



## 2008 Inductees

### Youth

*Alyssa Rodriguez.....Martial Artist of the Year*

Alyssa currently holds a Brown Belt in Taekwondo and began her training at the age of 6. She is an Assistant Instructor, a member of the Leadership Club, The S.T.O.R.M. Team, The Competition Team and the Demonstration Team. She has competed in and won several tournaments. In 2006, she won the Golden Dragon Leadership Award and the Academic Achievement Award.

*Donald Peterson.....Youth Martial Artist of the Year*

Donald began his martial arts training at the age of 5 under Master Clarence Bowman and then later included Grandmaster Clarence Smith. In 2003 he received Student of the Year award and the 2003 Competitor of the Year. He has competed in numerous tournaments over the past few years including the AOK State finals where he has won several divisions including Grand Champion in Kata, Kumite, and Weapons. In 2006 he was named Male Student of the Year, and once again Competitor of the Year. He was also a member of the US Team that participated in the World Kickboxing and Karate Association in Benidorm, Spain of the WKA.

*Cordale Moore.....Junior Martial Artist of the Year*

Cordale began his martial arts training in Tae Kwon Do at the age of 5 and trained in Tae Kwon do till the age of 10 when he met Grandmaster Rhuell Lutell. He then started training with Grandmaster Luttrell in Wu Shu Kung Fu, then in Bok Fu Quan Fa Jujitsu, Kuo Shou Sanshou Combat Fighting and Shotokan. In 2007 he received his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in all 4 arts. He has competed in many tournaments winning numerous 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies and Grand Champion. He has been Student of the Month many times as well as Student of the Year.

*Logan Duty.....Youth Martial Arts Leader of the Year*

Since September 2000, Logan has been training in the martial arts under Grandmaster Johnny Thompson. He has competed in several tournaments earning grand champion in kata and kumite. In December of 2007, Logan tested and was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt. He is a certified associate instructor at Thompson's Karate Academy. He was named the Tang Soo Do Karate Association Student of the Year in 2004 as well as Competitor of the Year in 2004, 2005, and 2006. He is a lifetime of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association.

*Serena Galloway.....Instructor*

Serena has been training in the martial arts for 12 years. She holds Black Belts in Taekwondo and White Tiger Kenpo Karate under the instruction of Professor Marty Cale. She has competed in numerous tournaments, receiving several 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies in kata, weapons, and sparring throughout her martial arts career. She teaches classes and assists Professor Cale in both kid and adult classes. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008, Serena was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Black Belt.



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*Kai Good.....Martial Artist of the Year*

Kai earned his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in 2003. In 2008 he earned his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt and has since reached out through his ministry to help the poor in 14 different countries on 6 continents. With his Dad's help, he has developed a long-term program to improve civil rights in China by working with Chinese Central Government leaders.

### **Alabama**

*Jim McCann III.....Instructor of the Year*

Dr. McCann started training in 1972 under Master Yuki Koda, Founder of U.S. Yoshukai Karate. Dr. McCann was one of the first students to receive a Black Belt in Yoshukai in the state of Alabama in 1975. He also holds a Black Belt Shorite Ryu Tai Jitsu. He has also trained in Chito Ryu Kempo, Shotokan, and Budoshin Jujitsu. Dr. McCann is the Founder and Director of Victory School of Martial Arts at his home church, where he is a full time Pastor in Adamsville, Alabama

*Danny Shirley.....JKD Instructor of the Year*

Born in 1959, Mr. Shirley started in Judo at the age of 8. He received his first Black Belt at the age of 11. Mr. Shirley has trained in the Philippine Martial Arts, Nusn Karate, American Karate, and Ninjitsu. However, Mr. Shirley's passion is in Jeet Kune Do. He has trained under Jerry Poteet and Lamar Davis. He has also been an active kick boxer on the PKA and the ISKA circuit. Mr. Shirley is currently the President and CEO of Dragon Tough Incorporated and the Senior Instructor at Dragon Tough Martial Arts Academy. He is also a promoter of Tough Man, MMA, and Full Contact Stand Up contests.

*Zachary Bennett.....Instructor*

Mr. Bennett began studying Konigun Ninjitsu under George Green in 2001. He attended Mississippi State University, where he graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering. While in school, he started the Starkville Dojo. He was one of the main creators of the Konigun website and as CIO for Konigun Ninjitsu, he is responsible for maintaining the website. He oversees the Saisho prefecture which consists of the states of MS, AL, LA, and AK.

### **Alaska**

*James Grady.....Master*

In 1965, Mr. Grady started training in the art of Renbukai. He attained his Black Belt from Mr. Marchini in 1969. He has competed in 42 National and International competitions and



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was recognized as one of the top fighters in the Western United States. He retired from competition in 1975. Mr. Grady is a certified and licensed instructor in Renbukai. He is Renbukai's Chief Instructor for the U.S. and the Director of Renbukai of Alaska.

### *Arizona*

*Pedro "Pete" Rodriguez.....Master*

Mr. Rodriguez holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Aiki-Ju-Jitsu. He has also studied Kenpo, Judo, Arnix, Shuri-te, Boxing, Hapkido, and Turite. He is a member of the Arizona Budokan International- Shobu Ryu Aiki JuJutsu/ Kobu Jutsu. He was the 2006 Grand Canyon Games Black Belt Weapons Champion and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kumite. Mr Rodriguez was also an inductee in the 2007 Hall of Fame.

*Christopher Valdez.....Master of the Year*

Mr. Valdez currently holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kajukenbo self-defense system. He is also a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate, and has been boxing since the age of 9. Mr. Valdez is a former professional fighter with 22 fights and a former United States Marine, training with several well-known fighters. Today, he continues to train at-risk youth for free.

*Donald Miskel.....Master of the Year*

Mr. Miskel holds several ranks in tradition and nontraditional arts, including an 8<sup>th</sup> Dan in Gojute Kenpo and the Black Lotus Martial Arts System and a 7<sup>th</sup> Dan in Dante Ryu Combat Karate. He also holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Dan in Aiki Jujitsu and a 1<sup>st</sup> Dan in Okinawan Kobudo and Black Sash in Kan Balam Kung Fu. He has trained under Doug Dwyer and Martial Arts Master John Keehan, aka Count Dante and is a former member of the World Karate Federation.

*Roger Boggs.....Instructor of the Year and School of the Year*

Mr. Boggs started wrestling at the age of 12. At the age of 14, he started with Black Belts from Jung's Taekwondo Academy. In 1994, he along with his son, started training with Mike and Cathy Anderson at Goshin Karate and Judo Academy. In 2006, he became owner and Chief Instructor at Goshin Katate and Judo Academy after the passing of Mr. Anderson. He currently holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black in Okinawa Kempo and was recently promoted to Black Belt in Kodokan Judo.

*William Elliott.....Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Elliott began his martial arts training around 1960 at the age of 13 in the art of Judo. Before the age of 16 he began training in Shotokan Karate under Sensei Rai Finch, a direct lineage to Master Funakoshi. He earned his Shodan Black Belt in 1966 and was promoted to Assistant Chief Instructor. Mr. Elliott has also studied boxing, weapon training, Trapping Hands, Kyokushin, and Goju. He achieved the rank of 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt and currently trains a select group of martial artists.



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*Paul McGowan*.....*Instructor of the Year*

Mr. McGowan holds the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Hapkido, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo, and a Black Belt in Combat Cane. He is originally from Ireland and started boxing at the age of 6. His official training in the martial arts started at the age of 12 under Master Noguera. Mr. McGowan now trains under Grandmaster John Pelligrini in Combat Hapkido. He owns and operates Polar Gym.

*Maui Saito*.....*Soke*

Mr. Saito was born and raised in Hawaii. It wasn't until age 15 that he was able to begin studying with his father in California. He spent 8-10 hours a day, 5-6 days a week training at the Dojo. After graduating high school he earned his Black Belt. In 1986 his father took a handful of students and taught the Philosophy and the Spiritual aspects of their Family Art, which was taught to him in secrecy by his grandfather, Hanshichi Saito. After the recent passing of his father, he now teaches his family art, Saito Ninjitsu Family Art.

### Arkansas

*Rhuel Luttrell*.....*Lifetime Achievement*

At the age of 31, Mr. Luttrell began his career in Martial Arts. He received his Shodan Black Belt in 1977 with his daughter. He began teaching self-defense in 1978 at his home in Arkansas. With many years of training in different arts, he has received the rank Judan in Kenpo Jujitsu, 8<sup>th</sup> Dan in Chinese Kuan Fa and Kuoshou Sanshou, and 6<sup>th</sup> Dan from O'Sensei Rod Prejean, the highest ranking Grandmaster of Shodokan. He also holds the title of Si Gung under James Ibrao. He has trained numerous Martial Artists giving out 67 Shodan, 20 Nidan, 10 Sandan, 3 Yondan, 2 Godan, 1 Rokudan, 1 Schichidan, and 2 Hachidan ranks.

*John L. Terry III*.....*Martial Artist of the Year*

Mr. Terry currently holds a Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree) Black Belt in Okinawan Shorin -Ryu. He has been training since the age of 13. He also trains and is ranked in the art of Kenpo (1<sup>st</sup> Dan) and Jujitsu. He is a member of the National Security Alliance and Master Certified as a Kid Safe Network Field Agent to teach danger awareness, predator prevention, and bully prevention to children and teens. He was appointed as a Regional Director with the NSA in 2007. He is also a member of the International Martial Arts Council of America.

*Troy Holton*.....*Master Instructor of the Year*

Troy Holton began his journey into martial arts in 1985 under the guidance of Troy Burleson and Randy Edwards of Harrison, Arkansas in the style of TaeKwonDo. Under C.L. Bergeron Troy began his focus and attention on instruction in martial arts to other students. After training with Mr. Bergeron for many years, he began instructing Kenpo Karate and Koushu Sanshou Kung Fu under the Guidance of Grand Master Rhuell Luttrell. Troy is currently an instructor with Rhuell Luttrell's school "The Academy of Self Defense and Karate" in Harrison,



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Arkansas. He is a member of the Board at The Academy of Self Defense and Karate. Troy received his 6th Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate and Koushu Sanshou Kung Fu in July of 2005. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005.

*Jeffrey Patrick.....Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Patrick holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in White Tiger Kenpo Karate under the instruction of Professor Marty Cale. He has also studied Jujitsu, Judo, Aikido, Jeet Kune Do, and Krav Maga. He currently teaches Kenpo Karate to adults at the Arkansas College of Martial Arts in Fayetteville, AR. He has competed in numerous tournaments, receiving several 1<sup>st</sup> place awards.

*Donald Patrick Hutton.....Silver Life*

Mr. Hutton has trained in the arts for more than 43 years. He holds several high ranking Black Belts in many different disciplines, including a 10<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in American Fudushin Bujutsu, Hutton Ryu, and Hutton Ryu Jutsu. He is owner Hutton's Edge, Inc., a manufacturer of knives used by police, military, security, knife enthusiasts, and martial artists. He is a member of many martial arts associations around the world.

*Scott Gray.....Master*

Mr. Gray is an active instructor at Hard Knocks Martial Arts in Judsenia, AR. He holds the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Bakh Do Kwan Taekwondo. He has also studied combat Hapkido, Kenjukido, Kenpo, and Jujitsu.

*Kevin Erby.....Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Erby has been training in the martial arts for 13 years. He holds the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in the art of White Tiger Kenpo Karate and a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in Combative Jujitsu under Professor Marty Cale. He has competed in the Tough Man Contest, winning runner-up just after one week of training. Mr Erby teaches both kid and adult classes at the Arkansas College of Martial Arts.

*James Davison.....Instructor*

Mr. Davison started the martial arts in 1974 at Wichita Falls under Mike Browning and David Wilkens in Tracy's Karate Studio. The then moved to Ft. Worth, TX and studied Goju Shorei under Sam Grano, earning his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt. He has studied Tang Soo Do and American Combat Karate. From 1986-1992 he studied Shotokan, earning his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt from Mike Weist. While in Texas, he was also the Instructor for the Guardian Angels. He has studied White Tiger Kenpo Karate, Traditional Weapons, and Combative Jujitsu under Professor Marty Cale.



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### California

*Tony Bowles Jr.....Golden Life*

Mr. Bowles started his martial arts training in the 60's while enlisted with the U.S. Navy. In 1991, he opened his school in San Diego, California. Mr. Bowles was promoted to 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Kosho Ryu Kenpo by Grandmaster Thomas Mitose. He has also studied Taekwondo, Gung Fu, and Kajukenbo. He is a member of Mitose's International Kosho Ryu Kenpo Association. He is the owner and chief instructor of Bowle's Kosho Ryu/ Kajukenbo School.

*Clarence Smith Sr.....Silver Life*

As a Martial Artist, Mr. Smith has earned and was awarded the title of Grandmaster in 2004 after practicing Tang Soo Do for 35 plus years. Most of his teachings and competitions were on the Texas State Circuit. He has also competed on the national and international levels. He has received numerous awards such as Instructor of the Year, three time School of the Year, Competitor of the Year, and Most Distinguished Master. He has 30 plus years of tournament experience and is a certified Promoter and Referee. He was a 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee.

*Tim Bowles.....Master Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Bowles began his martial arts training at the age of 11. He currently holds the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in the art of Kosho Ryu Kenpo. He has also studied taekwondo, Gung Fu, and Kajukenbo. He is a member of Mitose's International Kosho Ryu Kenpo Association. He is an instructor at Bowle's Kosho Ryu/Kajukenbo School.

*Edward Bederov.....Jujitsu Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Bererov has been training in the martial arts for 38 years. He holds the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Black Belt in Danzen Ryu JuJitsu. He has also studied Sambo and Shotokan. Mr. Bederov is a member of the American Jujitsu Institute, ShoShin Ryu and ATAMA. He has received Sensei of the Year and he owns the South Coast JuJitsu Club

*James Hundon.....Most Distinguished Master*

Mr. Hundon is the founder of Universal Martial Arts Academy. He has 35 years of training, competing and teaching the martial arts. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> degree black belt in Small Circle Jujitsu, under Grandmaster Wally Jay. He also holds black belts in Sugar Ryu Jujitsu, Chinese Kenpo and Kodokan Jujitsu. He is a Punong Guru in Escrima Serrada. He has competed nationally and internationally with Small Circle Jujitsu winning many awards and competitions. Mr. Hundon is a member of several respectable Martial arts associations.



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*Omar Aviles*.....TKD Instructor of the Year

Mr. Aviles became interested in the martial arts at the age of 11. In 1974 he began training in Kung Fu and later in Tae Kwon Do. He now holds the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He has also studied Judo, Kendo, Jujitsu and some Wrestling. He is a member of the Judo Federation. He has received several Good Service Awards and in 1994 he received Most Improved Instructor.

*Farshad Azad*.....Most Distinguished Master

Mr. Azad is a member of the World Hapkido Association. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Hapkido. He has also studied Taekwondo, Moo Duk Kwan, Judo, Muai Thai, Karate, and Tai Chi. He has studied the martial arts for more than 35 years and owns Azad's Martial Arts Family Center.

*Lawrence Boydston*.....Founder

Mr. Boydston began his martial arts training in 1968, studying Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. He has also studied Kodokan Judo, Filipino Martial Arts, Jun Fan, Savate, Muay Thai, and Kenpo. He is the creator of Quest Jujitsu, which combines grappling, kick-strike and weapons training. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt.

*Daniel Cole*.....Master of the Year

Mr. Cole began his training at the age of 14. He currently holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Matsubayashi Shorin-Ryu. He also holds black belts in Taekwondo and Tang Soo Do. Mr. Cole has been teaching in San Diego since 1994 for the San Diego Parks and Recreation Department, focusing his classes towards low-income families. He is a member of the Mendocino Okinawan Shorin-Ryu Karate Association.

*Gabriel Green*.....Master of the Year

Gabriel Green has been studying the martial arts since 1977. He holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do and is a member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association. He received his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shaolin Cuan Fa in China while on a journey to train at the Shaolin Temple. He holds rank and title of Punong Guro in ESKABO Daan. He currently teaches at the United Studios of Self-Defense in Foster City, Ca and the Martial Arts Academy in San Angelo, TX.

*Jose Isidro*.....Master

Mr. Isidro is the Chief Instructor and Owner of Mt. Diablo Hwa Rang Kwan. He is a member of Hwa Rang Kwan World Hapkido Federation, WTF, USA Taekwondo, California TKD Association, the United States National TKD Federation, and Cane Masters. He holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Dan in Hapkido, 4<sup>th</sup> Dan in World Koryo Gumdo, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan in Taekwondo.



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*Patrick Salantri*.....*Master*

Mr. Salantri has 28 years of experience in American Kenpo. He has a personal student under Grandmaster Ed Parker. He currently holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Ed Parkers Kenpo Karate and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Jiitsu. He owns and operates Huntington Beach Kenpo Karate School and heads his own martial arts organization, OKA (Open Karate Association). He also teaches at Bob White’s Karate Studio as well as the Academy of Combat Arts.

*Randy Eldred*.....*Master Instructor*

Mr. Eldred is a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo and Sogo Ryu Bujutsu. He began his training in 1980. He holds belts in several other systems, including a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree in Moo Duk Kwon Taekwondo, ranks in Judo, Ground Grappling, Hapkido, and Escrima. In 1996, Mr. Eldred created and founded the S.W.I.F.T. Kick Program, along with Sgt. Jim Asper of the Escondido Police Dept. The program has currently taught over 5,000 children in the Escondido School System and 4, 000 of those have been taught for free.

*Ron Pierce*.....*Golden Life*

Grandmaster Ronald Pierce brings 50 years of Martial Arts experience in many diverse arts. Pierce Family Gung Fu is the personal art of Grandmaster Ronald Pierce and was co-founded with Professor Bob Suttles and Professor Jerry Cook. Pierce Family Gung Fu is comprised of forms and techniques, which are thousands of years old, adapted for modern day use. Included are the best techniques and concepts of many styles and systems, as well as stick arts, Chin Na, grab arts, bladed weapons, throwing arts, etc. The techniques and forms have been modified with modern training methods, taking the realities of today's world into consideration.

## Colorado

*Michael Farren*.....*Instructor*

Mr. Farren achieved his Shodan in the art of Seidokan at the age of 33. He was the Grand Champion of the Seidokan Co. summer tournament in 2001 and the Colorado State Champion in kata in 2002. He currently has a dojo in which he instructs underprivileged children without fee. He has several state and World class champion students. Mr. Farren also hosts local tournaments and partners with other schools to instruct women’s self-defense programs.

*Jeffrey Ader*.....*Kyoshi of the Year*

Mr. Ader began training in 1970 under Alfred Gossett in Goshin Do Karate and Jiu Jitsu. In 1995, he was appointed and International Police Self-Defense Instructor. He currently holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Dan in Matsumura Seito Shorin Ryu and is the Head Traditional Karate Instructor at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He also teaches at his dojo and at the Black Forest Community Center. Mr. Ader teaches traditional Okinawan Karate, Tuite, and Kobudo.



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*Michael Parr*.....*Taekwondo Master*

Mr. Parr currently holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Dan in TaekwonDo, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Don in Combat Hapkido, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan in Jujitsu, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan in Judo. He began training in 1980. He is the Co-Owner of the Worldwide TaeKwonDo Institute and Head Instructor/Owner at M.L. Parr’s Academy of TKD. He was also the Kansas State and Washburn University TKD Instructor. Mr. Parr holds multiple Grand Champion awards competing in several tournaments.

### Connecticut

*Keith Tubman*.....*Kempo Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Tubman currently holds the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kempo Karate. His formal martial arts training began in 1993. In 1999, he founded his own school, Valley Shore Martial Arts. Along with teaching at his school, he teaches self-defense classes to several different high schools throughout Connecticut. Mr. Tubman has also taught the Middle Town Police Department Auxiliary Officers self-defense classes.

*Alfred Seam*.....*Outstanding Instructor*

Mr. Seam holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kenpo Karate. He has worked as an Instructor, specializing as a juvenile sparring coach and demonstration team coach, teaching forms, weapons, techniques, and breaking. He is a member of the Worldwide Kenpo Karate Association. He has placed 2<sup>nd</sup> place in continuous sparring at the International Martial Arts Championship and Convention in Long Beach, Ca.

*Daniel Semeraro*.....*Master*

Daniel Semeraro has over 25 years of exp in the martial arts he holds a 4th degree B.B in Kashti Ochi Ma Chi Do Jujitsu, 3rd in Chuck Norris's Chun Kuk Do and is a member of the United Fighting Arts Federation, 2nd Degree in Filipino Kun Tao, and a 1st in Ich No Michi Ryu Jujitsu. He has also studied Jeet Kune Do, Wing Chun, Kenpo, Boxing, Tang Soo Do, Wrestling, and Escrima. He is an Alternative Weapons Master. He was awarded the United Fighting Arts Federation's Professional Martial Arts Certificate. As the New England Kick Boxing Association's Middle weight Champion he went undefeated before turning to MMA where he holds a 6-0 record. He is the co founder of the No Ka Oi System, a blend of the different arts he has studied. He is The owner of The Thunder MMA Academy and head coach of Team Thunder. Team Thunder competes in MMA and Grappling around the country and has several undefeated fighters on the team. He has taught Law enforcement and security personnel for various departments and works in Law Enforcement himself.



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*Lawrence Day.....Most Distinguished Grandmaster*

Dr. Day began his martial arts career under the instruction of Count Dante'. He is one of the original Black Dragon Fighting Society students of Dante' and has been a member of the B.D.F.S from 1965-present. He is currently the Vice President of the Black Dragon Fighting Society. He was granted 37<sup>th</sup> Generation Warrior Monk under Grandmaster Young Di. He has been inducted into the E.U.S.A.I.M.M.A. Hall of Fame, holding many awards. He holds Grandmaster titles in the art of Shaolin Kung Fu, Shotokan, and Koga Ryu Ninjitsu. Dr. Day continues teaching and learning Tai-Chi-Chi Kung and his passion, Chi-Ma, which he has studied for about 45 years.

*Michael Mitchell.....Master Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Mitchell has been studying martial arts for 25 years. He is currently ranked 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo. He has received several awards, including Masters Award, Martial Artist of the Year, Martial Arts Dedication, Pinnacle Award of Success and Black Belt Competitor of the Year. He currently is the owner of Mitchell's Martial Arts and continues to study under Grandmaster Day.

*Adam Rose.....Outstanding Martial Artist*

Mr. Rose has been training in the martial arts for 10 years. He has been studying Taekwondo for 5 years, earning a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt. He is a member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society. Mr. Rose currently trains under Grandmaster Lawrence Day and Master Chris Page in Shoalin Kung Fu/Tai Chi-Chi Kung achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> Black Sash.

*Jimmy Jackson.....Grandmaster of the Year*

Mr. Jackson was first introduced to the martial arts in 1964. He began his formal training under Master Bernard Collins in the art of Shorin Ryu Karate in 1971. Since that time, he has trained with several well-known instructors. He was a veteran Law enforcement officer and spent 36 years as a Deputy Sheriff. Over his 37 year career, he has studied approximately 25 different disciplines and styles of the martial arts. He currently holds 9 different Black Belt Ranks, 4 of which are Master ranks.

*Walter Knochenmus.....Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Knochenmus holds the rank of Nidon in Shotokan Karate Do. He has been training in the arts since 1973. In 2007, he was invited into the Black Dragon Fighting Society, by Grandmaster Lawrence Day. He is currently the lead instructor at Master Joe Cayer's private dojo where he teaches women's basic self-defense and stranger danger classes to children.



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*Joseph Cayer.....Most Distinguished Master*

Mr. Cayer holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Master Black Belt in Shotokan under Grandmaster Lawrence Day. He also holds 5 other Black Belts in different styles of martial arts. He won the Gold and Grand Championship awards at the 2003 Irish Cup World Competitions in Dublin, Ireland. He has been inducted into the International Black Belt Hall of Fame and has received many other awards. He is presently a member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society and operates a private studio for brown and black belt students in Florida.

*Itamar Hofler.....Master*

Mr. Hofler, Founder and Chairman of ITAMAR Tactical Martial Art, has dedicated over 35 years various styles of Asian martial arts. He is an 8<sup>th</sup> Dan in Aikido, and Tai Chi-Qu Gong. He is a Doctor of Oriental Medicine and an Acupuncture Physician. He is also certified as a Naturopath, Clinical Hypnotherapist and “Kan Yu Zue” Feng Shui practitioner. He is a member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society.

*Donald Leland.....Master*

Mr. Leland has been a student of the martial arts for 22 years. In 1986 he trained under Master Van Sims and was in trained Taekwondo, grappling, kickboxing, Judo and Full Contact Police Combat Karate. In 2002 he joined the AKJU under Grandmaster Lawrence Day and opened his first martial arts school. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Chung Do Kwan and in 2002 received the Martial Arts Dedication Award and Man of the Year in 2003.

*Joseph Whelan.....Master*

Mr. Whelan began his training in martial arts in 1982 at the age of 13. Ten years later he received his Black Belt in American Kenpo. Over the next 16 years he continued his studies in Ed Parker Kenpo, Isshinryu and Taekwondo, receiving his 5<sup>th</sup> Dan in Isshinryu and a 1st Dan in Taekwondo. He is now a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Blackbelt in American Kenpo. He is the President of the United States Kenpo Karate Association and the Florida State Representative for the American Isshinryu Karate Association.

### Georgia

*Duke Swain.....Healing Arts Master*

Mr. Swain started his training in the martial arts during the early 70’s under the tutelage of Grandmaster Castanza. He has been training for more than 35 years in styles such as Japanese Jiu Jitsu, Karate, Modern Arnis, and many others. He served as a Force Recon Soldier in the Marine Corps and also holds Doctors Degree in Traditional Chinese Medicine. He currently holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Zenshin Goshin Jiu Jitsu and a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Zen Sekai Jutsu. He also owns and teaches at Zenshin healing & Martial Arts.



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*William Gaffney.....Outstanding Master*

Mr. Gaffney began training in Taekwondo at the age of 6. He earned his Black Belt under Master Paul Bonner. In 1995, he enlisted in the military as a Law Enforcement Officer and began teaching close quarter combat to Ranger and Combat Control members. He is a member of many organizations including the USMATA, NASKA, World Escrima Kali Arnis Federation, and several others. He is presently the owner and founder of The Dojo American Karate Centers.

*Mark Bailey.....Founder*

Mr. Bailey started Taekwondo at the age of 6, 40 years ago. He has studied many different styles, including, TKD, Judo, Kung Fu, Kempo, Jiu Jitsu, and many others. After studying many different styles, he founded his own style, called Sombo Ju Jitsu. He won his first World Title at the age of 16 and has won 27 more since. He was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the Nation in submission grappling and has over 57 champions.

*John Rainwater III.....Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Rainwater has 35 years of martial arts experience. He holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> dan in Defensive Fighting Art of the Peaceful Tiger. He has studied Moo Duk Kwan Taekwondo, American Kickboxing, Tang Soo Do, Hapkido, Kenpo, San Shou, Chin Na and other reality self-defense systems. He is a member of the Black Belt of the Faith International and World TKD Federation.

*Randy Kanipe.....Martial Artist of the Year*

Mr. Kanipe has been studying the martial arts for 6 years, earning him a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kenpo. He has been a United Methodist Pastor for 18 years and has started a youth outreach program through his church called, “Karate Kids.” He offers free classes to community children and focuses on stranger danger, self- control, self- discipline, courage, confidence and self -defense. He has graduated nearly 300 children through the program. He is a member of Black Belts of Faith International.

## Hawaii

*Randy Choy.....Pioneer Award*

Mr. Choy was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. He began his training in Southern Chinese Boxing in 1960. Mr. Choy has since studied numerous styles and systems of Chinese Martial arts including, Northern Praying Mantis, Taijiquan-Chen, Yang, Wu styles, Bak Mei Pai, Wu mei Pai, Hakka Pai, Hsing Yi Quan and Choy Li Fut. Mr. Choy is a member of Chinese Athletic Arts Academy, Hawaii Martial Arts International Society. He has been inducted into several Hall of Fames and holds a 10<sup>th</sup> degree Grandmasters Rank.



## 2008 Inductees

*Tyrone Takahashi.....Grandmaster*

Mr. Takahashi started training in the Filipino martial art of Escrima at the age of 5 under his grandfather, Grandmaster Braulio Pedoy and his uncle Eduardo Pedoy. In 1997, he was promoted to the level of Master and in 2003, he was promoted to the rank of Grandmaster and was appointed to take over as Head of Operations of the Pedoy School of Escrima. He is a member of numerous associations and has trained and studied in several styles of martial arts.

### Idaho

*Stephen Semancik.....Tang Soo Do Master of the Year*

Mr. Semancik began his martial arts training in 1974 while serving with the US Army in South Korea. He earned his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt from the International Taekwondo Federation, later training in Tang Soo Do under Master Jeong Sook Lee. Mr. Semancik has also trained in American Kenpo. He is a member of the Northwest Tang Soo Do Association and the Idaho Professional Martial Arts Association.

### Illinois

*Joseph Dodaro.....Most Distinguished Master*

Mr. Dodaro began his martial arts training at the age of 7 in Judo. He was then trained by Grandmaster Hsu Fun Yuen in Chinese martial arts. He learned the deadly Dim Mak Internal Strike and Internal Dim Mak Pressure. During his 20 years with Grandmaster Hsu, he mastered the arts of Qu Gong, Tai Ji, Tang-Pei, Hsing-I, and Shaolin Chuan-Fa. He advanced to the Master level of Shaolin Chuan Fa with the Deadly Poison Hands, through Master Edgell and Grandmaster James Lee. Mr. Dodaro has trained with numerous Grandmasters, learning the art of Internal Power. He is a member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society.

*Woodrow Edgell.....Pioneer*

Mr. Edgell is a Master of Shaolin Chuan-Fa under the Great Grandmaster James Lee who was a Shaolin Abbot and famous for the Deadly Poison Hands. He spent several years training with him and his 6 disciples in private classes, learning this secret art. Not only was Mr. Edgell a student of John Keehan, aka Count Dante, he was also a training partner and an instructor to him. He has spent more than 50 years training under several well-known Grandmasters in a variety of arts. He is a member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society.



## 2008 Inductees

*Douglas Dwyer.....Lifetime Achievement*

Mr. Dwyer's martial experience has spanned more than 54 years. During this time he has had the privilege to learn from and train with many highly skilled practitioners. Beginning in 1954, he joined a Judo class taught by Art Broadbent and later enlisted into the US Coast Guard. After being discharged in 1960 he studied under Charles Gruzanski in Kyokushinkai Karate. In 1962 he trained with Robert Trias in Shorei-Goju where he worked through the ranks to earn his Shodan. He received the rank of Rokyudan in 1970. He was proficient in heavy breaking, the use of Asian weapons, and performing various kata, using weapons. He was featured in books and articles with Count Dante and is an original member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society.

*Joseph Melson.....Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Melson is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Black Sash in Shaolin Kempo and a Level 1 in Shaolin Chuan-Fa under Master Dodaro. He has been a student of Master Dodaro for 20 years and has taken classes under Grandmaster Hsu and his son Hsu, Yuming. He is fond of Tai Ji and Qu Gong for their health development. He enjoys studying Chinese arts and is fortunate to learn the Deadly Poison Hands System. His plans are to follow in the footsteps of his Instructor, Master Dodaro.

*Floyd Webb.....Filmmaker of the Year*

Mr. Webb's background includes global work in cinema, photojournalism, publishing and advertising. He has found all of these experiences useful as a convergent worker, designer and consultant for the Internet. He was the Producer of the award winning film Daughter of the Dust (1992) and developed the Geechee Girls Multimedia. He was a panelist at the Sundance 2000 Panel on Web Distribution. He is currently doing a documentary film called The Search for Count Dante, a documentary tracking the history of the life of Count Dante and the true story of the Black Dragon Fighting Society.

*Rodney Childs Sr.....Most Distinguished Instructor*

Mr. Childs is the Head Instructor of Mon So-Chi Shaolin Kempo. He has 32 years of martial arts and healing training. Mr. Childs has had extensive training in Shaolin Kempo and Kosho Ryu Kempo. He has also trained in Aikido, Iaido, DanzenRyu Jujitsu, Kajukenbo, and many other arts. He is a life member of the Sei Kosho Shorei Kai and the Martial Arts Collective Society. He has training in weapons and 25 years of seminars as an instructor and participant.

*Larry Martin.....Most Distinguished Master*

Mr. Martin began his martial arts training in 1977. In 1980 he was awarded his 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt in the art of Tae Kwon Do, later earning his 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Kuk ki Won Certified and his 5<sup>th</sup> Dan thru the USNTF. He has competed in numerous tournaments during his 30 years of training and on his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday he won Grand Champion in Forms. He has won over 60 trophies and medal and has taught hundreds of students. He was a 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee.



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*Kevin Hughes*.....*Kenjutsu Master*

Mr. Hughes began his training more than 20 years ago. He has dedicated his life to preserving and researching the traditions and techniques of Okinawan and Japanese martial arts as they were taught before the introduction of tournament system. Mr. Hughes actively studies and teaches Shobayashi Shorin-Ryu Karate, Matsumura Shorin-Ryu Karate, Shindokan Goju-Ryu Karate, Shudokan Karate, Rendokan Ryukyu Kobujutsu, Goseiryoku Kenjutsuk, and many other traditional arts.

*Cecil Burton, Jr*.....*Instructor*

Mr. Burton has achieved advanced levels, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Black Sash in the art of Shaolin Kempo and advanced level 1 in Shaolin Chuan-Fa under Master Dodaro. Mr. Burton has also trained in the art of Aikido, Hapkido and Tai Chi. He is a member of the Tai Chi Chuan/ Shaolin School in St. Charles, IL. He has been training for the past 14 years in Shaolin Kempo.

*Brian Sanders*.....*Master*

Mr. Sanders is the Founder of Kime do Karate. He is the co-founder of World Combative Arts Association. He recently received the rank of Soke 10 Dan for his style of Kime Do through the IMAF. He was also promoted to the rank of 9<sup>th</sup> Degree in Grandmaster John M.Maurer’s Kwon Ho Shin making him the highest-ranking student. He has been inducted into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2008 as Master of the Year.

### Indiana

*Rick Greene*.....*Grandmaster*

In 1980, Mr. Greene earned the rank of Shodan in Combat Jujitsu. Since then, he has founded the art of Bushi Jujitsu and was awarded Sokeship in 2006. Mr. Greene has received several awards to date, including Grandmaster of the Year, Founder of the Year, Jujitsu Instructor of the year, and many others. He has been training students for 28 years.

*Randall Duhamell*.....*Master*

Mr. Duhamell has been active in the martial arts for 37 years and is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> Dan in Taekwondo. Other styles he has studied include Hapkido, Jujitsu, and Judo. He is a member of the PKC and AMKA. Some awards he has received include, PKC National Trainer of 1990-91 and PKC Top Ten Fighter in 1996 and 1997.

*Tammy Jo Burkett*.....*Instructor of the Year*

Mrs. Burkett received her black belt in Isshinryu Karate on December 6, 1991. She has trained in many other styles of martial arts including Te-Do, Hapkido, Aikido, Tae Kwon Do, Shotokan Karate, Boxing and Kickboxing. Mrs. Burkett now owns her own karate school where she teaches these disciplines. She has competed and won numerous championships and Grand Champion titles. She is a member of the Okinawan Karate Do Union, Olympic Karate World



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Karate Federation and the AAU Nationals. Mrs. Burkett now holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Black Belt from the International Martial Arts Council of America.

### Kansas (0)

### Kentucky

*Troy Burchett.....Humanitarian*

Mr. Burchett holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Kenpo. He has also studied JKD, Kung Fu, and Brazilian Jujitsu. He is the Founder of Black Dragon Kenpo Chinsudo. He teaches MMA, women's self-defense, as well as handicap and anti-drug courses. Mr. Burchett does all of his teaching for free. He is also completely blind in both eyes. He is the 2001 World Champion at the Arnold Schwarzenegger Championship, winning forms, weapons, and fighting.

*Michael Peterson.....Founder*

Mr. Peterson began studying martial arts 24 years ago. He Currently holds a 5th degree Black Belt in RyuKyu Kempo, Kyusho-Jitsu, Tuite-Jitsu and a 2nd degree Black Belt in Isshin ryu. He has also studied as well as taught courses in Krav Maga and Silat Mubai. He is owner and Master Instructor of Premier Martial Arts Academy in Florence, Kentucky. He has hosted many seminars on women's self-defense and rape prevention as well as pressure point control tactics and deadly weapons disarmament to local law enforcement, Homeland security agents and Government employees. He is a 3 time inductee into the United States Martial Arts Hall Of Fame.

*Kenny Kidd.....Kung Fu Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Kidd started studying the art of Shaolin Kung-Fu at the age of 17 under the instruction of Master Bob Green. He has now been in the arts for 11 years and is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt. He owns his own school in Kentucky and teaches women's self-defense/ rape prevention classes, prison guards, and has taught classes for the Somerset Community College. He also studies the internal arts of chi kung, tai chi, pa qua, and Hsing-e.

*Richard Borba.....Most Distinguished Jujitsu Master*

Mr. Borba began his martial arts training as a Navy boxer in 1958. He then went on to fight semi pro before starting his Law Enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff. In 1969 he began studying Kodokan Judo under the tutelage of the late Sensei Robert Krull. He currently holds Nationally recognized Jujitsu Black Belts in the American Jujitsu Institute, American Judo and Jujitsu Federation Christian Jujitsu Association, and Shoshin Ryu.

*John Day.....Master*

Mr. Day started martial arts at the age of 10 in 1974. Under the guidance of Master Hiang and Grandmaster Lawrence Day, his uncle, he successfully received his black belt in the



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discipline of Shaolin in 1978. He was the youngest individual to receive a senior ranking and had a perfect score for his Black Belt test. He was also in exhibitions at schools and town squares around Central Kentucky with Dr. Day. He continues his studies through the watchful eyes of his uncle, Grandmaster Lawrence Day.

*John Wesley Cox.....Master*

Mr. Cox is an accredited and licensed Master Instructor in Internal and External Martial Arts. He Currently holds the reanks of 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in White Crane (Hakutsura), Kung Fu, a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shorin Ryu Karate, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kobudo. He is also ranked 1<sup>st</sup> Dan in Shorinji-Ryu Karate and in Judo. He formed America’s Hakutsuru Training Center in 1989 and is President of the “John Cox Martial Arts,” an organization that contains martial artists from around the world. He has dedicated over 2 decades in the research of martial arts and Close Quarters Combat Techniques while studying under masters from Okinawa, China, and Japan.

### Louisiana

*Philip Craft.....Muay Thai Master*

Mr. Craft started teaching Muay Thai in 2002. His life mentors, Kru Vut Kamnark and Kru Saekson Janjira, have greatly influenced him and helped him on his journey to becoming an Instructor of Muay Thai. He has received awards including Most Improved Muay Thai Practitioner and the Golden Bull Award from Thailand. He also holds certifications in Emergency Response Team, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Principles of Supervision.

*Don Fields.....Distinguished Master*

Mr. Fields holds a 9<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Ni Ku Bushi Ryu Kempo. He has also studied Shotokan, Okinawan Karate, Ju Bushi Do and Moo Duk Kwan. He is a member of the Universal Karate Association, United States Karate Alliance, and the Southern Karate Council. He has been inducted into the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the North American Black Belt Hall of Fame.

### Maine

*Scott Good.....Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Good established one of the first Christian-based martial arts programs in the state of Maine. He is a third degree black belt. He earned his Black Belt under Grand Master Carl Hoffses. He has traveled the world teaching his ministry and martial arts. He has also taught and given black belts to family members who continue to follow in his footsteps.



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*Shawn Withers*.....*Humanitarian*

Mr Withers, a certified instructor, holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Broken Wing in Kenpo and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shaolin Kenpo. He also holds a Black Belt in O-Ki-Tao and has earned the rank of Canemaster from Grandmaster Mark Shuey. Mr. Withers is an inductee into the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He is co-author of Broken Wing, an autobiography published in January, 2008.

### Maryland

*Tayari Casel*.....*Master*

Mr. Casel's training arts include Kupigana Ngumi, Shaolin, and Tai Chi Chuan with the Directors of the Pan Afrikan Martial Arts Federation and the Afrikan Spiritually with Yoruba and Akan Priests. He is currently a member of Kankouran West African Dance Company. He has fought at New York's Madison Square Garden before 19,567 people and as highlighted on ABC's Wide World of Sports. He has been ranked in the top 10 off all Black Belts for his competitive skills. In 1975, he was the only non-karate practitioner picked by Chuck Norris to represent the USA in team fights. He is also a member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society.

*Ron Elrod*.....*Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Elrod is the Owner and Sr. Instructor of the American Academy of Martial Arts. He, along with his wife and 2 children, own and operate 2 full-time martial arts schools in Maryland. Mr. Elrod has been training in the martial arts over 20 years and holds ranks in the arts of Hapkido, Taekwondo, Ninjutsu, and Budo Tai Jutsu.

*Julie Elrod*.....*Female Master of the Year*

Mrs. Elrod holds the rank of 9<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Budo Taijutsu/ Ninjutsu. She has also studied Taekwondo, Hapkido, and Muay Thai. She is a member of the World Karate Union Hall of Fame. She, along with her husband, owns and operates the American Academy of Martial Arts.

*Thomas Fischer*.....*Master*

Mr. Fischer started boxing at 8 years old. At 17 years old, he joined the Navy and was sent to Vietnam where he continued to study the martial arts. He is now an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kenpo, a Certified Tactical Master Instructor in Law Enforcement, Family Protection, and Executive Protection, a level one Judo Instructor, an International Kickboxing Federation Judge, and a Muay Thai Judge.

*Robert Gold*.....*Master*

Mr. Gold began his training in Judo in 1968. A year later he began to study karate. He has also studied 4 styles of Tai Chi and Lin He Ba Fa, Shotokan and Shorinjiryu Karate. He has earned a Black Sash in Jin Jia Tai Chi Chuan. He continues to practice and share his passion and



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love of Tai Chi and other martial arts. He currently teaches classes at Strive Martial Arts and Fitness.

### Massachusetts

*Bonnie Specht*.....*Instructor*

Ms. Specht began studying Konigun Ninjitsu under Shidoshi Dallas in 1989. She has previously studied Shotokan and American Kempo. She earned a BA in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts. She oversees the New England prefecture and is CQO for Konigun Ninjitsu.

### Michigan

*Geoffrey Spohn*.....*Master*

Mr. Spohn holds an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tatsu Te Ryu Karate-Do. He has also studied American Karate, Goju, American Combat Jujitsu, Aikido, and Shorin Ryu. He is a member of the American Martial Arts Association, All Japan Karate Union, World Black Belt Bureau, American Karate League, and the World Elite Black Belt Society.

*Jay Heselschwerdt*.....*Founder*

Mr. Heselschwerdt started studying Sil Lum Kung Fung Fu then later moved on to Tae Park Taekwondo. While stationed in the Army, he began to study Brazilian Jujitsu and Shodokan Karate. He has also studied Okinawa Karate, Yang Style Tai Chi, Ba Gua Zhang, and Chin Na. He is now teaching his style of mixed martial arts, called Grand Chi. He has many wins in tournament with State Championships, and at the age of 40 has a record of 3-1 in cage matches.

### Minnesota (0)

### Mississippi

*Keith Lambert*.....*Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Lambert began studying the martial art of Lung Shou Pai Kung Fu in 1986. He holds the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Black Sash. He is a member of the Lung Shou Pai Wu Shu Association, Karate for Christ, and the World Black Belt Bureau. He is an active Instructor at the Dragon Claw Martial Arts Academy. He teaches private students and still competes occasionally.

*Randell Kitchens*.....*Grandmaster*

Mr. Kitchens has been an active member of the martial arts community for 41 years. He has competed in martial arts events throughout the Southeast. He is the trainer of numerous



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State Champions. He holds a 10<sup>th</sup> Dan in American Freestyle Kenpo. He is the Founder of Ki Shoto Ryu. He also holds ranks in Shito Ryu, Shorin Ryu, and Jujitsu.

*Joe Taylor.....Instructor*

Mr. Taylor began training in Konigun Ninjitsu under Robert Nichols in 2000. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from William Carey College, a Master of Science from the University of Texas, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy in Adult Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. He serves the community in the emergency room at Jefferson Davis Community Hospital and as also as a Deputy Sheriff.

*David Ishee.....Instructor*

Mr. Ishee began training in Konigun Ninjitsu under Robert Nichols in 2002. He began assisting instruction at the age of 14 and has previously earned a Black Belt in Taekwondo and is recognized by the World Black Belt Bureau and the ITF. He has also studied Tai Chi, Judo, Pa Sa Ryu. He is the Mississippi State Director and operates a dojo in Jackson, MS.

*Thomas Medina.....Instructor*

Mr. Medina began studying Konigun Ninjitsu under Sensei Gregory Grayson in 2003. He has earned the title of Yoshi and 3<sup>rd</sup> level Black Sash. He owns and operates a school in Magee Mississippi and is successfully growing.

*Therese Clarke.....Instructor*

Ms. Clarke began studying Konigun Ninjitsu under George Green in 2001. She received an Associate’s Degree in Applied Science for Physical Therapy Assistant from Hines Community College. She has earned the title of Samurai and 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Black Sash. As CDO for Konigun Ninjitsu she is responsible for maintaining the style database and records. Her school is continuously growing.

### Missouri

*Allen Fischer.....Most Distinguished Instructor*

Allen has been involved in the martial arts since 1966. He has studied multiple styles with his first belt promotion in Moo Duk Kwan Taekwondo in 1966. Allen now holds a 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt in American Karate. He also studies American Kenpo and Tushka-Homa under Chief Adrian Roman. He also holds a level one certification to instruct Combat Jujitsu under Michael DePasquale JR. He also studies the Cane Master System under Grandmaster Mark Shuey Sr. His school is a chartered school and he is a Life Member with IMAC.



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*Daniel Bauwens*.....*Instructor of the Year*

Daniel began studying the martial arts at Omaha Judo Club. In 1994 he began the study of Taekwondo. He currently holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt. He has received numerous awards for excellence in the classroom and in leadership. He is a certified referee for both USAT and AAU Taekwondo events up to the Regional and National level. He has been awarded an Outstanding Missouri Referee Award by the Missouri USTU.

*Michael Rother*.....*Most Distinguished TKD Master*

Mr. Rother holds a 6th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo under the USNTF and The World Taekwondo Council. He is a 5th Degree Kuk Ki Won Certified, 2nd Degree in Haidong Gumdo, and Nidan in the USJA Jujitsu division. He is referee chairman for the USNTF, International referee for the USNTF and the WTC, Class A 1 US referee in the USTU, and holds numerous other national and international referee positions. He is the Missouri State Director for IMAC and the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

*Billy Baugher*.....*Distinguished Master*

Billy Baugher started the martial arts in 1971 after a motorcycle wreck and 22 surgeries with the doctors saying he should learn to defend himself since he won't be able to run. So Mr. Baugher started taking Moo Duk Kwan. Then he would go on to study Judo and Tae Kwon Do, currently holding a 4th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and earning black belts in Jujitsu, Hapkido, Aikido, Tang Soo Do and Goju. From 1988-1992 he did submission fighting winning 150 matches and losing zero. Mr. Baugher is a certified Judge and Referee for any Tae Kwon Do event.

*Eric Reeve*.....*Chuan Fa Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Reeve was trained to box by his father while growing up. In 1973 he began training in Judo. In 1979, Mr. Reeve was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Midwest Heavyweight Kickboxing Standings, finishing his career with an 11-1 record. For over 30 years Mr Reeve has taught children and young adults Chinese Chuan Fa. His students have been recognized on both the State and National Kumite standings. He operates a small school in Missouri and charges only \$5 per lesson, which he donates to the local church. He is a life member of the Chuan Fa Martial Arts Association and is currently running for Senator of Missouri.

*Anthony Verburgt*.....*Master Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Verburgt holds the rank of 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Kenpo. He has also studied Kang Duk Kwan, Shotokan, Kodokan Judo, and Shorin Ryu. He is member of Tracy's International Studios of Self-Defense. He has been in the arts for 40 years. He also owns and operates Tracy's Karate Studios. He has competed throughout the state of Arkansas and Missouri. He was also rated #1 by NASKA and rated #3 by the PKL.



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### Nevada

*Robert Jones*.....*Grandmaster of the Year*

Mr. Jones started the martial arts in 1971. He currently holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Wu Shen Pai Chu'an Fa as well as Jung Shin Do. Sigung Jones is founder of the International Kenpo Karate Society. Mr. Jones is the author of a series of books on Wu Shen Pai Chu'an Fa. He is a five-time World Champion Self-Defense Competitor and has been top rated in weapons and forms. He has won the San Diego Grand Nationals in Self-Defense twice. Mr. Jones has trained numerous State, Regional, National, and International Champions. He has been inducted into several Hall of Fames.

*Ross Briggs*.....*Golden Life*

Mr. Briggs began his martial arts training at the age of 9, studying Judo and Jujitsu. He later started training in Taekwondo. In 1971, he began training with Grandmaster Alexander Archie in the art of Shudokan Karate. He is the promoter of the Silver State Open Championships, held each year in Nevada. In 2007, he was appointed Director of Karate of the Goju-Shorei Systems. He holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Goju-Shorei Karate, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Jujitsu, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Taekwondo. He is also a Director with the American Teachers Association of Martial Arts.

*Alexander Archie*.....*Most Distinguished Grandmaster*

Mr. Archie is a 10<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the art of Goju-Shorei Karate. He has been training in the martial arts since 1949. He holds a Masters Degree in 6 different styles of martial arts, including American Kenpo Karate, Shudokan Karate, Taekwondo, Jujitsu, and Judo. Mr. Archie is the Supervisor of the Compliance Section for the state of Nevada. He has taught Defensive Tactics to law enforcement agencies throughout Nevada, California, Idaho, and Oregon. He specializes in weapon retention, knife defense, gun defense, club defense, and restraint techniques. He is a 2 time National Seniors Karate Champion, winning numerous awards throughout his martial arts career.

*Stephanie DeLoach*.....*Outstanding Martial Artist*

Ms. DeLoach began her training in the martial arts in 1995 under the tutelage of Master Juan Vasquez, Sr. at the Hill County Martial Arts Academy. She achieved the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do in 2001 and received Outstanding Student of the Year at the same time. In 2003 she received the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt and received the title of Senior Instructor and is a member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association.

*Dave McNeill*.....*Goju- Shorei Grandmaster*

Mr. McNeill began studying Goju -Shorei Karate in 1971 under Hanshi Alexander Archie. In 1985 he developed the Weapons System for Goju- Shorei Karate. He has taught several martial arts champions. He has been inducted into several hall of fames. He is also an



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active member and one of the advisors for the Ultimate Black Belt Test. In 2005, upon the retirement of Grandmaster Archie, Mr. McNeill was appointed Head of the Goju-Shorei and was promoted to 9<sup>th</sup> Dan

*Michael Felkoff.....Pioneer*

Mr. Felkoff was born in 1938. He is a Vietnam Veteran and started his martial arts training in the 1960s. In the 60s and 70s he was an active competitor, coach, and judge. Presently, his emphasis has been the Chinese Systems of short and long fist, as well as the Internal Arts of Tai-Chi Chuan, Pa-kua, and Hsing-I Chuan. He has also studied Jujitsu, Shotokan Karate, Knpo, Aikido, and numerous other Chinese Arts. Mr. Felkoff has been involved in the martial arts for 50 years. He is a member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society.

*Monua Cary.....Female Master of the Year*

Mrs. Cary holds a rank of 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in the art of Jujitsu. She has also studied Ninjitsu, Aikido, and Kenpo Karate. She is a member of the WCJJO and the JA. She was the first American woman to win the World Sport Jujitsu Championship in 1995. In 1994 she was Competitor of the Year. She is an active instructor at Champion Martial Arts.

### **New Jersey**

*Quoc Lien Tran.....Man of the Year*

Mr. Tran was born and raised in Can Tho, Vietnam. His family came to the United States in 1986. He has been involved in the Martial Arts since he was very young in which he has studied, trained, and taught. Mr. Tran currently holds high-ranking Black Belts in several different martial arts styles and systems. In 1999 he established Trans Combat Martial Arts School, where he is Chief Instructor. He has also founded the art of Tinh Vo Dao, which is Vietnamese Combat Natural Boxing. He is a member of several martial arts federations and numerous Grandmasters councils have recognized his martial arts systems.

### **New Hampshire (0)**

### **New Mexico (0)**

### **New York**

*Michael Rosati.....Shihan of the Year*

Mr. Rosati began his career as a martial artist in Okinawa in 1972. His practice of traditional Okinawan karate-do has always been strongly self-defense and law enforcement



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oriented. He is an internationally rated competitor and teacher of Yamane Ryu Bojitsu and also a nationally rated competitor in kata. He is currently ranked 7<sup>th</sup> Dan in Shorin Ryu and is a member of Ryukyu Karatejutsu Kokusai Kenkyukai.

*James Croney.....Master*

Mr. Croney started his martial arts career when he was 10 years old. He studied Judo, Korean Yudo style and Jujitsu under Sensei Jack Stern. He currently holds the rank of 5th Degree Black Belt in Judo. He has been dedicating himself to the martial arts for almost 40 years by training, studying, and instructing. He has trained many law enforcement officers and has worked as an Officer under The United States Department of Justice. He currently works for the United States Department of Homeland Security/ U.S Customs Border Protection. He was an inductee into the Hall of Fame in 2007.

*Craig Sherman.....Instructor*

Mr. Sherman began training in martial arts in 1988. He is Co-owner and Co-chief instructor of Wantagh Martial Arts and the Director of Physical Education at Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School. He holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Black Belt in Kempo-Jijitsu. He was inducted into the U.S.A Martial Arts Hall of Fame as Multi-Disciplined Instructor of the Year. He has also received his Doctorate of Martial Arts Philosophy from The University of Asian Martial Art Studies.

*Nathaniel McBride.....Pioneer*

Mr. McBride was born in 1938 and has been studying the martial arts for 53 years. In 1956 he enrolled in the United States Army and embarked upon a military boxing career. While in the army, Mr. McBride started training in Judo and upon his return to the United States he studied Shotokan Karate. In 1985 he began to structure his own system, Nat McBride’s Kyo-Jutsu Karate, with the help of his student. He has earned the rank of 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in both Oikiro-Ryu Aiki-Jujitsu and Hakko-Ryu Jujitsu. He was the first person to ever receive 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt –Grandmaster in Sanuces Ryu Jiu Jitsu. Throughout his martial arts career, Mr. McBride has trained various Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies.

### North Carolina

*Jeffrey Brown.....Master*

Mr. Brown began studying Yoshinryu Jujitsu in 1976 at the age of 9. He enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 18 and began studying Isshinryu Krate. In 2005, he authored a book titled “Goshinryu Jujitsu.” He is a 6<sup>th</sup> Dan black Belt in Goshinryu Jijitsu and is an active Instructor at the School of Martial Science in North Carolina.



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*Lyndon Johnson*.....*Founder*

Mr. Johnson is a 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Filipino Combatives. He has been studying and teaching martial arts for 25 years. He has developed two successful martial arts schools and a Close Quarters Combat Instructional Organization. He is the Chief Instructor of the Hard Core Combat Academy and is an Internationally Certified Close Quarters Combat Master Instructor. He is the Founder of Yong-Mu-Kwan Hapkido and is an Instructor at Hwarang Warrior Martial Arts.

*Bernard Redfield*.....*Competitor of the Year*

Mr. Redfield has been involved in martial arts for over 30 years. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt and Master Instructor with the Tang Soo Do Mi Guk Kwan Association. He has also studied the art of Hapkido and Judo. He has traveled the U.S. and Europe, competing in State, Regional, National, and International Events, where he has taken over 100 medals and trophies and most recently, 2 Silver Medals in Schotland in the 07 European TSD Championship. He opened Redfield Martial Arts where he is the Certified Master Instructor.

*Victor Moore*.....*Most Distinguished Master*

Mr. Moore started his physical fitness and martial art training at the tender age of seven in Cincinnati, Ohio. At the age of 12 he began training under Ronald Williams and after 5 years of training, he earned his black belt in Kempo. He later opened schools throughout the Cincinnati area. After becoming successful in competition he met the father of American Karate, Robert Trias and began training under him. He entered Ed Parker's first tournament and is known for his demonstration with Bruce Lee. He is a highly decorated martial artist, having fought some of the world's most famous fighters, including Chuck Norris, Bill Wallace, Mike Stone, and many others.

### **North Dakota (0)**

### **Ohio**

*Dale Palumbo*.....*JKD Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Palumbo is a Certified Full Instructor in Jeet Kune Do Concepts, Kali/Silat, and JKD Grappling. He is also a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shooto and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Chinese Kenpo. He has been inducted into the Shooto Hall of Fame and the Black Belt Hall of Fame. He has been studying the martial arts for 25 years and is an active instructor.



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*Jake Allen*.....*Grandmaster*

Mr. Allen is a 10<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt Soke in the art of Jukido. He also holds high-ranking Master Levels in numerous arts. He is a National and International certified Coach and Referee. He is a 2 time All-American martial artist and has been studying the martial arts for 50 years. He is a member of the World Kobudo Federation and the American Budo Association. He was a previous inductee into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame as well an inductee into The World Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

*Danny Phillips*.....*Master Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Phillips teaches the traditional martial arts at his own school, Phillips Fairfield Beach Karate School, in Ohio, and also teaches full time at The Arts and College Preparatory Academy in Columbus, OH. He is a 12 time Ohio State Champ, has earned several gold medals, silver medals and first place awards. He is a veteran of the United States Army and has received the Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hears, and many other honors.

### Oklahoma

*Michael Fox*.....*Senior Master*

Mr. Fox started training under Grandmaster Lee Lawrence in the art of American Kempo and Lima Lama and holds an 8<sup>th</sup> Dan. He has a 4<sup>th</sup> Dan under Sam Lonewolf in Hawaii Kosho Ryu Kenpo Jiu-Jitsu. He has also studied defensive tactics and advance tactical baton training and is the martial arts instructor for the Tulsa Police Department in Oklahoma. He is a member of the Oklahoma Kempo Karate Association.

*Stanley Mason*.....*Master Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Mason began martial arts in 1981. He served in the U.S. Army from 1984-88 as a paratrooper, with a year in Korea, where he studied TKD. He is an 8<sup>th</sup> Dan in Kenpo and a 4<sup>th</sup> Dan in American TKD. He is a member of several associations including, Filipino Combat Systems, American Karate Association, the International Martial Arts Council of America, and many more. He is also the Oklahoma State Representative for Karate for Christ International and the OKKA secretary.

*George Wofford*.....*Senior Master*

Mr. Wofford has been involved in the martial arts for 30 years. He began training in Kenpo and Lima Lama in 1978 with Grandmaster Lee Lawrence. He holds a Master Instructor Certification and an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Chinese Kenpo/Lima Lama from the International Martial Arts Council of America. He is the Vice-President of the Oklahoma Kenpo Karate Association and is a Lifetime Member of the International Martial Arts Council of America.



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*Sensei Pacer*.....*Martial Artist of the Year*

Mr. Pacer has been studying the martial arts for 15 years. He holds the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Jupene Kempo. He has also studied Jeet Kune Do and Jujitsu. He was a 2001 Inductee as Personal Trainer of the Year.

### Oregon

*Albert Simon*.....*Founder*

Mr. Simon is Founder of the ChiFusion Tai Chi and Qigong system. He has also studied Ninjitsu, Aikido, and Bagua. He has dedicated himself to Chi development through Tai Chi and Qigong. He has studied 5 styles of Tai Chi including certification in Yang Style Tai Chi and over 20 styles of Qigong. He has been a professional member of the National Qigong Association.

### Pennsylvania

*James Stewart*.....*Martial Arts Competitor*

Mr. Stewart started his martial arts training in Shorin Ryu Karate and eventually earned his black belt in traditional Taekwondo. He is a professional full contact fighter, also the International Kickboxing Federation Undefeated Super Welter Weight World Champion with a record of 19-0 with 11 ko's and 3-1 record as a professional boxer with 3 ko's. He fought his first amateur bout in 1989 and turned pro in 1996. He is also a promoter for boxers and kickboxers where he fights the main events. He currently holds 3 World titles in 3 different organizations, including the WKO, the IKF, and the WWKF. He also holds 3 major titles in 3 different weight divisions. He was a 2007 Inductee into the Hall of Fame.

*Sayfullaah Al-Amriykiy*.....*Law Enforcement Instructor*

Mr. Al-Amriykiy has been studying the martial arts for over 40 years. He began his training in New York at the age of 10. He started training in Shotokan Karate-Jutsu and Sanuces Ryu Jiu Jitsu under Grandmaster James Walter Yates and Grandmaster Nathaniel McBride. He has received 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Sanuces Ryu and the title of "Shihan." He is a member of the Sanuces Ryu Eye to Eye Jiu Jitsu Federation, The Karate Nomichi World Federation and serves as a Senior Technical Advisor to the Philadelphia Historic Martial Arts Society.

### Rhode Island

*Ann Assumpico*.....*Female Master of the Year*

Ms. Assumpico began her martial arts training more than 32 years ago in Cerio's Kenpo Karate. She received her Black Belt and became involved with teaching defensive tactics to the



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Department of Corrections and numerous police agencies. She was one of the first women on the Department of Corrections Tactical/Riot Team and was also one of the first female Police Officers on a Special Weapons and Tactics Team. She is currently a Rhode Island State Trooper and she holds 20 World Karate Titles.

### South Carolina

*Nick Smith.....Master Instructor*

Mr. Smith is the Senior Instructor at Eye of The Dragon Martial Arts Academy. He began his training when he was 13 years old. He has studied many different forms including Karate, Tae Kwon Do, U.S. T.A.I. Karate, various styles of Kung Fu and Tang Soo Do. Soke Smith received his Soke rank from Grand Master T.B. Whittaker. Upon Grandmaster Whittaker's death Soke Smith became the Shodai Soke of T'AI-KARA-TE-DO™. He, along with his wife who assists him, try to challenge the young people to not only perform the martial arts moves correctly but also to manage their lives correctly in order to get the most out of life as well as give the most of themselves.

### Tennessee

*Michael Johns.....Sensei of the Year*

Mr. Johns has over 35 years of experience studying and teaching the martial arts. Although he has achieved Dan ranks in several different systems of martial arts, the majority of his martial arts career has been spent studying and teaching Okinawa Shorin-Ryu. Mr. Johns owns and operates the Seibukan Karate Dojo of Morristown.

*Mark Aycock.....Legendary Sport Fighter*

Mr. Aycock has been involved in the martial arts since 1976 and is now a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu. He has received many International, National, and Regional honors, including Silver Medalist in Fighting, Nationally Ranked in the Top 10 in Fighting by NASKA, Competitor of the Year, Grand National Fighting Champion, and many other awards. He is also a member of the Black Belt Team Fighting Champions and the United States Sport Jujitsu Fighting Team.

*Bruce Corrigan.....Master Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Corrigan is a lifelong student of Chinese/Hawaiian Kenpo and Kajukenbo and continues to train in these systems today. He has also studied kickboxing, the Filipino Martial Arts, Jeet Kune Do, and the Gracie System Brazilian Jiu Jitsu in which he holds a Black Belt.



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He is a retired military officer with 22 years of military service as both an enlisted man and a commissioned officer. He holds Honorable Discharges from both the Navy and the Army National Guard. Mr. Corrigan is a 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in FilkenJutsu Kenpo and is an instructor at the Progressive Martial Arts Academy.

*Michael Swaggerty.....Leadership*

Mr. Swaggerty has earned his Black Belt in the art of Isshin-Ryu Karate. He began his study of the martial arts at the Pete Mills School of Karate in Knoxville, TN , where he currently instructs. He has also studied Jujitsu and is a member of the Universal Isshin-Ryu Karate Association.

*Katherine Wiczerza.....TKD Master Instructor of the Year*

Ms. Wiczerza began studying the Taekwondo in 1979 and is now ranked 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt. She became a Gold Medalist and Certified Coach at the USTU National Championships in 1990 and a Bronze Medalist in 1994. She was the first woman to ever receive 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan certification in the Goju-Shorei Weapons System. She has hosted and officiated numerous tournaments and seminars throughout the United States. She is a member of the AAU, WTF, and the GSWS.

*David Corrigan.....Instructor*

David began martial arts 14 years ago. He is now a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Chinese Kenpo. He is a full instructor in Filipino Kali, Black Sash in Jeet Kune Do, Black Belt in Kenpo Jiu Jitsu, and a Brown Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He is a member of the Progressive Fighting Systems and the Brazilian Black Belt Association and has won SKKA Champion and is the Elite Grappling Gold Medalist.

*Nicholas Corrigan.....Instructor*

Nicholas is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Chinese Kenpo. He has been studying the martial arts for 14 years and trains at the Progressive Martial Arts Academy. He is a Black Belt in Kenpo Jiu Jitsu, Brown Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Full Instructor in Filipino Kali, and a Black Sash in Jeet Kune Do. He is a SKKA Champion and Elite Grappling Gold Medalist.

*Leo Scott Britt III.....Bunkai Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Britt currently holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan in Isshinryu Karate under Pete Mills' School of Karate and has also studied Shotokan, Agedo, and Kendo. He competed in the 2004 World Games in



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Athens, Greece, bringing home 5 medals. He enjoys sharing karate as a ministry and is the assistant instructor at the free martial arts school, Grace Karate Sports Academy.

*Keith Cofer*.....*Kata Master of the Year*

Mr. Cofer holds the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in the art of Isshinryu. He has also studied Jujitsu, Muay Thai, Bagua Kung Fu, Aikido, and Tai Chi. He is a member of the UIKA, IKA, and the OKU. He has received Dedication and Leadership awards. He is also a grappling instructor and has competed and won numerous trophies. He is the Head Instructor at 2 different schools and continues to teach on a daily basis.

*Ronald Tolliver*.....*Master Instructor of the Year*

Mr. Tolliver started training in the martial arts in 1983 while working in law enforcement. He has been training in Isshinryu Karate for 24 years with many well-known instructors. He has studied several different styles such as Shotokan, Shorinryu, Gojoryu, Yoshitsuni Waza-Jujitsu, and Aikido. He is currently 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu Karate. He trains and teaches in the Universal Isshinryu Karate System.

*Carol Swaggerty*.....*Female Instructor of the year*

Ms. Swaggerty is a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in Isshin-ryu Karate. She began her study of the martial arts at the Pete Mills School of Karate in Knoxville, TN, where she currently instructs students of all ages. She has also studied other styles of martial arts and is a member of the Universal Isshin-ryu Karate Association.

*Gregg McMahan*.....*Master of the Year*

Mr. McMahan began training at the age of 9 at the Knoxville Golden Gloves. He has competed in sport karate, winning several awards in sparring and kata. He is a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu and has also studied Shurite, Sambo, Jiu Jitsu, and Shitu-ryu. He is a member of the Universal Isshinryu Karate Association. He is a multiple time State Sparring Champion. Mr. McMahan also owns and operates North Knox Isshinryu, which is a Christian based karate school.

*Gerald Pete Mills*.....*Lifetime Achievement*

Mr. Mills is a 10<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt with over 46 years of martial arts experience. He is the Owner of Pete Mills School of Karate and has trained over 300 black belts. He is a previous inductee into the Hall of Fame in 2003 and 2004. Mr. Mills is also vice-chairman of the International Isshinryu Karate Hall of fame and Vice-President of the International Isshinryu Karate Association. He teaches Isshinryu karate, weaponry, sport karate, Jujitsu, and breaking. He is the Tennessee Director for the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the International Martial Arts Council of America.



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*Bradley Walker.....Outstanding Martial Artist Instructor*

Mr. Walker has been training in the martial arts since 1984. In the mid 90's, he began training under Grandmaster Pete Mills and has been with him since. He currently holds the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu and is the Chief Instructor at The Halls Dojo in Knoxville, TN, the flagship Dojo of the Pete Mills School of Isshinryu Karate and the Universal Isshinryu Karate Family. He has also studied Arnis and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

*James Phillips, Jr.....Competitor of the Year*

Mr. Phillips has been an active member of the martial arts for more than 30 years. He currently holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in the art of Isshin Ryu. He has also studied Judo, Taekwondo, and Kung Fu and has also placed in numerous tournaments both locally and Internationally. He has trained many Law Enforcement Officers and civilians self-defense through martial arts. He has been employed by the Knox County Sheriff's Office for 27 years and has been a member of the SWAT Team for 10 years.

*Stephen McDonald.....Grandmaster*

Mr. McDonald developed an interest in martial arts at the age of 6 in the arts of Wing Chun Gung Fu and Hei Lin Wushu. He has also studied Kim style under Master Michael McDonald Sr, an older brother. He is a 16 year veteran State and Federal Law Enforcement Agent and has worked in multiple fields, such as anti-terrorist expertise, U.S. Treasury Department activities and the US Marshals Office. In 2006, he opened the first martial arts community outreach program in Nashville for kids and families who are less fortunate to experience the Chinese arts, culture, and language classes.

*Randy Glover.....Instructor*

Mr. Glover started TKD at the age of 8. He later then trained in United Karate under Jack Scott and earned his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in 1990. In 1992, he won the Battle of Atlanta, Diamond Nationals, and the Bluegrass Nationals. He currently holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt. In 2002, 2003, and 2005 he made IAKSA Team USA Kickboxing, where he won Bronze and Silver medals. In 2008 he promoted his first black belt student at Randy Glover's United Karate Studio.

*Bryce Dallas.....Grandmaster*

Mr. Dallas began training in Konigun Ninjitsu in 1972 under Shidosi Saija and brought Konigun Ninjitsu to America in 1984. He received his Grandmaster in Konigun Ninjitsu in 1985 when he was appointed to Shidoshi of the Konigun Ryu. He received a Th.D. in Practical Theology from Kingdom Harvest Bible College and Seminary. He is recognized by the International Combative Arts Association and a member of the International Martial Arts Headfounders/Grandmasters Council and International Martial Arts Council of America. He is the author of a 724 page manual on the techniques of Konigan Ninjitsu.



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*George Green*.....*Master*

Mr. Green began his training in Konigun Ninjitsu in 1997 under Shidoshi Dallas. A former Eagle Scout, he attended Tennessee Technical University where he received an Associate’s Degree in Criminology and a Bachelor Degree in Sociology. He earned his Th.D. in Theology from Kingdom Harvest Bible College and Seminary. He received his Master in Konigun Ninjitsu in 2004 and as CCO of Konigun Ninjitsu brought Konigun Ninjitsu to Poland.

*Anthony Olberding*.....*Instructor*

Mr. Olberding began training in Kenjutsu under Shidoshi Dallas and went on to earn the title of Taibushi and is a 4<sup>th</sup> Level Black Sash in Konigun Ninjitsu. As a food scientist, he creates nutritionally beneficial food and training supplements that benefit the martial arts and athletic community.

*Patrick Thornton*.....*Instructor*

Mr. Thornton began studying Konigun Ninjitsu under Robert Nichols in 2001. He previously studied Shotkan, Taekwondo, Aikido, and Judo. He earned a Th.D. in Theology from Kingdom Harvest Bible College and Seminary. He is prefecture leader for the states of Tennessee and Kentucky and as a CLO for Konigun Ninjitsu, he responsible for the national training camps.

### Texas

*Jesse Rodriguez*.....*Silver Life*

Mr. Rodriguez started training in the martial arts in 1979 in the art of Aikido. He later trained in Kenpo Karate, earning his 1<sup>st</sup> degree Black Belt, and in 1984 he began training in Taekwondo, and has since earned his 5<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt. In April of 2000, he opened his own school and founded the “Golden Dragon Karate Studio” and the Ch’ida Yong Taekwondo system. Mr. Rodriguez and his school, have been recognized as School of the Year, Instructor of the Year, Promoter of the Year and Family of the Year.

*Heather Duty*.....*Outstanding Black Belt*

Heather, along with her sons, began her training in the martial arts in 2000 under Grandmaster Johnny Thompson. She studies American Tang Soo Do and achieved the rank of Cho Dan in December 2005. She currently holds the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt and is a certified associate instructor at Thompson’s Karate Academy. In 2003, she was named the Tang Soo Do Karate Association’s Student of the Year. She also has been named TKA Competitor of the Year and is a lifetime member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association.



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*David McLaughlin.....Silver Life*

David is a seven-time United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame inductee. He received his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo from 7-time World Karate Champion and Tae-Bo creator, Billy Blanks. He was a performer in Blanks’ “Flying Tigers” demonstration team and owned and operated Blanks Taekwondo. He received his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt from the International Martial Arts Council and currently offers private Taekwondo lessons under McLaughlin’s Taekwondo of Texas in Lewisville, TX.

*Johnny Thompson.....Silver Life*

Mr. Thompson currently holds the rank of 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in the style of Tang Soo Do. He is the Founder and President of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association in San Antonio, Texas. He is also the Chief Instructor of Thompson’s Karate Academy. He has over 35 years of experience in the martial arts including being nationally ranked in Region Six by Black Belt Magazine and Karate Illustrated. He has been honored as Tang Soo Do Grandmaster of the Year and also inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2003 and in 2007.

*Michael Simpson.....Outstanding Martial Artist*

Mr. Simpson began studying Tang Soo Do in 1998 and received his 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan in 2006. He is a Certified Senior Instructor in American Tang Soo Do and has taught continuously since receiving his black belt in 2001. He is also a career Army Ranger and Special Forces Officer and in 2007 he earned the Bronze Star Medal. He is an instructor at Texas Hill Country Martial Arts of Thompson’s Karate Association.

*Brian R. Price.....Instructor*

Mr. Price has studied Hapkido, Aikido, karate, Fencing, and Italian Medieval Swordsmanship. He is a member of the United States Martial Arts Teachers Association and Western Martial Arts Association. He has received the award Knighthood and is a previous inducted member of the United States martial Arts Hall of Fame.

*Alvin Mack.....Distinguished Master*

Mr. Mack has studied martial arts since 1968. He has taught Shotokan and Taekwondo. He was the undefeated Lightweight Champion of Europe from 1974-1976 and was also the recipient of the Presidential Sports Award in 1977. He has been inducted into the Karate's Who's Who Hall of Fame. He is currently a 5th Degree Black Belt in the Ed Parker Kenpo System.

*Sam Lonewolf.....Lifetime Achievement*

A 10th degree under John Chow-Hoon and Prof. Thomas S.D. Young in Hawaiian Kenpo Goshin- Jitsu, he also holds a 7th degree black belt with Al Tracy’s style of Kenpo and Goshin-Ryu Jujitsu. The trained with John Keehan, aka Count Dante and is a member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society. With 50 years of martial experience, he has schools in Palestine,



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Texas, Puerto Rico and South Dakota. There are more that 50 black belts under him in his lineage and he is the highest ranking Native American in the martial arts.

*Diana Fiveash.....Outstanding Martial Artist*

Ms. Fiveash has earned the rank of Chodan since she began martial arts in 2001. She is a member of the American Tang Soo Do Karate Association. She was awarded the 2005 Martial Arts Academy Student of the Year and the 2006 Female Student of the year. She is a certified Martial Arts Instructor and is an instructor at the Martial Arts Academy in San Angelo, TX.

*Daphne Noble.....Most Distinguished Master Instructor*

Ms. Noble is the Senior Master Instructor at Free's Sidekicks Karate. She is a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo-Karate. She has also studied Karate, Jujitsu, Cane, Sword, and Knife. She is the Director and Instructor for Traditional Martial Sciences Association, Women After Self Protection, and BEST Defensive Systems.

*Jimmie Samuel.....Excellence in Martial Arts*

Mr. Samuel holds the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do. He began his martial arts study in 1980 at Thompson Karate Academy under Grandmaster Johnny Thompson. He has competed in and won many Texas State Tournaments and also earned many United Martial Arts Fighter of the year awards. He accepted his call to the ministry in 2002, and currently serves as the Pastor of Macedonia Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Corpus Christi.

*Terry Free.....Grandmaster*

Mr. Free Holds a 9th degree black belt in the art of Tae Kwon Do and has 32 years of training. He is Founder and Director of the Traditional Martial Sciences Association ,Founder of WASP and Best Defense. Mr. Free is a competitor at heart and has won numerous titles including 1986 and 1990 ATA World Fighting Champion. 15 times International Gold Medalist, 8 times International Silver Medalist and 2 times Bronze Medalist.

*Gary Floyd.....Excellence in Teaching Martial Arts*

Mr. Floyd began training in the martial arts in 1982. He holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan in Tang Soo Do and has also studied Japanese Kenpo, Taekwondo, and Wing Chun. He is a member of the T.K.A and is currently an instructor at the Martial Arts Academy in San Angelo, TX.

## UTAH

*Scotty Gerton.....Filipino Master of the Year*

Mr. Gerton is a member with the United States Kali Association. He has studied Judo and Karate. He was a member of the United States Marine Corp. in 1955 and served one tour in



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Vietnam from 1966-1967. He was inducted into the Filipino Martial Arts Hall of Fame as Instructor of the Year, Outstanding Achievement of the Year, and Outstanding Instructor of the Year. He is a Certified Police Self-Defense Instructor. He also holds a 7<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in Kamagong System.

### Virginia

*R.J. Oak.....Founder*

Mr. Oak is a 10<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt with over 35 years of martial arts training. He holds black belts in Kempo, Judo, Juitsu, Aiki-jitsu, Arnis and is an instructor of Hand of Hand Combatives. In 1998 he founded American Bujutsu Kempo and is the Director of the American Bujutsu Combat Association.

*Adley DuPuis.....Outstanding Martial Artist*

Mr. DuPuis is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt with more than 13 years of experience. His training in Tang Soo Do began under Grandmaster Johnny Thompson. He is a Chief Master Sergeant in the US Air Force, the highest obtainable enlisted rank, with over 22 years of active service. He is a member of the TKA and has received the honors of Instructor of the Year, Black Belt of the Year, and Student of the Year.

### West Virginia

*James Washington.....Soke*

Mr. Washington holds the rank of 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the art of Kyusho Jujitsu. He is also Co-Founder of a 3 phase fighting system called “Man Maru.” He has also studied Shotokan, Kodokan Judo, Seiei Kan Karate and Jujitsu. He is a member of the US Judo Association, Black Dragon Fighting Society, the AKJU and the USAKF.

*Billy Grubb.....Soke*

With over 40 years in Jujitsu, Karate, and Judo, Mr. Grubb holds the rank of 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the art of Koga Ryu Jujitsu. He is Co-Founder of a 3 phase fighting system called “Man Maru.” He has also studied Judo Aikido, Shotokan, Seiei Karate, and Jujitsu. He is a member of the US Judo Association, Black Dragon Fighting Society, the AKJU and the USAKF.

*Marla Yates.....Female Master of the Year*

Ms. Yates holds a Black Belt in 6 different arts, including Shotokan, Taekwondo, Shaolin Kung Fu, Tai Chi, Aikido, and Iaido. She has won 53 National Championship Gold medals. She has taught numerous adult and children’s classes as well as camps and seminars. She has been a student of Grandmaster Lawrence Day for the past 10 years. She is a senior at West Virginia University and plans to study law.



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### Other Countries:

#### Poland

*Pawel Szatkowski.....Instructor*

Mr. Szatkowski holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Sash in Konigun Ninjitsu. He has also studied Karate and Judo. He is the co-founder of Polish Konigun Ninjitsu Association and one of two first Black Sashes in Europe in Konigun Ninjitsu. He is the Polish and European Coordinator of Konigun Ninjitsu. He is training under George Green and is a Government Certified Instructor of self-defense. He got his Master’s Degree in Law at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun Poland and Diploma from English and European Union Law at University of Cambridge.

*Adam Ossowski.....Instructor*

Mr. Ossowski is a Government Certified Instructor of self-defense in Poland and holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Sash in Konigun Ninjitsu. He has also studied Aikido and hwa-rang-do. He is the co-founder of Polish Konigun Ninjitsu Association and one of two first Black Sashes in Europe in Konigun Ninjitsu. He made his Black Sash under George Green. In 2007 he received Konigun Ninjitsu Excellence Award. He achieved his Master degree in Law at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun Poland and finished Comparative Law Course.

#### Special Awards

*Mark Mitose.....Distinguished Master Instructor*

*Thomas B. Mitose.....Living Legend*

1940 Honolulu, Hawaii James M. Mitose has a son. His first, and this child would grow up surrounded by mystery, obstacles, and controversy. Life for a normal child is happy and prosperous. However, it was not to be, for the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the lives of the Mitose family would change forever. Unfortunately in times of war it effects families and this did not leave out the Mitose family. Father and son separated, and it was not until Thomas was six years old that he would see his father, and sadly would not even know it was his father. Unknowing to Thomas, was that the Barro family has adopted him through an arrangement made by the midwife who had delivered him. This was done due to hard times of the Mitose family and being such it was thought that by having Thomas adopted by a family that was not having the struggles as the Mitose family was having. Thomas could live in comfort and would have the chances in life to prosper.

As young Thomas was growing up, he found out through a schoolmate that he was adopted.



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Finding this out he would not believe what he heard, so went to his parents to seek the truth. Arrangements were made and Thomas was to meet his real mother, who was by this time separated from his real father. His real mother in talking and explaining the circumstances of the time informed him who his real father was and that he had left the islands.

Years passed and Thomas Mitose grew into a young man who left the islands to seek his fortune in life. Settling in the San Francisco area, Thomas became interested in the art of Kajukenbo, his instructor being Mr. Joe Halbuna.

It was at the age of twenty that a relative of a close friend informed Thomas that his true father was residing in Los Angeles, California. It was just a short time later that Thomas would take off and meet his true father. Meeting his father has been described as a heart felt and emotional reunion. With father and son reunited, Thomas commenced his training under his father, the 21st Great Grandmaster of Kosho Ryu Kenpo.

Thomas eagerly absorbed the knowledge of the family's art in all aspects of the philosophies and techniques, as handed down from generation to generation. Constantly sharpening his skills and understanding of the concepts that make the art one of the most thorough martial arts of today. Unfortunately, again father and son would separate, this from a personal family matter. It was not until James Mitose was imprisoned at Folsom State Penitentiary that father and son would reunite putting differences aside. Thomas in visiting, with his father, would discuss the future of Kosho Ryu. James would talk of coming out of retirement and with Thomas open a school to teach the family art of Kosho Ryu again.

It has been thought way hasn't the son of James Mitose ever been awarded certificates in rank for the knowledge passed on to him by his father? This was once brought up to the Great Grandmaster by Thomas and others, and with a smile he replied, "you do not need any certificate because you have my blood in you, being my son." There are instructors that claim to know everything in a style, however, James Mitose disagreed with this, stating that "unless one comes from the blood line of a Grandmaster they will never have full knowledge of that art." To have one-hundred percent of a family art only the blood descendants know all.

Many would think that the most dedicated of students would surely gain the trust and love of a Grandmaster and in doing so gain all the knowledge of the art. However, there is a belief among masters from china and Japan. As the story is told, the reason for this practice was that if a Grandmaster taught all of his art to a student, this student could cause trouble for that Grandmaster. This would present problems, which at times was hard to control. So it is said that outsiders were never taught all of the art and in this way no difficulties would arise. For blood does not turn on blood in the whole of life.

During conversations and letters with his father, James Mitose would urge his son to reclaim his family name. To him, this was a way of correcting the wrong he had done his son. So it was that Thomas legally regained his correct family name, keeping the Barro in honor of his adopted parents memory of raising and giving him the chances in life to grow and prosper.



## 2008 Inductees

### " The Re-establishing of Kosho - Ryu Kenpo Organization "

Controversy is nothing new to Kenpo practitioners. As far back as time can record, there have been disputes between Grandmasters on origins and the true beginnings of the arts. The 22nd Great Grandmaster of Kosho Ryu would find no difference. Finding himself embroiled in controversy with various people who had contact with his father emerging and claiming to be his fathers successor.

Once his father the 21st Great Grandmaster James M. Mitose of Kosho Ryu, had passed away. His son Thomas B. Mitose became the 22nd Great Grandmaster of Kosho Ryu, following the bloodline of the Mitose family. And was charged with ensuring that the beliefs, philosophies, and traditions would continue as they had in the past.

The 22nd Great Grandmaster was to learn that his troubles were only beginning. Shortly after his father had passed away, the problems commenced to develop. Inheriting the Kosho Ryu system, as has done in the Mitose family throughout time, he also became the head of the [IKSA], which was created to help James Mitose while he was in prison. Due to other people claiming the successorship of the style, difficulties in the organization were becoming apparent and causing unrest.

During James Mitose's life, he had much contact and interchange with many different individuals. Some issuing various certificates, for various reasons. Some emerged, claiming that they were the leaders of the Kosho Ryu system. Thomas began to receive pressure from other prominent martial artists to come forward and act accordingly in support of his families art. And as the hereditary leader of the system, preserving his father's traditions was incumbent upon him. In 1987 the time had come to act, Grandmaster Mitose called a meeting, which was to become the turning point for the Kosho Ryu organization. It was the commencement of reorganizing and reinforcing the philosophies and aspects of Kosho Ryu Kenpo as handed down from generation to generation. This was done on a diplomatic level, without challenging the integrity of others. An additional factor complicated the situation, because there were a vast majority of individuals who had contact with the 21st Great Grandmaster. And were advanced martial art practitioners, and had incorporated much of their previous training in other martial arts into their current teachings.

The result in the reestablishment of the supporting members and the belief that Kosho Ryu Kenpo is a complete martial art system of ethical self-defense that teaches humility respect for the rights and beliefs of others. With the coordination and the development of the mind, body, and the spirit, knowledgeable in the physical art of Kenpo, and to know that one only uses the techniques only if necessary when threatened with bodily harm.

At this time the Kosho Ryu Kenpo system is growing throughout the world, teaching its philosophies as handed down through the Mitose family. Also to be noted is that the [IKSA], has been reorganized and established as the {MIKKA}. This is due to the Kosho Ryu Kenpo organization being recognized throughout the world and is now a International organization.