goals for others, and was referred to during that time as the "Mr. Soccer" of Southern California.

#### **Ronnie O'Brien**

#### Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections.

An Irish midfielder who was consistently one of the league's best during his MLS career. O'Brien played seven seasons in MLS between 2002 and 2008, the first five of those for Dallas, followed by one with Toronto and one with San Jose. He was chosen to the MLS Best XI in both 2004 and 2005, when he was with Dallas. Prior to joining MLS in 2002, he had played four seasons in various European professional leagues. O'Brien played 142 MLS regular-season games and seven MLS playoff games.

## Ben Olsen

# *Eligibility: 12 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 37 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who played in MLS and the U.S. national team for more than a decade. Olsen played for D.C. United throughout his MLS career, which lasted from 1998 to 2009. He was selected to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2007 and was the MLS Rookie of the Year in 1998. He won two MLS titles with D.C. United, in 1999 and 2004, and was runner-up in the U.S. Open Cup in 2009. He was a member of the D.C. teams that won the CONCACAF Champions Cup and the Inter-American Cup in 1998. Olsen played 221 MLS regular-season games and 22 MLS playoff games. Olsen played 37 full internationals for the United States, the first against Australia in 1998 and the last against Paraguay in 2007. Those 37 caps included one World Cup qualifier in 2000 and one World Cup game in 2006. In addition to the 2006 World Cup, Olsen also played for the United States in the 1999 Confederations Cup, the 2000 Olympic Games, the 2000 CONCACAF Gold Cup and the 2005 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

# Pat Onstad

# Eligibility: Nine seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections.

A Canadian goalkeeper who had a successful career in MLS despite not breaking into that league until he was 32 years old. Onstad played nine seasons in MLS between 2003 and 2011 for San Jose, Houston and D.C., and was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2003 and 2005. He won MLS championships in 2003 with San Jose, and in 2006 and 2007 with Houston. During his MLS seasons, he played a total of 223 regular-season games and 17 playoff games. He was named the MLS goalkeeper of the year in 2003 and 2005. Prior to beginning his MLS career, Onstad played three seasons in the NPSL and eight seasons in the A-League. He was the goalkeeper for the Rochester Rhinos team that in 1999 became the only non-MLS team to win the U.S. Open Cup since the start of MLS.

# Leslie Osborne

# Eligibility: 61 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A midfielder who starred in the U.S. national team and Women's Professional Soccer. Osborne played 61 full internationals for the United States, the first against Sweden in 2004 and the last against Canada in 2009. Those included two World Cup qualifiers in 2006 and all six of the United States' games at the 2007 Women's World Cup. She played three seasons in WPS between 2009 and 2011 for Gold Pride and Boston, and one season in the NWSL, 2013, for Chicago. In addition, she played one season in the W-League and two seasons in the WPSL.

# **Brett Phillips**

# Eligibility: 20 games for the U.S. Men's Futsal National Team.

A goalkeeper whose caps were the most for any keeper in the U.S. futsal team's history at the time of his retirement. Phillips was the goalkeeper for the U.S. team at the 2004 Futsal World Cup in Taiwan. Four months earlier, he was named the most valuable player of the . CONCACAF tournament at which the U.S. futsal team qualified for that World Cup. Phillips had three shutouts in that tournament, including one in the win over Costa Rica that clinched the United States' World Cup berth, and allowed only three goals in the U.S. team's five games. Phillips, who had a long career in professional indoor soccer, was the NPSL rookie of the year in 1993, and three times was chosen as a first-team all-star in the second MISL.

# **Emily Pickering**

# Eligibility: 15 games for the U.S. Women's National Team, of which 13 were before 1990.

One of the stars of the first U.S. Women's National Team. Pickering played for the United States women's team at the August 1985 tournament in Jesolo, Italy, at which that team made its debut. She played in two of the U.S. team's four games in that tournament, scoring a goal against Denmark. She then was captain of the U.S. team at the same tournament a year later. Pickering continued to play for the United States on an occasional basis through 1992.

## **Steve Ralston**

*Eligibility: 14 seasons in Major League Soccer, with three Best XI selections, and 36 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* 

A midfielder who was one of the leading stars in MLS throughout his long career. In 2008, Ralston became the all-time leader in games played in United States first-division leagues, although he no longer holds that position. He retired from MLS the following year after having played 411 MLS games. Ralston played 14 seasons in MLS, six with Tampa Bay and eight with New England, was named to the MLS Best XI in 1999, 2000 and 2002 and retired as MLS' all-time assist leader. He won a U.S. Open Cup with New England and 2007 and was a member of all four New England teams that reached the MLS final. After retiring from MLS, he played one season in the USSF second division. Ralston played 36 full internationals for the United States between 1997 and 2007, including eight World Cup qualifiers in 2004 and 2005. He was a member of the United States teams that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2005 and 2007.

## Ante Razov

*Eligibility: 13 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 25 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* 

A forward who starred in both MLS and the U.S. national team for more than a decade. Razov played 13 seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2008 for Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and Chivas, and is one of MLS' all-time leading scorers, with 113 regular-season goals and 11 playoff goals. He was one of the stars of the Chicago Fire team that won the MLS championship in 1998, and he was a runner-up for the MLS title on three other occasions, in 1996 with Los Angeles and in 2000 and 2003 with Chicago. He was selected to the MLS Best XI after the 2003 season, in which he won one of his three U.S. Open Cups (the others were in 1998 and 2000). Razov played 25 full internationals for the United States between 1995 and 2007, including nine World Cup qualifiers in 2000 and 2001. He also played for the United States in the 2002 CONCACAF Gold Cup. Razov played one season outside the United States, in the Spanish second division. During his MLS career, he played 262 regular-season games and 35 playoff games.

## **David Regis**

## Eligibility: 27 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who was a member of the United States teams at two World Cups. Regis, a longtime French first division player, became an American citizen in 1998 as a result of his marriage to an American woman. He ended up playing 27 full internationals for the United States between 1998 and 2002. He played for the United States in two games at the 1998 World Cup and 12 World Cup qualifiers in 2000 and 2001. He also was a member of the United States roster at the 2002 World Cup. Regis played 15 seasons in French professional leagues, playing in several different divisions, one season in the German first division and four seasons in the Belgian fourth division.

## **Tiffany Roberts**

## Eligibility: 109 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A midfielder who played for the United States in two World Cups and one Olympic Games. Roberts played 109 full internationals for the United States, the first against Portugal in March 1994 and the last against New Zealand in October 2004. Those caps included nine in World Cup qualifiers in 1994 and 2002, five in the 1995 Women's World Cup, two in the 1999 Women's World Cup and five in the 1996 Olympic Games. Roberts played three Women's United Soccer Association seasons, all for Carolina. She was a second-team WUSA all-star in 2003 and a WUSA champion in 2002 with Carolina. In addition to her WUSA seasons, in which she played 58 regular-season games and two playoff games, she also played one season in the WPSL and one season in the W-League.

## **Eddie Robinson**

# Eligibility: 11 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A defender who had a long and successful career in MLS, winning three league titles. Robinson played 11 seasons in MLS between 2001 and 2011, all of them with the same franchise, which moved from San Jose to

Houston in 2006. He was chosen to the MLS postseason Best XI in 2007, and won MLS championships in 2003 with San Jose, and in 2006 and 2007 with Houston. He played 166 MLS regular-seasons games and 19 MLS playoff games. Robinson played one full international for the United States, in 2008.

## **JC Russo**

## Eligibility: 21 games for the U.S. Power Soccer National Team.

A goalkeeper and outfield player who was a member of the U.S. teams at the 2007 and 2011 Fédération Internationale de Powerchair Football Association (FIPFA) Powerchair Football World Cups. Born with Type 2 Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Russo appeared in 21 matches for the U.S. Power Soccer National Team between 2007 and 2014, making the game-winning penalty save against France to help the USA claim the inaugural Powerchair Football World Cup in 2007, before backstopping the team to another World Cup title in 2011. With nine clean sheets to his name, Russo is tied for the team's all-time lead in shutouts, and went on to become an outfield player at the 2014 American Powerchair Football Confederation (APFC) Copa America where he recorded six goals and 23 assists to help the USA claim its first regional title in his last year of international competition.

## **Tony Sanneh**

## Eligibility: 43 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A defender who starred in the national team and MLS, reaching his peak during the United States' successful run at the 2002 World Cup. Sanneh played 43 full internationals for the United States, the first against China in 1997 and the last against Costa Rica in 2005. Those 43 caps included all five of the United States games at the 2002 World Cup. Sanneh was one of only three U.S. players to play every minute of each of those games, and it was his cross that Brian McBride headed home for the third goal of the United States' landmark victory over Portugal. He also played 15 World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001 and 2004. Sanneh played eight seasons in MLS between 1996 and 2009 for D.C., Columbus, Chicago, Colorado and Los Angeles, and was a member of the D.C. United teams that won the first two MLS titles in 1996 and 1997. He also won the U.S. Open Cup twice, in 1996 with D.C. and 2006 with Chicago, and played six seasons in German professional leagues, two seasons in the APSL and USL, two seasons in the USISL and one season in the NPSL. During his MLS career he played 130 regular-season games and 20 playoff games.

## **Diego Serna**

## Eligibility: Seven seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection.

A Colombian forward who starred for several MLS teams. Serna played seven seasons in MLS between 1998 and 2005 for Miami, MetroStars, New England, Los Angeles and Colorado. He was selected to the MLS Best XI in 2001 and was a runner-up in the U.S. Open Cup in 2000 with Miami. He scored at least 10 goals in each of his four seasons with Miami. After leaving MLS, he played one season in the first division in Ecuador, one season in the third division in Brazil, one season in the USL-1 and one season in the MISL. He played 123 MLS regular-season games and six MLS playoff games.

## **Ronald Silva**

# Eligibility: 21 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.

A defender, Silva tallied four goals in 21 matches for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2006 and 2010. Silva took part in two FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups in 2006 and 2007, as well as four Concacaf Beach Soccer Champions (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009), scoring two goals to help the USA claim its first confederation title in 2006.

#### **Alex Skotarek**

#### Eligibility: 10 games for the U.S. Men's National Team (prior to 1990).

A defender who was one of the first American soccer players to play professionally in Europe. Skotarek, who was born in Germany and grew up in the United States, played one season, 1971-72, for MVV Maastricht in the Dutch first division and the following season for Diepenbeek in Belgium, before returning to the United States. Skotarek played seven seasons in the North American Soccer League between 1975 and 1981 for the Chicago Sting and the Tulsa Roughnecks. During his NASL career, he played 132 regular-season games and five playoff games. He played 10 full internationals for the United States in 1975 and 1976, including five World Cup qualifiers in 1976.

## **Mike Sorber**

## Eligibility: 67 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A midfielder who was a regular in the U.S. team at the 1994 World Cup. Sorber started all four games for the United States at that World Cup, playing the full 90 minutes in three of them. His national team career lasted from 1992 to 1998 and included a number of other significant games. The most prominent of those were at the 1995 Copa America in Uruguay, where he played five of the United States' six games as it made a surprising run to the semifinals. He also played seven World Cup qualifiers for the United States in 1997. Sorber played five seasons in Major League Soccer, for the Kansas City Wizards, New York/New Jersey MetroStars and Chicago Fire, the last of those with the Chicago team that reached the MLS title game in 2000, and one season in the Mexican first division. In his MLS career, he played 116 regular-season games and 12 playoff games.

#### **Brandon Taguinod**

#### Eligibility: 37 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.

A defender who tallied 15 goals in 37 matches for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2006 and 2013. Taguinod was part of the U.S. roster at three FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups (2006, 2007, 2013), and tallied two goals in the first edition, contributing to the USA's first-ever World Cup victory against Poland before following up with another goal in the group-stage finale against Brazil. He also took part in five Concacaf Beach Soccer Championships (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013), tallying 12 goals in 20 matches, including a hat trick against El Salvador in 2009, and helping the USA claim the regional crown in 2006 and 2013.

## **Lindsay Tarpley**

## Eligibility: 125 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A forward who won two Olympic gold medals with the United States team. Tarpley played 125 full international games for the United States, the first against Japan in January 2003 and the last against Japan in May 2011. At both the 2004 Olympic Games and the 2008 Olympic Games, she played in all six of the United States' games. She started the final both years and scored one of the United States' two goals in the 2004 final. She played three games at the 2007 Women's World Cup, and was scheduled to be a member of the U.S. team at the 2011 Women's World Cup before being injured shortly beforehand. Tarpley played all three seasons of WPS, for Chicago, St. Louis, Boston and magicjack. She played 43 WPS games and scored eight WPS goals.

## Tatu

*Eligibility: Eight seasons in the Major Indoor Soccer League during the qualifying period (1984-92), with three all-league selections in that period.* 

A forward who won the MISL's most valuable player award twice. Tatu, played in the MISL from the 1984-85 season through the 1991-92 season, all for the Dallas Sidekicks. He was a first-team all-MISL selection in 1987, 1990, 1991 and 1992, the MISL most valuable player in 1987 and 1990, and the MISL scoring leader in 1987, 1990 and 1991. He won an MISL championship in 1987 with Dallas. Tatu, whose real name is Antonio Carlos Pecorari, also played three outdoor seasons in the North American Soccer League for the Tampa Bay Rowdies, scoring 24 goals in those seasons. He played more than 10 seasons in several other indoor leagues, the NASL indoor league and the second incarnation of the MISL. Four of those seasons were in the CISL, where he was the most valuable player three times.

## Zach Thornton

## Eligibility: 15 seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections.

A goalkeeper who won numerous honors during his 15 seasons in MLS. Thornton played in MLS from 1996 to 2011, with the MetroStars, Chicago and Chivas. The best of those seasons was 1998, when he led Chicago to the MLS championship and the U.S. Open Cup title, was named to the MLS postseason Bext XI and was the league's goalkeeper of the year. He also won the U.S. Open Cup in 2000 and 2003, both with Chicago, was named to the Best XI again in 2009 and was goalkeeper of the year again in 2009. In addition to his MLS seasons, he also played one season in the Portuguese first division. He played 281 MLS regular-season games and 35 MLS playoff games. Thornton played eight full internationals for the United States between 1994 and 2001, including one World Cup qualifier in 2001.

## Lee Tschantret

## Eligibility: 32 games for the U.S. Futsal National Team.

A defender who played for the U.S. futsal team from 1998 to 2007. Tschantret scored seven goals in his 32 games for the United States, including one in a victory over Paraguay at the 2004 Futsal World Cup in Taiwan. He also scored four goals in the CONCACAF qualifying tournament that preceded the 2000 Futsal World Cup, and played for the United States at the 2007 Pan-American Games in Brazil. From 1991 to 2009, Tschantret played in various professional indoor and outdoor soccer leagues, playing for six indoor and six outdoor teams in that span. The largest part of his career was with the Baltimore Blast of the Major Indoor Soccer League, for whom he played from 2000 to 2007.

## **Taylor Twellman**

# Eligibility: Eight seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections, and 30 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A forward who starred in MLS and the U.S. Men's National Team. Twellman played eight seasons in MLS between 2002 and 2009, all of them with New England. He was chosen to the MLS Best XI in 2002 and 2005, the latter a season in which he was named the league's most valuable player. He played 174 MLS regular-season games and 21 MLS playoff games. During those 195 games, he scored a total of 111 goals. His best goalscoring season was 2002, when he scored 23 regular-season goals and added two more in the playoffs. Twellman was one of the leading stars of the New England teams that reached the MLS final four times in six seasons, in 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007. He also won a U.S. Open Cup title with the Revolution, in 2007. Before joining the Revolution in 2002, he had played two seasons in the German second division. Twellman played 30 full internationals for the United States, the first against El Salvador in 2002 and the last against Sweden in 2008. Those 30 caps included five World Cup qualifiers in 2004 and 2005. He was a member of the United States team at the 2003 Confederations Cup and the United States team that won the 2007 CONCACAF Gold Cup.

## **Greg Vanney**

*Eligibility: 10 seasons in Major League Soccer, with two Best XI selections, and 37 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.* 

A defender who was an MLS star and a national-team regular for a decade. Vanney played 10 seasons in MLS, with Los Angeles, Dallas, D.C. and Colorado, and was selected to the MLS Best XI twice, in 2000 and 2001. During his time with the Los Angeles Galaxy, he won a U.S. Open Cup title and a CONCACAF Champions Cup title, both in 2001. He also was a runner-up for the MLS title three times, all with Los Angeles, and a runner-up in the U.S. Open Cup once, with Dallas. In his 10 MLS seasons, he appeared in 299 games, 267 in the regular season games and 32 in the playoffs. His MLS career was divided into two halves, wrapped around a four-season stint in the French first division. Vanney played 37 full internationals for the United States, the first against Guatemala in December 1996 and the last against Guatemala in September 2005. Those included nine World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. Vanney never played in the World Cup, being knocked off of the 2002 squad by an injury.

## Aly Wagner

## Eligibility: 131 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A midfielder who played in two Women's World Cups and two Olympic Games for the United States. Wagner played 131 full internationals for the United States, the first against Ukraine in 1998 and the last against South Korea in 2008. In between, she played seven World Cup qualifiers in 2002 and 2006, five World Cup games in 2003 and 2007, and five Olympic games in 2004 and 2008, winning Olympic gold medals in 2004 and 2008. She played one season in the Women's United Soccer Association, 2003, with the San Diego Spirit, and one season in Women's Professional Soccer, 2009, with the Los Angeles Sol, plus one season in the French first division and two seasons in the WPSL. She was a WUSA second-team all-star in 2003 and a runner-up for the WPS title in 2009.

## **Christie Welsh**

## Eligibility: 39 games for the U.S. Women's National Team.

A forward who played for the United States for six years. Welsh played 39 full internationals during her national-team career, the first against Sweden in 2000 and the last against Ireland in 2006. In those 39 games, she scored 20 goals. Welsh played one season in the WUSA, for New York, and two seasons in WPS for St. Louis and Washington. She also played seven seasons in the W-League, one season in the Swedish first division and one season in the French first division.

## Pat White

# Eligibility: 23 games for the U.S. Men's Futsal National Team.

A forward who starred for the United States at the 2004 Futsal World Cup. White, who played for the U.S. futsal team from 1996 to 2004, scoring eight goals, had two goals, against Paraguay and Brazil, in the 2004 Futsal World Cup, where the United States team advanced to the second round of the tournament. Earlier, he scored two goals in the CONCACAF qualifying tournament in which the United States clinched its place in the 2004 Futsal World Cup, and also played three games for the United States in the CONCACAF qualifying tournament before the 1996 Futsal World Cup. White played for a decade for the Milwaukee Wave of the National Professional Soccer League, winning four league titles.

## Josh Wolff

#### Eligibility: 52 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.

A forward who played in two World Cups and for 14 seasons in MLS. Wolff played 52 full internationals for the United States between 1999 and 2008, including 10 World Cup qualifiers in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005, and three World Cup games in 2002 and 2006. He also was a member of the U.S. teams that won the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2002 and 2005 and reached the semifinals of the 2000 Olympic Games. Perhaps his two most famous moments in U.S. teams both came against Mexico, a breakaway goal in a 2001 World Cup qualifier and the cross that produced a goal by Brian McBride at the 2002 World Cup. He played in MLS from 1998 to 2012, for the Chicago Fire, Kansas City Wizards and D.C. United, winning an MLS championship in 1998 with Chicago and U.S. Open Cups in 1998 and 2000 with Chicago and 2004 with Kansas City. He also played two seasons in the German second division. He played 267 MLS regular-season games and 14 MLS playoff games.

## **Raphael Xexeo**

#### Eligibility: 34 games for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team.

A forward, Xexeo registered 14 goals in 34 matches for the U.S. Men's Beach Soccer National Team between 2006 and 2014. One of three players to take part in the USA's first three FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups (2005, 2006, 2007), Xexeo led the team with four goals at the 2006 edition, including a hat trick in the group-stage finale against Brazil. Xexeo also collected eight goals in 18 caps over five Concacaf Beach Soccer Championships (2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011), helping the United States claim its first regional title in 2006 and finishing the 2009 tournament with four goals.

#### Kerry Zavagnin

# *Eligibility: 11 seasons in Major League Soccer, with one Best XI selection, and 21 games for the U.S. Men's National Team.*

A midfielder who was a longtime MLS star and played in the U.S. national team as well. Zavagnin played 11 seasons in MLS between 1997 and 2008, for the MetroStars and Kansas City. He was one of the stars of the Kansas City teams that won the MLS championship in 2000 and the U.S. Open Cup in 2004, and was selected to the MLS Best XI in 2004. Zavagnin played 21 full internationals for the United States, the first against Mexico in October 2000 and the last against Germany in March 2006. Those games included six World Cup qualifiers in 2004 and 2005. In addition to his MLS years, Zavagnin also played one season in the USISL and one season in the A-League. He appeared in 276 MLS regular-season games and 23 MLS playoff games.