From Sparta rink to Air Force Academy hockey scoring title GHS graduate Skalko honored on Oct. 29

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SUN CITY, Ariz. — Dave Skalko got his first hockey skates when he was 6, his father taught him the basics of hockey and his mother encouraged him to practice. That’s just how it was in Sparta, “the stronghold of hockey,” he said of the small community outside Gilbert. And “hockey became his lifeblood of the Skalko family.”

It paid off for Skalko. The 1968 graduate of Gilbert High School and graduate of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs has been honored as the NCAA Division 1 Hockey Storing Champion for the 1971-1972 season.

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