

CURRICULM VITAE
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EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

Born into the coal and steel proletariat of 1940s West Virginia, Dr. Col. Michael J. Hurdzan (R-USAR Special Forces) found himself well outside the gates of the local country club.

Seven decades later, he became the fifth person in golf to achieve the non-playing “Grand Slam” as recipient of the highest honor from our industry’s “Big 3”: the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, the American Society of Golf Course Architects and the Golf Course Builders Association of America.

Today, there are now seven on that list: Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Byron Nelson, Robert Trent Jones, Sr., Rees Jones, Pete Dye and Dr. Hurdzan.



If such universal peer recognition for a mere mortal seems improbable, consider the “Slam” had shorter odds than Erin Hills, an original design of Dr. Hurdzan with then business partner Dana Fry and Golf Digest Architectural Editor Ron Whitten which, in 10 years, evolved from a “\$50 green fee public course in rural Wisconsin” to host of the 2017 US Open.

In a career still accelerating, which began in 1957 as an apprentice to the late American Society of Golf Course Architects Past President and firm founder Jack Kidwell, Dr. Hurdzan has authored 6 books, the first of which, *Golf Course Architecture: Evolutions in Design, Construction, and Restoration Technology*, is regarded by many authorities as “the modern bible of golf course design.”

Four hundred plus projects bearing the Hurdzan name can now be found on 5 continents including a suite of “Top 100” North American designs. To demonstrate that golf and the environment can coexist, and well before “environmental” became a fashionable marketing qualifier, Dr. Hurdzan created this nation’s first Environmental Demonstration Golf Course (Widow’s Walk, MA) and first Environmental Education Golf Course (FarmLinks, AL).

Dr. Hurdzan remains steadfast that Devil’s Paintbrush (Toronto), crafted for the originators of the board game Trivial Pursuit, remains his finest design, even though it occurred some 25 years ago before the days of the “roaring 2000s” when golf architecture lost much of its simple, cerebral elegance.

Drawing upon an age defying vitality, Dr. Hurdzan continues to share his unparalleled experience with a hand selected suite of clients who wish to tastefully and pragmatically re-project the principles of “Golden Age Architecture” across select commissions east of the Mississippi.

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

1978 Bachelor of Science

- Field of Study: Landscape Architecture (75% complete)
- Ohio State University

1974 Doctor of Philosophy

- Field of Study: Environmental Plant Physiology
- University of Vermont.
- Dissertation: *Morphological and Physiological Adaptations of Red Fescue (Festuca rubra, L.) Seedlings to Simulated Sunlight, Diffuse Skylight, and Canopy Shade*

1969 Master of Science

- Field of Study: Plant and Soil Science
- University of Vermont
- Thesis: *Effect of Light Intensity on Seedling Growth in Red Fescue (Festuca rubra, L.)*

1966 Bachelor of Science

- Field of Study: Turfgrass Science
- Ohio State University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DECORATIONS

2013 Old Tom Morris Award

- Highest honor of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
- Presented once annually to an individual who "through a continuing lifetime commitment to the game of golf has helped to mold the welfare of the game in a manner and style exemplified by Old Tom Morris"
- Past recipients include Arnold Palmer, Bob Hope, President Gerald Ford, Robert Trent Jones, Sr., Gene Sarazen, Tom Watson, Dinah Shore, Pete Dye, Greg Norman and Byron Nelson

2007 Donald Ross Award

- Highest honor of the American Society of Golf Course Architects
- Presented once annually to an individual who "has made a positive and lasting contribution to golf and golf course architecture"
- Past recipients include Tim Finchem (PGA Tour Commissioner), Byron Nelson, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Pete Dye, George H.W. Bush, Robert Trend Jones, Sr., Deane Beman (PGA Tour Commissioner) and Michael Bonallack (Secretary of the Royal & Ancient)

2003 "Most Powerful Golf Course Architects" (Golf Digest)

2002 Don A Rossi Award

- Highest honor of the Golf Course Builders Association of America
- Presented once annually to "those who have made significant contributions to the game of golf and its growth, and who in doing so, have inspired others to do the same"
- Past recipients include Gary Player, Arnold Palmer, Karsten Solheim (founder of Ping Golf) and Robert Trent Jones, Sr.

2001 "Distinguished Alumni Award" (University of Vermont)

- 1999 **“Power 25: The Most Influential People in Golf”** (Golf Inc.)
 - “Golf Architect of the Year”** (The BoardRoom)
 - “Ten Hottest”Architects in the U.S.”** (GolfWorld)
- 1997 **“Architect of the Year”** (GolfWorld)
 - “Ohio Golf Hall of Fame” inductee**
 - “Golf Architect of the Year”** (The BoardRoom)
 - “Distinguished Alumni Award”** (Ohio State University)
- 1994 **“Distinguished Service Award”** (Golf Course Builders Association of America)
- 1988 **“Man of the Year”** (Ohio Turfgrass Foundation)
- 1984 **“Professional Excellence Award”** (Ohio Turfgrass Foundation)

RECENT PROFESSIONAL DESIGN DECORATIONS

Erin Hills (original co-design)

- Host to 2017 US Open Championship
- Host to 2011 US Amateur Championship

Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club (re-design)

- Host to 2017 Canadian Women’s Open Championship

Scioto Country Club (w/ Jack Nicklaus, re-design).

- Host to 2016 US Senior Open Championship

Philadelphia Cricket Club (Militia Hill Course, original co-design).

- Host to 2015 PGA of America National Championship

BOOKS AUTHORED

2018 **Golf and Law: Golf Course Safety, Security and Risk Management**

- Drawn from personal experiences over 60 years in the golf industry and testimony in 160 golf related lawsuits, this book is intended to assist decision makers to better understand the dynamics of golf course safety and sources of risk so as to limit, or preferably, avoid, liability for injury and/or damage.

2013 **Golf Course Architecture: Design, Construction & Renovation** (Chinese Edition)

2008 **Golf Course Architecture: Design, Construction & Renovation** (Korean Edition)

2006 **Golf Course Design: An Annotated Bibliography** (w/ Geoffrey Cornish, ASLA, ASGCA Fellow)

- A unique and authoritative work featuring essays on the history and literature of course design and a comprehensive description (alphabetically by author) of hundreds of books and pamphlets on all aspects of the subject.
- 2005 **Building A Practical Golf Facility: A Step By Step Guide to Realizing A Dream**
- Endorsed by the PGA of America, PGA Tour, USGA, GCSAA
 - The book shows those desiring to bring golf into their communities how to go about the planning, design, project management and budgeting processes necessary to create a successful project. Hurdzan builds a strong case for affordable, accessible golf and provides direction for those who are interested in pursuing such facilities. Includes case studies and cost analyses.
- 2004 **Golf Greens: History, Theory, Design And Construction**
- Through a unique exploration of the history of golf greens, related design theories, and future trends in the game, Golf Greens uncovers how modern designs of golf greens fit in with the complete history of the game. It looks at the strengths and weaknesses of construction methods, legal considerations, how to manage specific problems, and much more. A valuable resource for golf course architects, golf course superintendents, irrigation specialists, turfgrass specialists, golf course owners and builders, real estate/golf course developers, and landscape architects.
- 2003 **Selected Courses by Hurdzan/Fry, Photos and Essays, Volume I**
- A collection of color photos of 29 courses designed by the award-winning team of Dr. Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry
 - Foreword by Tom Lehman, 1996 British Open Champion
 - Named a "Coffee Table Classic" by Travel + Leisure Magazine
- 1999 **Golf Course Architecture: Design, Construction & Renovation (German Edition)**
- 1996 **Golf Course Architecture: Design, Construction & Restoration (1st Edition)**
- Described as "the modern bible of golf architecture," this text distills Dr. Hurdzan's 30 years of knowledge and experience into one source. Beautifully illustrated with 326 color photographs, and 80 course maps and drawings, it chronicles all facets of designing, building, renovating and restoring a golf course. This single source provides a wealth of understandable and useful information on golf architecture from its earliest beginnings with Old Tom Morris to modern architectural design. Its readable style and varied illustrations make it a perfect reference for golf enthusiasts, green committees, green chairman, builders and developers, as well as superintendents, golf professionals and course managers. Dr. Hurdzan reveals both the art and science of golf course architecture, and takes you inside the designer's mind as he leads you through each step in designing a golf green, golf hole and golf course. Dr. Hurdzan is refreshingly frank in his discussion of golf and the environment and golf course improvement and restoration.
- 1985 **Evolution of the Modern Golf Green**
- A four part series examining the engineering and inner working of our games often unpredictable and sometimes precocious "dance floors".

RECENT FOREWORDS AUTHORED

- 2019 **Best Management Practices (BMP) Planning Guide and Template**

- The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.
 - ...Dr. Hurdzan's understanding of golf course environments and how the critical work that golf course superintendents do supports those efforts is a perfect introduction to this BMP Planning Guide. He has been active in numerous golf and environment initiatives so the overall perspective he brings to the purpose of the planning guide sets the tone for it perfectly...
- 2011 **The Philadelphia Cricket Club.**
- Pearson, D.
 - but it wasn't until we reviewed the first draft, with Dr. Michael Hurdzan's foreword, that we realized what we'd created was a study of the progression of style in golf course design over the last three centuries. As far as we know, nobody, has ever applied this level of detail toward visually presenting, the design elements, popular and implemented in golf course construction, in three different centuries, from the air. We wanted something new that had never been presented before, and the Philadelphia Cricket Club, being one of the few clubs in the World, maintaining three golf courses designed and constructed in three different centuries presented the perfect subject....
- 2009 **Desirable Trees For the Midwest**
- Zanon, SA.
 - Trees are a beautiful and natural part of North American golf courses and landscapes, but in most cases, they have either been taken for granted or neglected. We have not had good information sources to refer to and rely on for selecting and caring for golf course trees. Until now that is. The result is a book that doesn't 'just look good on the book shelf' it also should become a well used source of information to improve the health and beneficial qualities of trees on golf courses and in the home landscape.
- 2009 **Tournament Management: A Superintendents Guide to Preparing a Golf Course for Competition**
- Miller, JC.
 - Every year thousands of golf tournaments are held across the globe, from high profile majors like the PGA Championship and British Open to smaller regional, amateur, and member-guest events. Superintendents are responsible for preparing the course in anticipation of a tournament and maintaining the course during the event. This book offers superintendents and allied professionals all the tools they need to prepare and maintain golf courses for tournaments. It offers practical guidelines for a successful tournament, from how to prepare greens, tees, fairways, bunkers and rough through cup-cutting, pest management, and fertilization prior to and during the tournament to tips on managing professional events.
- 2008 **Golf Architecture: A World Wide Perspective. Vol 4.**
- Daley, P.
 - ...If the expression "books are windows to the world" is a truism, then nowhere is that more true than in the books on golf architecture by Paul Daley. This is the fourth volume in a series that didn't seem as if it could get any better but it did...and that is the opinion of someone, me, who designs golf courses and is a voracious reader and collector of everything written on the subject...

RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS / INTERVIEWS

- 2013 **"An Architects Collection - Dr. Michael Hurdzan"**
- Found in: *Great Golf Collections of the World*. (McDonough, Richard and Georgiady, Peter)

- ...This book was originally envisioned and commissioned by the Smithsonian Institute, but was finally privately published by Saron Press. The intent was to catalog the best collections of golf memorabilia and history and recognize the people and institutions that are actively preserving golf's rich history.
- 2012 **"Golf For Under A Million"**
- Found in: *Golf's Grand Design: The Evolution of Golf Course Architecture in America* (Cupp, B. and R. Whitten)
 - Golf's Grand Design focuses on golf course architecture from the 1880s through present day featuring some of America's best known and influential courses..... Behind these unique courses are the colorful and creative individuals who helped fashion them. The rise of golf in America over the past 130 years is due in large part to the artistry of the people who design the courses where the game is played.... Includes the writings of Jack Nicklaus, Pete Dye, Robert Trent Jones, Jr., Tom Watson, Tom Fazio, Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, and Rees Jones.
- 2009 **"Scioto, Nicklaus, Technology & Me"**
- Found in: *Golf Architecture: A World Wide Perspective. Vol 5.* (Daley, P.)
 - ... The international who's who in golf architecture explores the many facets of the craft while delving into the world's most breathtaking models. Illustrated with crisp photographs and professional sketches, this collection of essays expresses the necessity for detailed scrutiny in every design Determining the layout of a course is an undertaking that requires an artistic flair and love of sport, combined with the genius of an engineer. Stunning photography of rolling greens, pristine skylines, and menacing sand traps compliment this international journey. An exhibition of the world's greatest golf course designs.
- 2008 **"The Evolution of Erin Hills"**
- Found in: *Golf Architecture: A World Wide Perspective. Vol 4.* (Daley, P.)
 - "A tired and trite cliché used by golf architects since the early days of Old Tom Morris is "god made the golf course and we only had to discover it", but this was precisely the case at Erin Hills...well, almost. Includes the writings of Tom Doak, Brad Klein, Michael Fay and sponsorship by the Toro Co.

ARTICLES AUTHORED

- 2018 **Golf Collecting: Golf Course Architecture** (ASGCA magazine)
Essential Personal Traits of Successful Turf Professionals That are Never Taught in School (GreenMaster magazine)
Renovation for Tournament Success (GreenMaster magazine)
- 2013 **Beware of the Chinese Damsel** (Asian Golf Business)
- 2012 **My View of Turfgrass Management: 1960 Into The Future** (Asian Golf Business)
New Golf Technology May Be Good For The Game (Asian Golf Business)
Why I Prefer Walking Golf (Asian Golf Business)
The Importance of Research To Chinese Golf. (GolfPeople China)
The Joy of Golf Collecting (Golfweek China)
Culturally Different Golf (Golfweek China)
- 2011 **The New Golden Age of Golf Course Design** (Asian Golf Business)
Are Celebrity Architects Qualified to Design Golf Courses? (GolfPeople China)

- The Seven Deadly Sins of Golf Development in China** (GolfPeople China)
The History, Theory and Folly of Rough (GolfPeople China)
Future Growth of Golf in China (Golfweek China)
Integrity is the Heart of Golf (Golfweek China)
Modernizing Historic & Traditional Golf Course (GolfPeople China)
How Long Should A Golf Course Be? (GolfPeople China)
Future Paths for Golf Course Development (GolfPeople China)
Golf and The Government: Part I (Golfweek China)
Golf and The Government: Part II (Golfweek China)
Golf Architecture (Golf Digest China)
- 2008 **Bunker Restoration: A Golf Course Architects Personal Philosophy** (Golf Course Architecture)
"How Green is Golf?" (Golf Digest)
- 2007 **Collecting Memorabilia of Golf Course Architecture** (Golf Course Architecture)
- 2005 **The Cayman Controversy: The Emperor's New Clothes?** (Golf Course News)
- 2000 **The Use of Computer's In Golf Architecture** (Links To The Past magazine)
- 1998 **Clarifying The California Greens** (Golf Course News)
Legal Liabilities of Golf Green Construction (Golf Course News)
Redesigning & Establishing an Existing Putting Green (Golf Course News)
- 1997 **Concepts in Golf Course Design** (Golf Course News)
Design Trends in Golf Courses and Golf Layouts (Golf Course News)
Dry Weather Effects On Golf Course Construction (Golf Course News)
Golf Course Design: Following A Formula For Profit (Golf Course News)
How to Build A Golf Course For Only 1 Million Dollars (Golf Course News)
Improvement Studies: Master and Long Range Planning (Golf Course News)
Native Americans: A Commentary (Landscape Management)
Thirty-Five Years of Evolution in Golf Course Design (Landscape Management)
Yankee Ingenuity (Golf Course News)
Wetlands (Golf Course News)
- 1994 **Creating the Pulpit** (Golf Business)
Defending the Golf Course: It's More Than Just A Game (Golf Illustrated)
- 1993 **How to Become A Golf Course Architect** (Leisure Management International)
- 1991 **Micro Climate: Keys To Successful IPM** (Golf Course Management)
- 1990 **Golf Courses and the Environment** (Parks & Recreation Magazine)
- 1989 **Celebrity Designers: Pro & Con** (Golf Course News)
Danger! (Green Master)
Golf Course Planning Process (Golf Course Management)
Strategic Design (Golf Business)
- 1988 **Trends, Traditions & Visions For Tomorrow** (Golf Course Management)
Blue Ash: Ohio Management Innovation (Golf Business)

- 1987 **Planning and Siting of Golf Courses** (Golf Course Management)
Role of Turf Manager in Dealing with Environmental Issues (Golf Business)
- 1986 **Nature on the Golf Course** (Golf Course Management)
Expanding/Remodeling Your Golf Course (Golf Business)
Grasses & Wildflowers (Golf Course Management)
- 1985 **Building the Course: Toward a Mutual Understanding** (Golf Course Management)
Club Planning: Lines Form Early for Profitable Golf (Public Works Magazine)
Golf Course Design (Topic 203) (Western Landscaping Magazine)
The Golf Course Builder: An Unsung Hero (Weeds, Trees & Turf)
- 1984 **Are Golf Cars Good For the Game? (w/ Pete Dye)** (Golf Magazine)
Executive is Not a Dirty Word (PGA Magazine)
Proceed With Caution (Golf Course Management)
Pro Design (Golf Course Management)
- 1983 **Charting The Course: Speed, Slope, Skill** (Golf Course Management)
Master Planning (Topic 103) (Lakeshore News)
Why Golf Is So Popular in Ohio? (Ohio Magazine)
- 1980 **Defending the Value of Golf Courses** (Weeds, Trees & Turf)
Design & Specifications Related to Maintenance (Weeds, Trees & Turf)
Remodeling on a Budget (Golf Business)
- 1979 **Public Golf Design: Cut Costs, Build Profits** (Weeds, Trees & Turf)
- 1978 **The History, Theory & Folly of Roughs** (Golf Business)
- 1972 **Pride Beat The Steam Drill** (USGA Green Section Record)

ACTIVITIES

- 2019 **Michigan Turfgrass Conference** (East Lansing, MI)
 - "The Story of Erin Hills"
 - "Golf and the Law"
- 2018 **American Society of Safety Professionals**
GCSAA Resource Task Group for preparing BMP Guidelines
American Society of Golf Course Architects Foundation Board
- 2012 **World Golf Foundation National Golf Day**
 - 1 of 5 "StoryTellers" selected to represent the Golf Course Industry on Capitol Hill
- 09-p **Shanghai Jiao Tong University** (Adjunct Professor of Golf Course Design)
- 09-p **Golf Digest Magazine**
 - Green Star Awards Panelist
- 04-07 **President of the Investor Group Management Committee** (Golf Club of Dublin, OH)

- 2004 **World Golf Foundation / National Golf Foundation**
 - Steering Committeeman
 - Golf 20/20 Conference
- 02-8 **Golf Course News**
 - Editorial Board Member
 - Monthly Columnist
- 2002 **Public Broadcasting Station WOSU Annual Auction**
 - Honorary Chairman
 - Golf Outing Chairman
- 1998 **Member of the PGA Tour Agronomic Advisory Board**
- 1997 **Chairman of the GCSAA Environmental Institute For Golf Board of Trustees**
- 1995 **Golf and the Environment Initiative**
 - National Steering Committeeman
 - Member of the Board of Directors
- 94-16 **Fore Hope Board Member and Past Chairman**
- 85-8 **National Institute for Golf Management (subsidiary of the National Golf Foundation)**
 - Board of Directors
 - Board of Regents
 - Instructor
 - Student (1982-85)
- 84-p **American Society of Golf Course Architects**
 - Past President (1984)
 - Past Board of Governors
 - Environmental Impact Committee
 - Professional Development Committee
- 82-p **United States Golf Association**
 - Green Section Committeeman
 - Architectural Archive Committeeman
 - Museum Committeeman
- 1977 **American Society of Landscape Architects**
 - Co-chair Student Services Committee
 - Student Representative to Board of Trustees

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 **Golf Industry Conference and Show (San Antonio, TX)**
 - “Commonsense Evaluation and Practical Golf Course Improvements”

- Canadian Golf Course Management Conference** (Quebec City, Quebec)
 - “Renovation for Tournament Success: Collaboration Between Architect & Superintendent”
 - “Stories From the Greens and Traits for Longevity in Business”
- Michigan Golf Association Board of Governors Annual Meeting** (Ann Arbor, MI)
 - “Erin Hills; A Fairy Tale Story”
- The Westfield Historical Society** (Westfield Center, OH)
 - “A short History of Golf and Contributions by Northern Ohio”
- Club Managers Association of America Annual Conference** (San Francisco, CA)
 - “Function First:: A Key to Golf Course Resource Management”
- 2017 **Golf Industry Conference and Show** (Orlando, FL)
 - “Commonsense Evaluation and Golf Course Improvements”
- Peaks & Prairies Golf Course Superintendents Association** (Bozeman, MT)
 - “Golf Course Improvements”
- 2016 **Golf Industry Conference and Show** (San Diego, CA)
 - “Commonsense Evaluation and Golf Course Improvements”
 - “The Renovation of Scioto CC”
- 2015 **Jaio Tong University Executive MBA Program** (Shanghai, China)
 - Instructor for 4-Day Seminar in Golf Architecture
- United States Golf Association Architectural Symposium** (Far Hills, NJ)
 - “The Evolution of Erin Hills”
- Golf Industry Conference and Show** (San Antonio, TX)
 - “Commonsense and Practical Golf Course Improvements”
 - “Jane and Walt Dennis Indoor Golf Performance Center at The Ohio State University”
- Indiana Water Resource Symposium** (Indianapolis, IN)
 - “Precision Turf Management: A Case Study in Scientifically Managing Water”
- New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show** (Hartford, CT)
 - “Commonsense and Practical Golf Course Improvement”
- Northern Green Expo** (Minneapolis, MN)
 - “Preserving Traditions of Classic Golf Courses”
 - “Strategies for Coping with Tree Loss”
- Northern Ohio Golf Association** (Toledo, OH)
 - “A Golf Odyssey - 2035” - Future of the Game
 - “Top 10 Reasons Why Superintendents Are More Important than Designers”
- Ohio Turf Foundation Spring Tee Off** (Columbus, OH)
 - “Giving Golfers What they Want”

- 2014 **Golf Industry Show**
 - “Commonsense Golf Course Design Evaluation and Practical Improvements”
 - “Communicating with Members and Boards”

- 2013 **Remodeling U: American Society of Golf Course Architects** (North Shore CC, Chicago, IL)
 - “Successful Case Studies in Remodeling”

- Chinese Golf Course Superintendents Association Annual Meeting (Shenzhen, China)**
 - “Principles of Golf Course Architecture”

- Ohio Turfgrass Conference**
 - “Strategies for Coping with Tree Losses on Golf Courses”
 - “Preserving Traditional Courses While improving Playability and Maintenance”

- 2011 **National Golf Club General Managers (of China)**
 - “The Future of Golf in China”

- Asian Pacific Golf Summit** (Bangkok, Thailand)
 - “Green: Golf and Environment”

- 2009 **Toro Co. International Golf Guest Program**
 - FarmLinks "Business of Agronomy"

- 01-10 **Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Annual Meeting**
 - “Golf Greens: History, Theory, Construction & Maintenance”

- 2000 **World Scientific Congress of Golf (St. Andrews, Scotland)**
 - Keynote Speaker

- 95-02 **Harvard University Graduate School of Design** (Cambridge, Massachusetts)
 - Instructor
 - “Golf Course Environmental Considerations”

- 94-00 **Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Annual Meeting**
 - Instructor
 - “Golf Course Design Construction, and Renovation for IPM (Integrated Pest Management)”

- 89-93 **Golf Course Superintendents Association of America**
 - Instructor
 - “Golf Course safety, Security and Risk Management”

- 85-p **Golf and The Environment Initiative**
 - International guest speaker at meetings in Mexico, England, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Japan, Canada, Scotland and Australia

- 83-8 **Golf Course Superintendents Association of America**
 - Instructor
 - “Golf Course Construction Techniques and Project Management”

1976 The Ohio State University

- Instructor
- “Advanced Turfgrass Course”

MEMBERSHIPS / SERVICE

- American Society of Golf Course Architects (Member Emeritus and Fellow)
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- United States Golf Association (Historical Committeeman)
- Golf Collector's Society
- National Golf Foundation
- National Stereoscopic Society
- International Turfgrass Society
- Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
- Shivas Irons Society
- O.J. Noer Research Foundation
- Keepers of the Green
- Special Forces Association
- Musser International Turfgrass Foundation (Member of the Board)

MILITARY EDUCATION / SERVICE

- 1996 Official retirement
- 1994 Departs 2nd Psychological Operations Group (TAC) (Airborne)
Awarded Legion of Merit neck order
- 1993 Promoted to Colonel
- 1992 Completes Civil Affairs Qualification Course (MOS 380)
- 1990 Leaves 2d Battalion, Training Group, 70th Training Division
Selected Commander – 2d Psychological Operations Group (TAC) (Airborne)
- 1988 Leaves 246th Company, 360th Battalion, 2d Psychological Operations Group
Selected Commander – 2d Battalion, Training Group, 70th Training Division
Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel
Awarded Expert Infantry Badge
Awarded MOS 37 A (PSYOPS Officer)
- 1987 Command and General Staff Course
- 1986 Selected Commander – 246th Psychological Operations Company (TAC) (DS), 360th Battalion,
2d Psychological Operations Group (2 POG)
Completes Reserve Component Psychological Operations Officer Course
- 1985 Awarded MOS 18A – Special Operations Commander
Leaves Company “C”, 2d Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

- 1982 Selected Commander – Special Forces Company “C”, 2d Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne), C/2/11 SFG(A)
- 1981 Completed Special Forces Staff and Operations Course
- 1980 Promoted to Major (leaves ODA 235, 11 SFGA)
- 1978 Completed Infantry Officers Advance Course
Awarded British Parachutists Badge
- 1976 Awarded German Parachutists Badge
- 1975 Completed Psychological Officer Basic Course
Awarded PMOS 5G – Special Forces Officer designator
Awarded SQI 3 – Special Forces Officer designator
- 1974 Promoted to Captain
- 1973 Chemical Corps disbanded by Presidential Order (selects Special Forces)
Completed Reserve Component Special Forces Qualification Course
Completed Basic Airborne Course
Completed Infantry Officer Basic Course. Awarded PMOS 11A
Selected Commander. Special Forces Operational Detachment 5, “C” Company, 2d Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne), (C/5/2/11 SFG(A) a.k.a., ODA 235, 11th SFGA)
- 1972 Completed Chemical Officer Basic Course – Award PMOS 74B
Selected Class Commander
- 1967 Active duty deferment for graduate school
- 1966 Commissioned ROTC Second Lieutenant, Chemical Corps
Awarded Distinguished Military Graduate Honors

MILITARY DECORATIONS

- Special Forces Tab
- Legion of Merit
- Basic Airborne
- British Parachutist Badge
- German Parachutist Badge
- Expert Infantry Badge
- Expert Marksmanship (M-16, .45, Flame Thrower)
- Meritorious Service Medal w / 1 OLC
- Army Commendation Medal w / 2 OLCs
- Army Achievement Medal w / 2 OLCs
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/ 4 OLCs
- Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon w/ Number “2”

ENDOWMENTS

- **Dr. Michael J. Hurdzan Endowment Fund** (sponsored by the Environmental Institute for Golf)
- **Jack Kidwell Scholarship Fund** (sponsored by The Columbus Foundation)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Collecting golf related antiques

- Specializing in books, sheet music and wood-shaft clubs
- Has amassed one of the largest privately held collections of golf antiques in the world

World SuperKart road racing

- Venues include Daytona International, Laguna Seca, Road America, Mid-Ohio, Michigan International Speedway
- Multi-time club champion, 250cc, twin cylinder division

Special Forces Association

- The voice for the Special Forces community which perpetuates Special Forces Traditions and Brotherhood, advances the public image of Special Forces and promotes the general welfare of the Special Forces Community.