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SOFTBALL PLAYER PROFILE: CHUCK MYRICK
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When you see Chuck Myrick fly around the bases or track down a long fly ball in the outfield, you might notice a slight limp; however, you'd never guess he's running with a prosthetic leg. You see, Chuck had a bad broken leg and ultimately lost that leg due to a botched operation over 25 years ago, but that never slowed him down! Today, he's one of our top hitters for both average and power and is a solid defender as well. He's also a key member of our super-competitive travel team that recently won the Triple Crown of Senior Softball.

A native of Palo Alto, California, Chuck grew up in San Mateo and San Carlos where he was a three-sport star at Carlmont High and Athlete of

the Year as a senior. He played football at San Mateo Junior College before earning a scholarship to Utah State. He was a defensive back whose “best memory” is making an open field tackle of O.J. Simpson to save a potential TD. Chuck was good enough to receive several offers to go pro, but decided to pursue his other love instead: flying.

Armed with his degree in Aeronautical Technology from Utah State, Chuck spent six years in the Air Force where he piloted T-43s, the military version of the Boeing 737. That experience led to a thirty-one year career in commercial aviation. Chuck was hired as a co-pilot by a small fledgling company named Southwest Airlines in 1976. At that time Southwest had only five planes that flew among four cities in Texas, but you know the rest of their story.... Both Southwest and Chuck would become super-successful. After a year as a co-pilot, Chuck spent the rest of his career as a Captain flying all versions of the 737.

Chuck and the love of his life, Janet, lived for twenty years in Dallas before relocating to Arizona where he spent the final eleven years with Southwest. Although Janet was born in England, when her family came to the US she lived on the same street as Chuck in San Mateo, then attended the same junior high and high school. They’ve now been married over 45 years and have two sons and two grandchildren.

Although Chuck considers softball his number one sport, he also golfs and plays tennis and pickleball. Given his occupation you might have guessed that Chuck and Janet enjoy travel. In addition to nearly everywhere in the USA, the Myricks have been nearly everywhere else in the world as well, including South America, the Far East and Europe. They also have a townhouse in Lake Tahoe where they escape from our hot summers every year.

Overcoming adversity is one of life’s greatest challenges. When Chuck encountered his “bad break” many years ago, he confronted that adversity and overcame it. That “can do” attitude was the driver of all the successes he had and all that he continues to accomplish.