



2014 UNITED STATES MARTIAL ARTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

YOUTH

KARMINA BEDIONES.....COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Karmina Bediones has studied Martial Arts for 6 years. She holds the rank of Black Belt in Traditional Kung Fu. She has also received certification in styles such as Liu He Bafa, Tai Chi and Bagua. At the age of 14 she is now learning Chinese boxing under Master Yan You Le. She trains and helps teach at China Tai Chi Kung Fu in Washington State under Sifu Wes Letioa and Grandmaster Shu-Bi-Sheng. Karmina has achieved 1 AKA Overall Grand Champion, 2 Tigerclaw.com Overall Grand Champion between 2010 and 2013, and 8 North American ICMAC titles during 2011.



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BRONZE

KEVIN ADAP.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Kevin has been training in the Martial Arts for 14 years. He has a 3rd degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and attends Union's United tae Kwon Do Academy in New Jersey under Master Robert Nichols. He has also studied Oni Kage Combat Ninjitsu.

RYAN BONACCI.....DEFENSIVE TACTICS INSTRUCTOR

Ryan began his Martial Arts training at the age 7 under the guidance of his father Joseph Bonacci. He was raised in the Shotokan system obtaining his 2nd degree Black Belt in 1998. He has also trained with some of the best Martial Arts Instructors on the East Coast. Following his father's footsteps, Ryan became a Police Officer and is the current Chief of Police for the Lowellville Police Department in Ohio. He has received awards for Police Excellence, the Chiefs Award, Life Saving, Outstanding Police Performance, Drug Buster, Purple Heart and Valor. He continues to train on his own in various disciplines including MMA, Submission Wrestling, Boxing, and is now a Krav Maga Tactical Training Options Defensive Tactics training Officer.

JAMES BREWER.....MAN OF THE YEAR

Mr. Brewer holds a Black Belt rank in the art of Isshinryu Karate under Grandmaster Pete Mills. He has also studied Aikido, Small Circle Jujitsu and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He is a member of the Universal Isshinryu and Jujitsu Association. He is an active Instructor at the Pete Mills Karate School in Tennessee.

ALAN BYAR.....DISTINGUISHED COMPETITOR

Mr. Byar has been studying Chinese martial Arts since 1990, beginning first with Tai Chi and then Northern Mizong Luohan Kung Fu. Alan currently studies under Grandmaster Zhu Bi-Sheng in Seattle, who teaches both internal and external styles of Kung Fu. Alan is focused primarily on the internal styles of Yang Tai Chi, Bagua, and Liu He Ba Fa also known as Water Boxing. In competitions he has recently won several Internal Style grand Champions in Nationally ranked tournaments. Mr. Byar holds the rank of 5th degree Black Belt.



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MICHAEL CRAIN.....DEDICATED MASTER

Mr. Crain is the Founder of Martial Forces Karate; he has also studied Tae Kwon Do, Small Circle Jujitsu, Judo Boxing and Kickboxing. He heads the American Martial Forces Association, and is a member of ATA and the World Traditional Tae Kwon Do Union. He has earned State Champion and World Champion Status. Mr. Crain has been in the Martial Arts for 26 years.

NICHOLAS CRENSHAW.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Nicholas is the Associate Director and Instructor of Impact, 501C3 a nonprofit Martial Arts school based in Searcy Arkansas. Mr. Crenshaw is a 4th degree Black Belt in Karate and a 2nd degree Black Belt in Olympic Tae Kwon Do. He began teaching Martial Arts at a very young age. Among his on the mat accomplishment include an AAU National Sparring Champion and Junior Olympic Sparring Champion. Mr. Crenshaw is also a student at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway and heads their Conway Martial Arts School.

ALEXANDRE DEBAUVE.....JKD INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

ACCEPTING BY RICHARD BUSTILLO

Alexandre has been training in the Martial Arts for 26 years. He started his journey with the art of Judo, and then began training in Jeet Kune Do and the Filipino Martial Arts. Alexandre was a member of the Junior French Team and competed in Judo. He has also competed in Mixed Martial Arts. He trains police groups in Defensive Tactics and Physical Training. He is a certified Apprentice Instructor under Grandmaster Richard Bustillo.

ELIZABETH DEW.....FEMALE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Dew holds the rank of Sam Dan, 3rd degree Black Belt in the art of Tae Kwon Do under Master Ray Harp. She is also a Certified Krav Maga Instructor under Professor Marty Cale. She is a member of the International Martial Arts Federation. She is the administrator and Instructor at McAlester Tae Kwon Do in McAlester Oklahoma. She has been studying the Martial Arts for 15 years.

CHRISTOPHER HANES.....TACTICAL MASTER

Mr. Hanes holds the rank of 5th Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do and Combat Martial Arts and Tactics, a 1st degree Black Belt in Hapkido. He has also studied Chun Kuk Do and Defensive Tactics. He trains and teaches at his school Hanes Tactical Martial Arts in North Tonawanda, New York. He has studied the Martial Arts for the past 22 years.



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JENNIFER HATMAKER.....FEMALE COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Ms. Hatmaker studies Isshinryu Karate under Master Chris Hawkins and Grandmaster Pete Mills. She also cross- trains in the art of Jiu Jitsu. She has competed and placed in numerous tournaments for her division. She is a member of the Universal Isshinryu and Jiu Jitsu Association. She trains at the Pete Mills School of Karate in Tennessee.

SCOTT HILE.....MOST DEDICATED INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Hile is a 5th Degree Black Belt in Moo Duk Kwan Tang Soo Do under Master Carl MacDermott. He has also studied Tai Jujitsu, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kenpo and Uechi Ryu. He is a member of the International Tang Soo Do Federation and the American Tang Soo Do Association. He is the owner and Chief Instructor of Precision Tang Soo Do. Mr. Hile has been training in the Martial Arts for 21 years. He also teaches and conducts weapon seminars, self-defense seminars and teaches women's self-defense with Masters Mac Dermott and Martin.

ANNE HUFF.....MOST DEDICATED MARTIAL ARTIST

Mrs. Huff holds a 4th Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under the International Tae Kwon Do Federation. She has also studied Shotokan Karate and is a student of Grandmaster John Sharkey. She is also a member of the American Karate Association. She is a previous Inductee with the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame and has been studying the Martial Arts for 25 years.

DANIEL IDROVO.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Daniel has been studying the Martial Arts for 14 years. He holds the rank of 3rd degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master Robert Nichols. Daniel also holds a Shodan in Ninjitsu. He is an active instructor at Union's Tae Kwon Do Academy. He was UTA State Champion and Tae Kwon Do America National Champion.

STEVEN JOHNSON.....BLACK BELT OF THE YEAR

Steven holds a 3rd degree Black Belt in the art of Shorinji Tetsuken Kamashin Ryu under Master Amy Hawkins. He has also studied Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Krav Maga, Aikido and Escrima. He is an active instructor at Martial Arts Training Institute in North Carolina.



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JOHN LEHMANN.....SOMBO MASTER

John is a 6th degree Black Belt in Combat Sombo under Hanshi Robert Handley. He has also studied Muay Thai, Catch Wrestling, Judo, JKD, Savate and Arnis. He is a member of the USJA, AJA and Ryukukai. He has been doing the Martial Arts for 24 years and teaches at the United States Combat Sombo Guild.

LISA MILLER.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Ms. Miller studies Isshinryu Karate under Grandmaster Pete Mills. She also cross- trains in the art of Jiu Jitsu. She is a member of the Universal Isshinryu and Jiu Jitsu Association. She trains and teaches at the Pete Mills School of Karate in Tennessee.

TODD MILLS.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Mills holds the rank of 5th degree Black Belt in the art of Isshinryu Karate under Grandmaster Pete Mills. He also cross- trains in the art of Jiu Jitsu and Small Circle Jujitsu. He is a member of the Universal Isshinryu and Jiu Jitsu Association. He teaches and trains at the Pete Mills School of Karate in Tennessee. He has been involved in the Martial Arts for more than 25 years.

ROBERT NICHOLS.....SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Mr. Nichols holds the rank of 6th degree Black Belt in the art of Ninjutsu under Hanshi Roman Garcia. He also holds a 5th degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and a 1st degree Black Belt in Shorin-Ryu Karate. He is a member of the Fudo Myo Ninpo Ryu and Unions United Tae Kwon Do Academy where he is an active Instructor. He has been involved in the Martial Arts of 24 years.

MATT PERLIGIERO.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR

Matt holds a 2nd degree Black Belt in IsshinRyu Karate and 1st degree in DaiHashi Ryu Bushido Jujitsu. He has been studying Okiawa Arts since 2003. Matt is a school Resource Officer for Knox County. He is a member of the US Traditional Martial Arts Society, and teaches at Tennessee Martial Arts University.



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SEAN PETERS.....MASTER

Mr. Peters holds the rank of 5th dan Black Belt in Tang Soo Do under Master Carl MacDermott. Sean has also studied Thai Jiu Jitsu, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Muay Thai Kickboxing. He is a member of the International Tang Soo Do Federation, American Tang Soo Do Association, The World Black Belt Bureau and The International Martial Arts Council of America. He has been doing the Martial Arts for 20 years and is an active Instructor at Precision Tang Soo Do.

DAVID PETERSMARCK.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

David is an 8th degree Black Belt in Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu under Shihan Jeffery Prather. David has also studied Isshinryu Karate, Judo and Tae Kwon Do. He is a member of the Shidoshi Kai-Bujinkan. He has received the title of Shidoshi by Soke Masaaki Hatsumi. David has been studying the Martial Arts for 27 years.

BAILEY PETERSON.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR

Bailey has been involved in Okinawan Kempo since 2001. At the age of 13 she started teaching the Little Dragons and the junior's class under the supervision of her father. She has since cultivated an incredible ability to teach, as she teaches younger kids every day of the week. Bailey received her junior Black Belt at the age of 11 and received her adult Black Belt in March of 2014. In addition to Kempo, she studies Combative Jujitsu, Cacoy Doce Pares Escrima and Krav Maga. All of her Martial Arts studies are enhanced by the philosophies and training methods of Bruce Lee's Jeet Kune Do, which is taught to her by both her father Mike Peterson and original Bruce Lee student Sifu Richard Bustillo, whom she proudly refers to as "Grandpa Sifu".....at his request.

ARIEL POPE.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Pope is a 3rd dan Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master James Goodwin. He has over 18 years of experience having trained in Tae Kwon Do, Combat Hapkido and various forms of weapons. He started teaching at age 16 at the school where he received his Black Belt. Ariel has competed in many local and Regional tournaments over the years, including the AAU Junior Olympics bringing home Bronze Medals in Forms and Olympic Sparring. He is an Assistant Instructor under Master James Goodwin at Impact 360 Martial Arts.



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ALANA RAGSDALE.....FEMALE MASTER INSTRUCTOR

Mary Alana Ragsdale is executive director, co-founder, and Head Instructor of Impact 360, a 501c3 Non Profit Martial Arts School. Ms. Ragsdale is a 6th degree Black Belt in Karate a 2nd in Tae Kwon Do. She has practiced Martial Arts for 20 years and has additional training in Kickboxing and Krav Maga. She is a 2 time National Sparring Champion, two times Regional Sparring Champion, an Arkansas State Sparring Champion and an undefeated Kick boxer.

MIKE ROGERS.....COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Rogers holds a 1st degree Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu under Rodrigo Vaghi. He is also Head Coach SCMMMA's. He was an all American Wrestler from SIUE and a two time Golden Gloves Boxing Champion. He also holds a 4-3 Pro MMA record. He was a brown Belt Pan Champion and No Gi Brown Belt World Champion in 2008. Mr. Rogers coaches and instructs some of the best MMA fighters in the United States, getting them on the right path to become current UFC Fighters.

JOE ROQUE JR.....EXCELLENCE IN MARTIAL ARTS LEADERSHIP

Sensei Roque holds the Rank of San Dan in Shorei Goju under Master Todd Gilbert. He has also studied Jujitsu, Aikido, Judo, Hapkido, Kali and MMA. He has been training in the Arts for more than 20 years. He is a member of the American Karate Association, Professional Karate Commission and the Illinois State Martial Arts Association. He has won many State and Local Championships. He was the 2012 Illinois Instructor of the Year and the 2013 Black Belt of the year. He currently teaches at Dragon Fire Karate in New Lenox, Illinois.

BRIAN SALAMAT.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Brian holds a 3rd degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and a 1st degree Black Belt on Ninjutsu, both under Shihan Robert Nichols. Brian has competed in the New Jersey UTA Top Ten Competitions and has won State Championship two times. He is an active Instructor at Unions United Tae Kwon Do Academy.

ZACHARY SHORT.....DEDICATED MARTIAL ARTIST

Zachary Short holds the rank of 4th degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do. He has also studied Chun Kuk Do and Defensive Tactics. He is a lifetime member with IMAC and Combat Martial Art Practitioners Association. He has been in the Arts for 19 years and currently focuses on Private Lessons.



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PHILLIP SMITH.....BLACK BELT OF THE YEAR

Mr. Smith holds a Black Belt level in Hwa Rang Mul Sul under Grandmaster Hud. He is a member of the Korean Hwarangmulsul Martial Arts Federation where he is an active Instructor.

WAYNE TANGUAY.....KENPO MASTER

Mr. Tanguay holds a 6th degree Black Belt in Kenpo under Master Lee Lowery. He has also studied Modern Arnis, where he holds a 5th degree Black Belt. He is a board member of the New England Martial Arts Teachers Association. He is also a member of the International Modern Arnis Federation.

JOSEPH TERRANOVA.....COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Terranova holds a Black Belt in Shotokan. He has also studied and holds a purple belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu under Mike Gordella for Team Renzo Gracie. He has competed in several tournaments and receiving first place. He has also received Honors as NAGA Champion.

THOMAS THOMPSON.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Thompson holds a Black Belt level in Traditional Tae Kwon Do under Master James Goodwin, where he is an active Instructor at Impact 360 teaching the Tae Kwon Do class. Mr. Thompson has been in the arts for 20 years, where he has received multiple awards at Regional Championships, including The Shaolin Classic.

ALVIN TILLMAN JR.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Tillman trains in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu under his Instructor Darren McCall. Mr. Tillman is a four time North American Grappling Middle Weight Champion, a onetime Grapplers Quest Middle Weight Champion as well as a 6 time Texas State Middle Weight Champion. He is an active Instructor at Warriors for Christ Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy. He is also a member of the International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Association.

CHRIS TUCKER.....KRAV MAGA INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Tucker holds a PhD and works for the University of Arkansas. He has been training in the Israeli Combat System of Krav Maga since the year 2000. He holds an Expert Level 3 Certification in Krav Maga. He also holds Advanced Level Defensive Tactics Instructor in Krav Maga Tactical Training Options for Law Enforcement. He has trained in Israel under the Chief Commanders and Head Instructors of the Israeli Defense Forces. He is one of ONLY 3 people to ever train inside and on the Israeli Defense Forces Military Training Base. He has studied



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extensively in VIP Protection, Law Enforcement & Security, 3rd Party Protection, and Counter-Terrorism techniques as taught to the Elite Forces of the IDF. Mr. Tucker has taught Defensive Tactics to Law Enforcement from around the U.S, including Local Police Departments, Sheriff Departments, Correctional Officers, Federal Agents and Parole Officers. Mr. Tucker is also highly skilled at Tactical Shooting and is an Assistant Instructor in Israeli Combat Shooting. He also holds Black Belts in Kenpo Karate and Combative Jujitsu all under Professor Marty Cale.

JEANELLE VANBUSKIRK.....FEMALE INSTRUCTOR

Jeanelle holds a 2nd Degree Black belt in Hapkido. She has studied numerous Martial Arts throughout the last 10 years. She is a member of the World Hapkido Association. She has earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma in Criminal Justice. She started her career with the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office. She currently works for Oklahoma's Council on Law enforcement Education and Training as a full time Defensive Tactics Instructor.

ALEXANDER WHITE.....FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Alex White holds the record of 15-0 for Amateur MMA and 12-1 record for Amateur Boxing. He was the 2009 Ringside World Tournament Champion. He now holds a record of 2-0 for Professional Boxing, a 10-0 record as a Professional MMA Fighter, and was recently signed by the UFC, winning his debut fight with the 4th fastest KO in UFC history. He has traveled and fought on Team USA in countries such as Italy, Nicaragua and Azerbaijan. Alex is the next big name to be fighting on UFC pay per view.

AUSTIN WILLHELM.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Austin began training in Tae Kwon Do at the age of 4. Austin trained with Master Chip Townsend. He was a part of the USTU National Championship Demo Team, Team Chip Demo Team which won NASKA National Championship and won third place in the World in the ISKA. He currently holds a 3rd degree Black Belt and teaches at both Team Chip TKD Centers and Impact 360 and currently training with Master James Goodwin.

REBECCA WREN-SCHEMMER.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Rebecca holds a 4th Degree Black Belt in Shorei Goju Karate under Master Todd Gilbert. She has been studying the Martial Arts for more than 16 years and is a member of the American Karate Association. She is an active Instructor at Dragon Fire Karate in New Lenox, Illinois. She was presented the award of Women of the Year in 2013.



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THOMAS WUJEK JR.....BLACK BELT INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Wujek is a member of the International Kenpo Karate Federation. He holds a 3rd Degree Black Belt in Chu-Go-Ku Kenpo Karate under Master Jose Hernandez. He also studies Ufuchiku Kobudo. His goal is to give back the lessons and life achievements that he has learned through training to those that are less fortunate. He was a 2013 Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inductee as Martial Artist of the Year.



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PAUL ADKINS.....COMBAT ARTS OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

Paul started his Martial Arts in the late 1970's. He is now a 5th degree Black Belt in Kenpo. He has also trained in Ninjitsu, Akido, Jeet Kune Do, Shaolin Kung Fu and James Keating Tactical Knife Fighting. Through this training Paul has created a Combat Defensive Tactics Course for real world concepts. He has taught this course to Law Enforcement, SWAT and Military Special Operation Units. Paul brings more than 35 years of successful experience, training, and education to the Martial Arts.

BRIAN AMERICAN.....BJJ INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Brian is a Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu under the 2009 BJJ Instructor of the Year Marco Alvan and UFC heavy weight fighter and BJJ world Champion Gabriel Gonzaga. Brian began his Martial Arts training 30 years ago, earning his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and Kenpo. After a severe shoulder injury, crippling his ability to strike, Bryan took up the art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, earning him 17 times Grappling Champion. He has trained and developed over 20 North American grappling Champions, who have secured 21 NAGA Team Championship titles

MARK AMERIO.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR

Mark began his Martial Arts in 1981, earning his 1st degree Black Belt in Kempo-Goju Karate in 1988. Mr. Amerio currently holds a 4th degree Black Belt under Grandmaster Bob Janeczek, after holding his 3rd degree Blackbelt for 17 years. He has also studied Shorei Goju, Brazilian Jiu jitsu. He is a member of the American Karate Association and Professional karate Commission. Mark has been involved in the Martial Arts for 33 years.

COREY BOREN.....MASTER

Mr. Boren holds a 7th degree Black Belt in Ed Parker American Kenpo and a 7th degree Black Belt in Kajukenbo under Grandmaster Mike Rose. He has also studied Chinese Kenpo-Jujitsu, Aiki-Jujitsu, Mo Duk Kwan and Tang Soo Do. He is a member of numerous Martial Arts Associations. He has competed in several tournaments over the past 20 years, winning Grand Champion and US National Championship.



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LAURA LEA COX.....EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Mrs. Cox is a member of the Utah Black Belt League and The Native American Pow Wow Committee. She holds a 7th Degree Black Belt in American Kenpo. She has competed in SKI and NBL Tournaments. She has won 1st place in Kata, Creative Kata, Self Defense and Sparring, winning her both National and International Titles. She has been in the Martial Arts for 30 years. She is co-owner of Kiai Martial Arts.

GERALD CRENSHAW.....MASTER

Mr. Crenshaw is President, Co-Founder and Senior Instructor of Impact 360, a Non- Profit Martial Arts School in Searcy Arkansas, where they offer Karate, Olympic and Traditional Tae Kwon Do, Judo, Kung Fu and Self Defense for Women and Law Enforcement Officers. Mr. Crenshaw is a 4th degree Black Belt in Karate and a 1st in Tae Kwon Do. He also has a background in Boxing. Mr. Crenshaw works at Impact 360 with Masters Alana Ragsdale and James Goodwin, as well as his 3 adult children, Nicholas, Morgan, and Jordan who teach in the program.

BYRON DAVIS.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Byron holds a 6th degree Black Belt in Shuri Ryu Okinawan Karate and is the Master Instructor of the Red Dragon Shuri Ryu Okinawan Dojo. He has studied numerous Martial Arts throughout the past 25 years. He is a member of the World Karate Association and the American Karate Association. He has earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Management and his Master degree in Criminology. He is currently a sworn Federal Police Officer in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DAVID DICKENSCHIEDT.....DEDICATED MASTER

Mr. Dickenscheidt has studied the styles of Tae Kwon Do, Kyushn Jitsu, Small Circle Jitsu, and Modern Arnis. He is a 5th Dan in Shorei-Gojo. Mr. Dickenscheidt is also a member of the Professional Karate Commission and the Dillman Karate International. He has been in the Martial Arts for 32 years. He is an Instructor at Calvary Christian Martial Arts.

JANIS FRALEY.....SILVER LIFE

Mrs. Fraley is a 10th degree Black Belt and Grandmaster in Shotkan Karate. She is a member of the Black Knights Karate Association under Grandmaster Samuel Rubin. She has taught thousands of students throughout her tenure. She has taught Karate at the Broken Arrow Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, where she embraced the opportunity to work with



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physically challenged children. She has been recognized many times as Black Belt of the Year and was inducted into the Native American Martial Arts Association Black Belt Hall of Fame.

JAMES GOODWIN.....SILVER LIFE

Mr. Goodwin started the Martial Arts in 1978 with the ATA under Grandmaster H.U Lee in Little Rock Arkansas. He earned his 1st degree Black Belt under Mike Brown in 1979 and purchased the Newport Tae Kwon Do Academy, and shortly after started 4 more different clubs. In 1983 he tested for his 2nd degree Black Belt in the USTF. In 1987 he received his 3rd degree and in 1997 he received his 4th degree Black Belt. In 2006 Mr. Goodwin was diagnosed having heart disease and was unable to compete but has since continued to teach Traditional Tae Kwon Do at Impact 360 Martial Arts School. Do to his time in grade and commitment to the Arts, Mr. Goodwin was promoted to 6th degree Black Belt by the International Martial Arts Council of America's Grand Masters Council.

RAY HARP.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Ray Harp was recently promoted to 7th dan black Belt in the art of Tae Kwon Do. He is a Krav Maga Instructor under Professor Marty Cale. He has been training in the Martial Arts for more than 30 years and is a member of the International Martial Arts Federation. He is the Chief Instructor of McAlester Tae Kwon Do in McAlester, Oklahoma.

CHRISTOPHER HAWKINS.....SILVER LIFE

Mr. Hawkins holds the rank of Roku-Dan, 6th degree Black Belt in Isshinryu Karate under grandmaster Pete Mills. He has also studied Jiu Jitsu and Small Circle Jujitsu. He is a member of Universal Isshinryu and Jiu Jitsu. He is an active Instructor at Pete Mills Karate in Knoxville, Tennessee.

BRET HINDS.....MASTER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Hinds holds a 5th degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master Ray Harp. He is a certified Krav Maga Instructor under Professor Marty Cale. He has also studied Goju, Isshinryu Karate, Bata, and other weapons. He is a member of the International Martial Arts Federation. He is an Instructor at McAlester Tae Kwon Do in McAlester, Oklahoma.

LYLE HUFFSTUTLER.....FOUNDER

Shihan Huffstutler is owner and Chief Instructor of Five Rings Mixed Martial Arts. He teaches seminars in the arts of Combative Motion and Kyusho Understanding of Kata Bunkai. He currently holds the rank of 7th degree Black Belt and teaching certifications in Okinawan Kempo,



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Shuri Te Karate and Kyusho-Jitsu. He is Founder of the Shorin Kempo Jutsu Yudanshikai, and has developed his own unique style known as Shorin Kempo Jutsu, by combining his 32 years of Martial Arts knowledge.

CHRISTOPHER KESTERSON.....SILVER LIFE

Chris Kesterson started his Karate training at Howard Longs School in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1976. Since then he has cross trained in Tae Kwon Do, Judo, Ketsugo, Combat Sambo, Brazilian JiuJitsu and Vale Tudo. Under the guidance of Grandmaster Pittenger, he formed the Fighting System of Kestese, a unified fighting style from many different arts.

DONALD MATHEWS.....INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Mathews has been practicing the Martial Arts for more than 30 years. He holds the rank of 4th degree Black Belt in the art of Shindo Jinen Ryu and is certified under Sensei Kiyoshi Yamazaki. Don has also studied Shito-Ryu, Aikido, Jujitsu and Tang Soo Do. He is a competitor within the AAU, USA-NKF and Ko Sutemi Seiei Kan organizations and a referee for local, regional and national events. He is a member of the Japan Karate Ryobu-Kai and Alliance Martial Arts. He is the owner and Chief Instructor at Warrior Spirit Karate in Grove City, Ohio.

MIKE MCLAUGHLIN.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. McLaughlin has been training in the Martial Arts for 30 years. He holds a 3rd degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and a 4th Level Black Sash in Arnis. He has also reached the Biu Jee Level in the Ip Man lineage of Wing Chun. He has also trained in Jeet Kune Do, Aiki Jujutsu, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and Goju- Ryu. In addition he is a Certified Law Enforcement Tactics Instructor. Mr. McLaughlin has taught Martial Arts to more than ten thousand children. He has done most of his teaching with young Champions of America in Arizona for the past 17 years. He is a Shihan within that organization. Mr. McLaughlin is also a certified personal trainer and youth exercise specialist with the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

RONALD MCVAY.....SILVER LIFE

Mr. McVay holds an 8th degree Black Belt in Shaolin- Wing Chun, Hsing Kung Fu under Grandmaster Richard Rockburn. He has also studied Hwarang Do, Aikido, Iaido under Grandmaster Neal Hummerstone. Mr. McVay has been studying the Martial Arts for 35 years. He is a member of the American Chinese Kung Fu Federation.



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MARK MERCER.....SILVER LIFE

Mr. Mercer holds an 8th degree Black Belt in the art of Tae Kwon Do. He has also studied Silat, Jiu Jitsu and trained in MMA. He has been training in the arts for 39 years.

KEVIN MILLER.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER

Mr. Miller holds the rank of Roku Dan, 6th degree black Belt in the art of Isshinryu Karate under his Instructor Michael Garner. He has also studied Dai Hashi Ryu Bushido, Jujitsu and Judo. He is a member of the United States Traditional Martial Arts Society and the Universal Issinryu and Jujitsu Association. He has been training in the Martial Arts since 1984. He is an active Instructor at Sevierville National Fitness Issinryu Karate and Tennessee Martial Arts University.

BUZZ MINGIN.....FOUNDER

Mr. Mingin is a Martial Arts Master in US Hapkido, US Tae Kwon Do, Tang Soo Do, and Creator and Grandmaster of American Freestyle Hapkido. Although Buzz was a major competitor in full contact fighting for years, he is best known for his expertise as a Mental Health Doctor and Behavioral Specialist. Mr. Mingin has been training in the Martial Arts fulltime for 32 years. He is a member of the International Tang Soo Do Federation and the North American Federation of Martial Arts.

BO MULLIN.....MASTER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Mullin holds the rank of 4th dan Black Belt in the art of Tai Koshi Do under Grandmaster Dean Bridge. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do, Kempo and is a Certified Krav Maga Instructor under Professor Marty Cale. He is a member of International Martial Arts Council of America. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 30 years.

WILLIAM NIEVES JR.....MASTER

Mr. Nieves is the owner and Head Master Instructor of Black Dragon Karate and Self Defense, located in Magna, Utah. He instructs Black Dragon Kenpo Karate which is a blend of Chinese Kenpo, Isshinryu Karate and Defensive Tactical Combat. He also owns a Private Detective and Security Agency. He has been involved in the Martial Arts for 33 years and recently received his Declaration of Master, 5th degree Black Belt in Black Dragon Kenpo Karate by Master Gary Cox and Laura Lea Cox of KIAI Martial Arts.



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MIKE OLISH.....MASTER

Mr. Olish started the Martial Arts in 1981 at Evergreen Park Karate under Shihan Robert Wainwright. He received his Black Belt in 1986. Having met Grandmaster Harry Wheeler, he started to train in Kenpo Karate, eventually earning his 5th Degree Black Belt. He has also trained in Brazilian Jujitsu and Isshinryu Karate. He is a member of the American Karate Association. He is an active Instructor at Warrior Kenpo Karate in Illinois.

JOHN OWSIAK.....GRANDMASTER

Mr. Owsiak began his training in Tae Kwon Do in 1978 under Grandmaster Joseph Auman. Mr. Owsiak began his training in Ninjitsu under Shihan Jeff Davis. He is currently a 9th Degree Black Belt in Budo Taijitsu under Grandmaster Richard Van Donk. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do for 22 years. He is an active Instructor at Columbus Bujinkan Dojo.

CLIFTON PARTINGTON.....COMBAT ARTS OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

Clifton holds a 7th degree Black Sash in Shoalin Wing Chun, Hsing under Grandmaster Richard Rockburn. He has also studied Chinese Kempo, Aikido, Tae Kwon Do, Boxing and Jujitsu. He has been in the Martial Arts for 30 years and is an active Instructor at the American Chinese Kung Fu School in Florida.

CESAR PEREZ.....OUTSTANDING TAE KWON DO INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Perez received his 5th degree Black Belt in 2011 and is a Certified 2nd degree Ninjutsu Practitioner under Grandmaster Richard Van Donk. Mr. Perez has competed in both National and State competitions, winning 1st and 2nd places. Sensei Perez enhances the programs he teaches with Hand to Hand Combat and Self Defense by concentrating on practical techniques to better balance the student in and out of the Dojo. He has trained all over the US and has taught in Martial Arts Schools all over Connecticut. Cesar also holds a 1st degree in Calasanz Combined System and was recently promoted to 2nd degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do by the International Martial Arts Grandmaster Council.

ANTHONY PRICE.....SELF DEFENSE INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

With over 30 years' experience, Mr. Price has studied and cross trained in numerous Martial Arts and Defensive Combat Systems, along with a diverse State and Federal Law Enforcement, Counter Terrorism and Military background. Mr. Price owns and manages Absolute Self Defense and Fitness School in Augusta, Georgia, with his wife Nancy. He has earned advanced



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Black Belt Ranking and Instructors certification in various Martial Arts and Disciplines, including Krav Maga, Chinese Hawaiian Kempo, Jujitsu, Muay Thai, Shaolin Kenpo, Kali and Escrima.

DONNY ROBERTS.....SILVER LIFE

Mr. Roberts holds a 3rd degree Black Belt in Judo under Grandmaster Tony Mondejar. He has also studied Shudokan Karate and Tai Kwon Do. He is a member of the USJA, IMAA and the USMA. He has received numerous awards from Ada Judo Club and his Instructor Grandmaster Mondejar.

MICHAEL ROTHER.....EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

Master Michael Rother is a 30 plus veteran of the Martial Arts holding a 6th degree Black Belt in the World Tae Kwon Do Federation (WTF) - Kukkiwon Certified as well as in the United States National Tae Kwon Do Federation (USNTF) and the World Tae Kwon Do Council (WTC). Master Rother also holds a 2nd degree Black Belt in the Korean Sword Art of Haidong Gumdo and the Rank of Nidan in the United States Judo Association Jujitsu Division. Master Rother is the Founder and President of Mikes Tae Kwon Do Academy of Martial Arts School since 1994. He is a Certified Tae Kwon Do Referee and Missouri State Director for the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

JAMES SMITH II.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER

Mr. Smith is the Master Instructor and Owner of White Tiger Martial Arts Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland. He has over 300 active students of all ages and teaches Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido. He holds a 6th degree Black Belt in both systems. He has also studied Judo, Jujitsu, Haganah, and various weapons, since he was 8. He also instructs classes for the Independent Karate Schools Association Training Seminars.

ROBERT STCLAIR JR.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. St Clair has been involved in the Martial Arts since he was 13 years old, and teaching Martial Arts for 22 years. Mr. St Clair holds the rank of 6th degree Black Belt and is the Founder of Yong Shi Long Pai Chaun Fa/ Kenpo. He is the Master Instructor of the St Clair Family Martial Art Club, operating in Racine, West Virginia.



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ERNIE VANDEHEY.....SILVER LIFE

Ernest is a member of the International Kenpo Karate Academies. He has studied Aikido, Brazilian Jujitsu and Kenpo Karate where he holds an 8th degree Black Belt under Ho Chan Sifu. He is the owner of Ernie Vandehey Combat Club in Oregon. He has been studying the Martial Arts for 35 years and is a previous inductee of the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

ISRAEL VELEZ III.....FOUNDER

Mr. Velez is a 10th degree Black Belt and Founder of the Velez Jujitsu-American Modern Jujitsu. He also holds Black Belts in American Kenpo, Goju Karate, Yoshin Ryu Jujitsu and has trained in MMA. He is a member of the American Federation of Jujitsu and the Shinja University. He is an active Instructor and owner of his own school Velez School of Martial Arts.

CHAD VON DETTE.....DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Von Dette is an international speaker, fight scene choreographer and the self-defense master who created the name, and developed the fighting techniques for the lauded documentary films "Just Yell Fire" and "Campus Life". Mr. Von Dette holds the rank of Master Instructor in Kali, Escrima, Jeet Kune Do Concepts and Kina Mutai. He has studied under Paul Vunak and Dan Inosanto. He trains and works with individuals ranging from Military, law Enforcement, Elected Officials, Civilians and Celebrities.

MATTHEW WATERS.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Waters began his training in Los Angeles in 1976 under the instructor of his father James Waters. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 37 years. He has trained in Tang Soo Do and Kajukenbo. Continuing his training under Master Steve Clark, Mr. Water's was able to learn many forms of Martial Arts. Not limiting himself to one Dojo or one style. Matthew has trained with some of the Worlds notable Masters and Grandmasters.

JOHN WILBUR.....GUNG FU MASTER

Sifu John started his Martial Arts journey at the age of 5 in Tae Kwon Do and achieved his Black Belt at the age of 13. He now holds the rank of Sifu under Grandmaster Denis Decker in the art of Chi Ling Pai Gung Fu. He has been in the arts for 36 years and is a member of the Latin American Martial Arts Society and the United Black Belt Society.



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JERRY WILLIAMS.....FOUNDER

Mr. Williams has obtained the rank of 5th degree Black Belt in Kenpo, Shotokan and Kuo Shou San Shou. Jerry has also obtained a 1st degree Black Belt in Shito-Ryu and Cane Fighting the White Lotus Style. He has a Blue Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Tae Kwon Do. He began his Martial Arts training in 1983 and a law Enforcement career in 1996, where he saw a need for a strong Defensive Tactics System. Upon reaching his 20 year anniversary as an Instructor in the Martial Arts, Jerry formalized his ideas and founded Keikan Kenpo Ju Jutsu.

ALEXANDER WITTHAR.....TAE KWON DO INSTRUCTOR

Alexander started his Martial Arts in 1979 and has earned his 3rd dan Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do from the World Tae Kwon Do Federation. Alex has won numerous Tae Kwon Do State Championships, however his biggest accomplishment to date is representing Team USA and winning the Gold Medal at the Pan American Games in Los Angeles in 1996 by way of TKO. Alex is currently training in Jeet Kune Do under Sifu Felix Macias Jr.



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JAMES ADKINS.....AMERICAN KENPO GRANDMASTER

Mr. Adkins started the Martial Arts in the early 1970's. He received his first Black Belt in the Chinese Kenpo System. He has also studied Shotokan, Aikido, Tang Soo Do, Ninjutsu, WuShu and eventually Shaolin Kung Fu. Dedicating the bulk of his studies and the biggest part of his life to Kenpo, Master Adkins holds a 9th degree Black Belt in American Kenpo under Master Larry Tatum, one of the late Grandmaster Ed Parker's first and original students.

TIMOTHY ARMSTRONG.....KUNG FU GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Armstrong holds a 10th degree Black Sash in the Lo-Hu Kung Fu. He has also studied Chuan Lu, Tiger, Monkey, Snake, and Qi-gong. Mr. Armstrong has developed a complete Mook Jong Series of a hundred and twenty motions and has published two books on this topic, titled "Behind the Shadows". Mr. Armstrong has studied the arts for 40 years.

DAVID BAILEY.....MOST DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Bailey holds a Black Belt level in the art of Tae Kwon Do. He has also studied Kempo, Aiki Jujitsu, Combat Hapkido, Gracie Jiu Jitsu and Moo Do Kwon. He is a DT Instructor for the state of Oklahoma and has received numerous awards, including Officer of the Year, Top Cop and Instructor Award for Self Defense. He is the Instructor of Thunder Foot Bailey's Gym.

BILLY BAUGHER.....GOLDEN LIFE

Mr. Baugher is a member of the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the international Martial Arts Council of America. He has received Hall of Fame awards 4 times as well as Merl Taylor Award. Mr. Baugher has been in the arts for 43 years and holds the rank of 6 degree Black Belt in Go Ju Ru. He has also studied Moo Do Kwan, Tae Kwon Do, Judo, Jujitsu, Kenpo, Aikido, Hapkido, Kendo and Muay Thai.

JOSEPH BONACCI (deceased).....MARTIAL ARTS PIONEER

Receiving by son Ryan Bonacci

Mr. Bonacci began his Martial Arts training in 1965. Hanshi Banacci was drafted into the US Army and served his country in Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star and the Cross of Gallantry for bravery under fire. Mr. Bonacci studied Isshinryu Karate under Tatsuo Shimabuku, he also studied Shotokan Karate under Sensei Masatoshi Nakayama. In 1969 he received the All



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Okinawan Karate Champion and in 1970 the All Japanese Karate Champion. Mr. Bonacci has a reputation as a fierce competitor and an outstanding instructor. Mr. Bonacci faced death like he lived his life- with great courage and honor.

ERIC BRANDT.....DISTINGUISHED GRANDMASTER

Mr. Brandt holds an 8th degree Black Belt in Goju Ryu under Grandmaster Edward Brown Jr. Mr. Brandt has also studied Tae Kwon Do and Kendo. He is a member of the Black Knight Karate Association, the All United States Kendo Federation, Shinjimasu International and the National Military Martial Arts. Mr. Brandt has competed in numerous competitions throughout his career. He owns and operates Brandt's Martial Arts Program in Clarksville, Tennessee.

PHILIP CALDWELL.....MASTER

Mr. Caldwell holds a 7th degree Black Belt in Moo Duk Kwan. He has also studied Chinese Kenpo, Kali, Kapap and Silat. He is a member of the IIMAA, Jeet Kune Do Association and the United Karate Kempo Federation. He has been studying the Martial Arts for 46 years.

GARY COX.....MOST DISTINGUISHED GRANDMASTER

Mr. Cox is a member of the Utah Black Belt Club. He has studied Wado Ryu, Tracy Kenpo and was in the US Army Special Forces for 12 years. He has been involved in the Martial Arts for more than 45 years. At the age of 71 he holds an 8th Degree Black Belt in American Kenpo. He has received School of the Year for 10 years. For the past 12 years he has had the most Competitors in tournament competition. He has coached National and International Champions. He is the co-owner of Kiai Martial Arts in Murray, Utah.

MICHAEL DAVENPORT.....GOLDEN LIFE

Mr. Davenport holds a 4th degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Rob Hale and Jim Butin. He has also studied Goju, Kyokushinkai, Judo and Wrestling. He has competed and was ranked #1 by numerous competitive Martial Arts Organizations. He is a certified Law Enforcement Instructor and owns The Midwest Martial Arts Training Concepts, where he teaches both Tae Kwon Do and Defensive tactics for law enforcement.

STEVEN DeGON.....GOLDEN LIFE

Steven has been training in the Martial Arts for 43 years. He holds an 8th degree Black Belt in Tangkido. He has also studied Tang Soo Do, Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, Isshinryu, Bujinryu, Shotokan and Judo. He is the owner and Chief Instructor of Tangkido Fighting Arts Federation.



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ALLEN FISCHER.....EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

Mr. Fisher has been involved in the Martial Arts since 1966. He has studied multiple styles including Moo Duk Kwan Tae Kwon Do and American Karate. Mr. Fisher now holds the rank of 7th Degree Black Belt and is a member of IMAC. He is currently studying American Kenpo under Chief Adrain Roman and Combat Jujitsu under Michael DePasquale Jr. He has also studied the Cane, Wip and Sword. He is an active Instructor at Mineral Area Self Defense Academy.

NICK FYGETAKES II.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Fygetakes holds a 4th Dan Black Belt in Karate Do under Master Ill Joo Kim, he also holds a 3rd Dan Black Belt in Isshinryu Karate. He is a member of the American Okinawan Association. He has been studying the Martial Arts for 51 years. He is currently studying Emei Baguazhang and Tai Chi under Master Roy King.

ALFRED GAGNE.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER

Mr. Gagne began his karate training in 1969 while serving in the U.S Air Force. He holds a 6th degree Black Belt in the traditional art of Matsumura Orthodox Shorin Ryu under Master James Coffman. He has been in the arts for 43 years and teaches the same Okinawan Karate system for 37 years. He is a member of SMOKA, Shorinryu Matsumura Orthodox Karate Association.

JAMES GAINES.....GOLDEN LIFE

Mr. Gaines currently holds an 8th Dan Black Belt in Shorin-Ryu Karate and is the Founder of Tenshin No Shin Nagare Ryu Jujutsu. He also holds Black Belt rank in Motobu Ha Shito-Ryu Karate and Okinawan Kempo. He is also 4th Dan in Judo. Mr. Gaines has studied the Martial Arts for 53 years. He has been involved in College Martial Arts Programs for over 35 years.

JAMES HAMMOCK JR.....MASTER

Mr. Hammock has been in the Martial Arts for 41 years. He holds the rank of 5th degree Black Belt in TCB Karate under Professor Wayne Carman. Mr. Hammock has also studied Tae Kwon Do, Aikido, Tomiki Ryu, Traditional Jujitsu and Shaolin Kung Fu. He is co-owner of TBC Martial Arts in Branson, Missouri and is a previous Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inductee.

RANDY HARPER.....SENIOR MASTER

Mr. Harper holds an 8th degree Black Belt in Iss-Hogai under Duane Ethington. He has also studied Kung Fu, Kenpo, and Wu Shu. He has been in the Martial Arts for 41 years. He is the Head Instructor at Bellaire Wu Shu and Iss-Hogai Academy in Bossier City, Louisiana.



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STEPHEN HATCHER.....GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Hatcher has studied the Martial Arts since 1973. He is currently a 9th Dan Black Belt in Shotokan and Hapkido. He has studied Judo, Tae Kwon Do, Aikido, Kung Fu and Tang Soo Do. Mr. Hatcher is a former Golden Gloves Champion and Kick Boxer. He is owner and operator of Awesome Martial Arts for the past 16 years.

DOUGLAS HEROLD.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER

Mr. Herold has been studying the Martial Arts for 48 years. He holds a 5th degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido under Master Roy King. He also holds Black Belts in Shotokan, Kyokushin and is a Certified Instructor in Jujitsu. He has won numerous tournaments throughout his Martial Arts career, including Senior World Champion in both Weapons and Open Hand Forms.

SHELDON HOWARD.....SENIOR COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Howard is a retired NYPD Captain and a 911 First Responder. He has been highly decorated in the line of duty 60 times and a member of the NYPD's Prestigious Honor Legion. He is also a 36 year veteran of the Martial Arts earning numerous Black Belts ranking in both Shito Ryu Karate and Shotokan Karate. His studies have included Jujitsu and Aikido. Mr. Howard is one of only 7 certified Shito Ryu Shukokai Instructors in New York State. During 2013, he won 4 first place divisions in the American karate Association Grand nationals in Weapons, Forms, Traditional Kata and Creative Forms. He is rated number one in his division.

JOE INGICCO.....GOLDEN LIFE

Joe holds the rank of 7th degree Black Belt in American Tactical GoJu under Soke Joe Hess. He also holds a 4th degree Black Belt in Jujitsu. He is a member of the United States Italian Martial Arts Alliance and the International Brotherhood of Martial Artist. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 45 years.

BRADLEY KREHEL.....OUTSTANDING MARTIAL ARTS LEADER

Mr. Krehel has been training in the Martial Arts since 1970. He has studied Judo, JuJitsu, Taekwondo, Boxing, Tai Chi Qigong and Tang Soo Do. He is an accomplished competitor and has received National and International awards from the Professional / Ameateur Karate League, PRO/AM National Circuit and with KRANE Rating International. In 1994, he was a member of the USA Karate Team that traveled to China, Hong Kong and Korea. When America was attacked on September 11, 2001, Mr Krehel decided to commit his life to teaching the art of Tang Soo Do and founded Kid Soo Do, a Youth organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive Self Defense Karate Program.



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LARRY LAMBERT.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Mr. Lambert holds the rank of 6th degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate under Yaguchi Yutaka. He is a member of the United Karate International Association and the American Karate Association. In 1985, he was a member of the USA Karate Team where he took 2nd in the world. He has been in the Martial Art for 40 years.

ROBERT OLMEDO.....GOLDEN LIFE

Mr. Olmedo is the Owner and Chief Instructor of Olmedo Soo Bahk Do Karate and Fitness. He holds the rank of Sadan in the style of US Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan, under Master Instructor Hyun Chul Hwang. He has also studied Judo, Hapkido, Aikido, Jujitsu, and Special Forces Self Defense. He is a professional National and International Body Guard, where he has protected many famous musicians. He speaks 6 different languages and has been studying the Martial Arts for 44 years.

MANUEL PINA.....GRANDMASTER

Mr. Pina started taking Tae Kwon Do in 1971, within 3 years he had earned his first Black Belt and started teaching classes. He currently holds a 9th degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do Moo Duk Kwan under Edwardo Castor. He has also studied Chinese Kenpo. He teaches at Freedom Martial Arts for nonprofit and has been in the Martial Arts for 43 years.

MICHAEL RASH.....DISTINGUISHED GRANDMASTER

Mr. Rash holds the title of Grandmaster with a 9th Dan Black Belt in the art of Karazenpo Go Shinjutsu from Grandmaster Victor (Sonny) Gascon. Mr. Rash has also studied Shorin Ryu. He started his training in 1973 and received his first Black Belt in 1980. Mr. Rash has been training in the Martial Arts for 41 years.

DAN ROBERTS.....GRANDMASTER

Mr. Roberts trains and studies the Art of Yong Moo Kwan Tae Kwon Do and holds the rank of 9th Degree Black Belt under Grandmaster Hong Sun Lee. He has also studied Tang Soo Do, Hapkido, Goju Ryu, San Ku Kai Karate and American Kempo. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 50 years. He is a member of WTF, Korean Moo Duk Kwan, World Traditional Tang Soo Do Federation, and The Black Knights Karate Association. Mr. Roberts teaches private lessons and is the Founder of the Art Soo Bak Kee Mu Sool.



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RANDALL ROBINSON.....GOLDEN LIFE

In 1971 Mr. Robinson began his Martial Arts Training in Kempo in Honolulu, Hawaii. After moving to California, he became an Assistant Instructor in Shotokan Karate. Later after moving to North Carolina, he began training in GoJu-Shorin Karate under Doctor James Dozier, where he won numerous State and National tournaments, as a Top 10 Competitor. Mr. Robinson now holds a 4th degree Black Belt.

JAMES ROSENBACH.....DISTINGUISHED GRANDMASTER

Mr. Rosenbach holds a 10th Degree Black Belt under Grandmaster Robert Bussay and Jim Thomas. He has studied Hapkido, Tae Kwon Do, Jujitsu, Ninjitsu, Judo and Robert Bussay Warrior Internatinal Sytem. He has been in the Martial Arts for more than 41 years.

JASON RUEGGE.....LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE OF THE YEAR

Jason holds a 2nd degree Black Belt in the art of Tae Kwon Do. He has also studied Vale-Tudo, Shoryn Ryu, Sho Reikan, Goju Ryu, Krav Maga and Judo. He is a Defensive Tactics Instructor for Law Enforcement, teaching all levels of empty hand, weaponry. He has won the 2011 US National Sniper Championship, the 2010 US National Sectorization Sniper Championship. He also received the 2001 and 2002 Metal of Valor as well as the Sheriffs Award in 2011.

MILAN SHELTON.....SOKE

In September 1961 at the age of 3 began his training in American Kenpo under instructor, Tony Tolner. He received his 1st degree black belt in 1970. He obtained his eight-degree in Chito-ryu Karate, fifth-degree in Shotokan Karate, and sixth-degree in Shorinji -ryu Jujitsu. Mr. Sheldon also holds degrees in Tae Kwon Do, Gung Fu, and Chinese Kempo Karate. He has worked as an extra in movies, and a fight choreographer for Charlie's Angles, Starsky and Hutch and Baretta. In 2005, Mr. Sheldon was promoted to tenth-degree black belt and Soke for his development of Shou Yuan Chua.

KRISTOPHER YOUNG SR.....GOLDEN LIFE

Mr. Young is Grandmaster of Red Dragon Shuri-Ryu Okinawan Karate, where he holds a 10th dan Black Belt. He has also studied Kung Fu, Judo, Goju Ryu, Kempo, and Tae Kwon Do and is a retired Feather Weight Kickboxing Champ. He has been in the Martial Arts for 45 years. He is currently retired from the Air Force and Pastor of Unity Harvest Deliverance Church Temple.



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AUSTIN BOX.....LIVING LEGEND

Mr. Austin Bent Box, (Chu pat ich dech), is from the Southern Ute people of Colorado. He began his martial arts training in 1957 in Judo while in the USAF. Later he moved to Shotokan Karate under the tutelage of Sensei Vincent Cruz from the Nishiyama Hidetaka lineage. Mr. Box has trained in Chung Do Kwan while serving tours in Viet Nam in the early 1960's. Part of his training has involved Hapkido and Tai Chi Chuan. He has coached at the USA Indigenous Games, refereed local competition levels, participated in martial arts promotions and his sincere love of teaching of Native American heritage. Mr. Box is the founder of the Hana Dai Ichi Karate Association (Translated: One within One) which began in Colorado Springs in 1965. Since then he has over 300 Black Belts promoted over the 48 years. He is a current member of the International San Ten Karate Association.

RONALD CONN.....JUDO MASTER

Mr. Ronald Conn has 53 years in the Martial Arts. He holds the rank of Hachidan in the art of Fudo Shin Ryu Nihon JuJitsu. He has also studied Kodokan Judo, Shin Gi Tai JuJitsu, Kyokushin Karate, Ryukyu Kempo, ShaoLin Chuan and Shorinji Kempo. He is a life member of the US Judo Association, US JuJitsu Federation, International Oyama Karate Union, ShinGi Tai JuJitsu Association and the American Karate and JuJitsu Union. He is the Head Instructor at the Ohio Martial Arts Center.

ROBERT JANECEK.....GRANDMASTER

Mr. Janecek now a 9th Degree Black Belt in the Art of Shorei Goju. He also has studied Judo, Kali, Eskrima, Arnis, Aikido, Tae Kwon Do and Jeet Kune Do. He has been in the Arts for 50 years and is an active Instructor at Dragon Fire Karate. He is a member of Chicago Judo and Karate Centers and The Martial Arts Karate Association.

ROY KING.....LIVING LEGEND

Mr. King is the US Representative for the Song Moo Hapkido Association and is accredited by numerous Martial Arts Associations. Mr. King has more than 50 years martial Arts experience. He holds Grandmaster Ranks in Korean, Chinese and Japanese Martial Arts.



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HARVEY LEVY.....MOST DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Levy has studied the arts of Combat Hapkido, Ryu Kyu Kempo Ju-Jitsu and has been studying martial arts for 52 years. He is a 3rd degree in Tang Soo Do. Mr. Levy is a member of Dillman Karate International, Kyusho Jitsu Kenkyukai. He was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2010 and 2012.

SHELDON MARR.....LIVING LEGEND

Mr. Marr started training in Judo in 1964 at the age of 5, under his father Wally Marr, a well know Judo Instructor. By the age of 17, Sheldon was a Junior National Judo Champion and a California State Wrestling Champion. In 1982 he was selected to the US Olympic Judo Training Squad. Then moving to the Denver area, he started teaching Varsity Wrestling, winning 6 District and Regional team titles, 12 State Champions, and 40 State medalists. Sheldon has coached National Champions in Judo, Pankration and NCAA Champions in Wrestling. His Team Edge is US National Jujitsu and or Grappling Team Champions from 1996 through 2013.

PETE MILLS.....MARTIALS ARTS LEGEND

Mr. Pete Mills holds a 10th Dan Black Belt in Isshinryu Karate under Tatsuo Shimabuku. He received this rank in August 1995. Mr. Mills has also studied Jiu-Jitsu, Small Circle Jujitsu, Krav Maga and Tae Kwon Do. He is a member of the Universal Isshinryu and Jiu-Jitsu Association. He has been studying the arts for 51 years. He owns Pete Mills Karate in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he oversees numerous of Black Belts, Instructors, and Masters.

RICHARD SCOTT.....GRANDMASTER

Mr. Scott started training in Judo in 1963. He currently holds a 10th degree Black belt and Founder of Kinjite Ryu Jutsu Kempo. His rank was authorized and approved by O' Sensei Philip Porter and Rhuel Luttrell. He spent more than 42 years learning and developing his program in Japan, Okinawa, Korea, America and South East Asia. Mr. Scott has been in the arts for 52 years. He owns his own school called Scott Judo Center in the wonderful state of Arkansas.

HARRY WHEELER.....PIONEER

Mr. Wheeler holds an 8th Dan in Kenpo Karate. He has been involved in the Martial Arts since 1964. His study began with Boxing, Wrestling, Shorei-GoJu Karate, Shotokan, Kyokushinkai, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and Cooper Ryu Jujitsu. Mr. Wheeler has also been the Lead Instructor in Defensive Tactics and Physical Training for the Cook County Sheriff's Training Academy. This year marks Mr. Wheelers 50th year in the Martial Arts.



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SPECIAL GUEST

RICHARD BUSTILLO.....GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD

Master John Terry to introduce. Richard Bustillo to greet audience

BILL WALLACE.....GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD

Master John Terry to introduce. Bill Wallace to greet audience

WAYNE CARMAN.....AMBASSADOR

Master John Terry to introduce.