

Year 2010 – US Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inductees



Alaska

Annette Hannah.....Female Instructor of the year

Ms. Hannah is a 2nd degree black belt in Shaolin Kempo. She has also studied Tae kwon do, and is a member of ISSKA. Ms. Hannah has received two appreciation awards from the U.S. Army, and numerous sparring trophies. She is also proud to provide service to help the U.S. soldiers and their families that sacrifice to keep this country safe and risk their lives for all of us.

James GradyMaster

Mr. Grady is a member of The Alaska Martial Arts Association and all Japan Karate Do Renbukai. Mr. Grady is a 6th Dan in Renbukan

California

William Aguon GuintoGrandmaster

Mr. Guinto has studied the art for 40 years he is the owner and founder of Brown Dragon Kenpo. He has training in the styles of Aiki do, Kyokoshihkai, tae kwon do, and Kenpo. Mr. Guinto is a 10th Grandmaster in Brown Dragon Kenpo Karate and has received awards in Kenpo International Hall of Fame 2007 and Master Hall of Fame Silver Life. He is a member of U.S.A. Martial Arts Alliance and International Martial Arts Alliance.

Steven P. RossMaster Instructor of the year

Mr. Ross has received awards in 1986 World Championship, London England, numerous State, Regional and National Championships from 1978 thru 1998, Employee of the Year 2004, and principal for the day at a local high school. He was formerly a member of The US Soo Bahk Do, and Moo Duk Kwan Federation. Mr. Ross is a 6th Dan in Tang Soo Do. (aka Soo Bahk Do). He has also studied Hap Ki Do, Ju Jitsu, Goju Ryu, Tae Kwon Do, Moo Duk Kwan, and Judo. Mr. Ross is owner and Chief Instructor of West Coast Tang Soo Do Karate Academy.

Salvatore “Tory” Russo Instructor of the year

Mr. Russo is a 4th Dan Black belt in Tang Soo Do. He has received numerous gold medals in California’s Gold Cup Circuit. Currently Tory is developing a program for teaching women’s basic self-defense and plans to launch this program in the fall.

Mark A. AlfaroOutstanding Martial Arts

Mr. Alfaro does not see himself as a do-gooder or a humanitarian or anything else more than what God has Graciously given him. He has received awards for 1998 The North Lake Tahoe Championships (as an underbelt), 2006 Gold Cup Challenge, 2007 California Gold Cup Kick-Off, 2008 San Francisco Nationals (NBL rated event), 2009 California Gold Cup Kick-Off, And 2009 Lone Wolf Championship. Mr. Alfaro is a 1st degree in Kajukenbo.

Joe ParkerOutstanding Martial Arts Instructor

Sifu/Guro Parker graduated with a BA in Music at Temple University School of Music. He started his martial arts training in 1973 at Stockton State College. Since that time he achieved a 7th deg. BB in Kempo- Jujitsu, 5th deg. BB in Modern Arnis, 4th deg. BB with Cacooy Doce Pares Eskrima, 2nd Deg. BB in Goju, a purple belt in BJJ, and a Master Instructor level of the International Martial arts Boxing program. In 2000 Mr. Parker was nominated to the World Head of Family Sokeship. Aside from conducting or hosting seminars and TV appearances or winning accolades his biggest award is being called "Dad" by his children.



Fullerton Japan Traditional Karate Do.....School of the year

Fullerton Japan Traditional Karate Do studies the style of Shotokan. The school began participating in Competitions and has produced many local, state, national, international and Pan-American champions. Extending even beyond this competitive success though has been the remarkable impact of this school in the community. The school welcomes all including those with special needs and break down barriers of age, culture, and economics to help in the community excel in life by excelling in Karate-Do.

Hans IngebretsenMost Distinguished Master

Mr. Ingebretsen is a member of Kilohana, USJA, Pacific Ju-jitsu Alliance, AJI. He has studied styles of Danzan Ryu Ju-Jitsu, Judo, LVA, and Eskrima. Mr. Ingebretsen is a 7th Dan in Ku'i Lima Kenpo. He has been practicing Martial Arts since 1974 and also his own tournament, The Mokomoko Invitational, has been held annually since 2003.

Steve EdwardsOutstanding IMB Instructor

Steve Edwards received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management at the University of Phoenix. He is also a Certified Purchasing and Materials Manager for Northrup Grumman Space Technology. In 1979 he started his martial arts training in Tang Soo Do/Moo Duk Kwan. He joins the International Martial arts Boxing Academy in 1992. Today he is a Black Belt instructor on Jeet Kune Do, Boxing/Muay Thai, Jujitsu/Wrestling and Eskrima/Kali. The former competitor now performs exhibitions for the IMB Academy and teaches classes 3 times a week.

Clarence "Daddy O" Smith.....Golden Life Award

Holding the rank of 8th degree Black Belt, Mr. Smith has been training for more than 35 years. Most of his teachings and competitions were in Texas and California. He is a 4 time Instructor of the Year, and 3 time School of the Year plus Competitor of the Year. He was previously inducted as Most Distinguished Master and Most Distinguished Grandmaster. He is also a lifetime member with the International Martial Arts Council of America.

Frank J. CariagaKajukenbo Master of the year

Mr. Cariaga is an 8th degree in Kajukenbo. He has had over 40 years of training in the Kajukenbo System. Mr. Cariaga has received awards in PKA, Distinguished Service Award American Ju-Jitsu Institute. He is the founder of the Kajukenbo Demo Team.

Adam Jason WillissInstructor

Mr. Williss has studied the styles of Chinese Kung Fu, Krav Maga, Chen Style Tai Chi Chuan, Jeet Kune Do concepts, Modern Boxing, Classical Pugilism, Bare-Knuckle Boxing, Shorinjiryu Kenkokan Karatedo, Mixed Martial Arts, Muay Thai kick boxing, Silk-Reeling Qigong and more. He has been in the arts for 15 years. He is instructor in Wing Chun Kun Fu and is owner of the Dragon Institute. Mr. Williss is a member of the World Ving Tsun Athletic Association, California Wing Chun Association, International Kung Fu Federation, and International Combat Martial Arts Union Association.

Eli Gonzales Founder

Mr. Gonzales is the founder of Koden. He has studied the arts of Muay Thai, Jijitsu, Jeet Kune Do. Mr. Gonzales is a member of White Tiger Hop Chi Dao. He has received the award for Most Inspiring Martial Artist.



Sara GonzalesMartial Artist of the year
Ms. Gonzales is a member of the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame. She is a 3rd degree black belt in Kodan. Ms. Gonzales has also studied the arts of Modern Arnis, Boxing, and Muay Thai. She has received an Instructor award.

Rikkilynn Gonzales.....Black Belt of the year
Mr. Gonzales has studied the styles of Arnis, Boxing, Maury Thai. He is a member of the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He has received the award of Instructor. Mr. Gonzales is a 3rd degree black belt in Kodan.

Zachery ShortOutstanding Martial Artist
Mr. Short is a 3rd degree black belt in the arts of Tang Soo Do, and Yi-Dan Cha Gi Karate. He is a Life time member of IMAC. Mr. Short has also studied Chun Kuk Do.

Jim ChandlerChun Kuk Do Master of the year
Mr. Chandler is a World Champion and a 2 time National Champion in the style of Brazilian Ju- Jitsu and has medaled in all of his International events. He has also studied the arts of No Ka Oi, MMA, and Progressive Fighting Systems. Mr. Chandler is a 7th degree black belt in Chun Kuk Do.

Vince Osorio,Outstanding Law Enforcement Instructor
Sgt. Vince Osorio, of the Gardena Police Department in Southern California, have worked hard with years of determination. As a law enforcement defensive tactics instructor and a martial arts instructor, he is in demand throughout the police agencies for training. His sense of duty and responsibility to his department and loyalty to his International Martial arts Boxing school unexpectedly paid off at last. He earned a place among the finest law enforcement defensive tactics instructor and martial arts instructor representing our community. The International Martial Arts Council of America makes him a true leader.

Colorado

Saleem R. SaedMaster
Mr. Saed is a 7th Dan in Ryu-Te. He has also studied Chinese and Okinawan Kempo. He is a member of the International Ryu-Te Association and Oyata Shin Shu Ho. Mr. Saed has received the award for the first to introduce Okinawan Kempo to the state of Israel in 1980, and in 1994 the "Shin Shu Ho" diploma which means the "Art of life Protection.

Austin B. BoxPioneer Award
Mr. Austin Bent Box, (Chu pat ich dech), is from the Southern Ute people of Colorado. He began his martial arts training in 1957 in Judo while in the USAF. Later he moved to Shotokan Karate under the tutelage of Sensei Vincent Cruz from the Nishiyama Hidetaka lineage. Mr. Box has trained in Chung Do Kwan while serving tours in Viet Nam in the early 60's. Part of his training has involved Hapkido and Tai Chi Chuan. He has coached at the USA Indigenous Games, refereed local competition levels, participated in martial arts promotions and his sincere love of teaching of Native American heritage. This is his second selection into the USMAHOF.

Rodney Lane GranthamInstructor of the year
Mr. Grantham is a 4th degree in the style of Okinawa Seidokan Karate. He is a member of Ryukoku Seidokan karate Kobudo Renmei and Zen Okinawa Seidokan Karate Kobudo Renmei. Mr. Grantham has also studied Shoto and Tai Chi. At this time is the head of Colorado Seidokan and the Southwest Regional Director of the United States Ryukoku Seidokan Karate Kobudo Renmei.



Connecticut

Roberto Olmedo.....Master Competitor of the Year

Born in Chili, Master Olmedo has almost 40 years in the martial arts. He has earned numerous Black Belts in various arts including Karate, Aikido, Hapkido, Judo, Jujitsu and Kali. He holds a 4th degree Black Belt in Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan which he earned in 2008 while in Korea. He still trains under Grandmaster H.C. Hwang. He competes in both national and international tournaments and has taken 1st place in both forms and sparring in his division.

Florida

Jerry L. WilesSr. Master Instructor of the Year

Mr. Wiles has studied the arts of Hapkido, Judo, and Kung Fu. He is a 7th Dan in the style of Tang Soo Do, has broken several world records, and set a few new world records. Mr. Wiles has been Inducted into "Outstanding Young Men of America", and into the World Karate Union, "Black Belt Hall of Fame". He has received Letters of Commendation from Kukkiwon H. Q., Seoul, Korea and from ITSDA (Outstanding Instructor), is a Bronze Medalist in Tang So Do World Championships (23 countries), and from 1979-1989 AKA and WTSDA Karate Tournament Champion. Mr. Wiles is a member of International Christian Martial Arts Association, Korean Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan Association, International Tong Soo Do Association, and World Tang Soo Do.

Frederette Monroe DickensBlack Belt of the Year

Mr. Dickens is an Instructor in Mixed Martial Arts. He has studied Kempo, Tai Chi, Qi Gong, and is a Self Defence Instructor. Mr. Dickens has received an award in the US Martial Arts Hall of Fame for Instructor. He is also a member in the International Martial Arts Council of America, Reiki Blessing Academy Certified Registered Healing Minister, Metaphysis Association, and International Natural Healers Association.

Benjamin Baird.....Tang Soo Do Master

Mr. Baird became interested in the martial arts in 1968 when he started taking Judo and the Taekwondo. In 1973 he was introduced to Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan. Today he holds a 7th Dan Black Belt. He is a member of the World Traditional Tang Soo Do and the American Kwan Tang Soo Do. He owns the Tampa Bay Tang Soo Do Center in Tampa Bay Florida.

Ronald Belliveau.....Instructor of the Year

Ronald began the martial arts in the 70's. Having trained in Karate, Judo, Kickboxing, Muai Thai, and Kali. As a teen and an adult he has a record of over 97 Competitions. He turned pro in 1992 in full contact Muay Thai and being very competitive until the year 2000 with an outstanding record of 28-2, with 20 wins coming by the way of knockout and winning numerous titles such as California State Full Contact Champion, Texas Open Light Heavyweight Champion, All Japan San Shou Full Contact, and 3 time International IMTA Light Heavyweight Muay Thai Champion.

Georgia

Joho Alan Baker Founder

Mr. Baker is a member of Pedro Saoer Association, Dan Inosanto Association, Erik Paulson CSW, and Francis Fong Wing Chon. He has studied KALI, JKD, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, Wing Chun, Thai Boxing, Juno, and CSW. Mr. Baker is a 7th Dan in Huo Chuan Fa and has been training in the Martial Arts since 1981 and teaching since 1990.



Florida

Bill Logan.....Master of the Year

Bill Logan has been training in the martial arts for over 28 years and holds 5th Dan in Shaolin Kenpo and has rank in Shorin Ryu, Isshin Ryu, Shotokan, Judo/Ju-Jitsu. He and his wife, Tammy, own and operate Logan's Martial Arts Academy, an IMAC member school. The school offers instruction in Kenpo, Kickboxing, Grappling and Escrima as well as Self Defense courses and seminars. Logan's Martial Arts offers free self defense seminars to some church groups and women and in need organizations as a way of giving back to the community. Master Logan is also the North Florida State Director for the International Martial Arts Council.

Illinois

Harry WheelerLaw Enforcement Instructor

Mr. Wheeler is a 8th Dan in Kenpo Karate. He has also studied Shorei-GoJu karate, Shotokan, Kyokushinkai, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, Cooper Ryu Jiu-jitsu. Mr. Wheeler has also been the lead instructor in Defensive Tactics and Physical Training for the Cook County Sheriff's Training Academy.

David J. DickenscheidtMaster Instructor of the year

Mr. Dickenscheidt has studied the styles of Tae Kwon Do, Kyushn Jitsu, Small Circle Jitsu, and Modern Arnis. He is a 5th Dan in Shorei-Gojo. Mr. Dickenscheidt is also a member of the Professional Karate Commission. (Lifetime member)

Lyle Dean HuffstutlerInstructor of the year

Mr. Huffstutler is a member of the International Karate Association, Kyusho International, American Federation of Jiu-jitsu, Gracie University, USANKE, AAU, MATA. Mr. Huffstutler has also studied Ryu Kyu Kempo, Shito-Ryu, Brazilian Jiu-jitsu, AT-Ju-Jitsu, Escrima, Kyusho Jitsu. He is a 3rd Dan in Shorin Ryu Kempo. He has received awards in VKA- Hall of Fame 2006, multiple gold and silver medals-USANFK, International Martial Arts Symposium 2006, 2007, Kyusho Certification 2010. Mr. Huffstutler likes to say, "As a young boy, my father always told me I could achieve anything by seeking knowledge. I have lived and continue to live by this principle every day."

Rodney E. ChildsFounder

Mr. Childs has training in Shaolin Kempo, Kosha Ryu Kempo, Tsing I, Jujitsu, Aikido, Iaido and Hapkido featuring Short and Long Weapons Internal Gung Fu, and over 300 forms that makes the "Mon So Chi Kempo System" very unique. He is a Life Member of the Martial Arts Collective Society and is an Inductee in the US Martial Arts Hall Of Fame. Mr. Childs is a 3rd degree black belt in Shaolin Kempo.

Master Larry L. MartinGolden Life Award

Master Martin is a 5th Dan in the style of Tae Kwon Do, and 4th Dan in W.T.F. and has studied Hapkido, World Konyo Gurn Do, Hai Dong Gundo, and Serrada Eskrima. He has received awards 13 times in the U.S.N.T.F. International Champion, 3 times U.S.N.T.F. US Open Grand Champion, and 4 times in the Hall of Fame. Master Martin feels the greatest award is the friendships and meeting other masters, instructors and students over the years. Master Martin is a member of the U.S.N.F., WTF Association Membership, Life Time Membership to I.M.A Council of America, and IL. Combat Karate Organization.

Indiana

Kyle Eugene Lawton Master

Mr. Lawton is a member of North American Chunjido Association, Chunjido International, and American Kempo-Jitsu Association. He has studied the style of Shotokan (1st Dan). Mr. Lawton is a 4th Dan in Chun Ji Do and Kempo-Jitsu, and has received Numerous Championships at local tournaments. He began his martial arts journey back in 1993.



Kentucky

John S. MaloneOutstanding Instructor

Mr. Malone began his martial arts training at the age of 5 and received his black belt at the age of 9. He is a 4th Dan in the style of Chun Kuk Do and has also studied Tang Soo Do and Brazilian Jiu-jitsu. Mr. Malone is a member of United Fighting Arts Federation. He has received awards in Multiple Grand Champions, and hundreds of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, place.

Richard Borba.....Pioneer

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.

Louisiana

Jay Julian Vera.....Grandmaster

Mr. Vera has studied many forms of martial arts as in Aiki Jujitsu, Iaido Swordsmanship, Kajukenbo, Kali Knife and Stick Fighting, Penjak Silat and Kung Fu. He is a 9th degree Black Belt in Aiki-Jujitsu and is a member of KSDS, KSDI, KOA. He has received Awards in World Champion Coach for NBL, Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame, United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and Founder of the year. He is a Grandmaster in the art of Aiki Jujitsu and a Professor in Kajukenbo. Mr. Vera is affiliated with and continues to support many martial arts associations.

Don Le Fields.....Grand Master

Grandmaster Fields has been involved in Martial Arts since the age of 9. His experiences span over 5 decades. He holds ranks in several different styles of martial arts. Some of which are as follows: Shodan-3rd Dan, Okinawan karate-5th Dan, Hapkido-1st degree, Muk Duo Kwan-5th Dan, Tae Kwon Do-4th degree, Shaolin Kung Fu-Black sash, Ju Bushi Do-9th Dan, And Niku Bushi Ryu Kempo-Soke. Mr. Fields is the founder and creator of the Niku Bushi Ryu Kempo.

Chad Earley.....Outstanding Martial Artist

Mr. Earley holds a 2nd degree Black Belt in Kajukenbo/Penjak Silat. He is also certified in the art of Iaido. He started his training in 2003 under Grandmaster Jay Vera who has taught him other styles including Muai Thai, Aikido, Kali. Mr. Early teaches privately out of his home.

Timothy Prunty.....Law Enforcement Instructor

Mr. Prunty has been involved in the Martial Arts for 28 years. He has been a student of Grand Master Jay Vera for 27 years. He has studied Kajukenbo, Aikido, Jujitsu, and Penjak Silat. He is currently working on his 4th Degree Black Belt. He is employed at the Shreveport Police Department and has been a Police officer for 20 years and has trained numerous officers in self defense.

Ryan Pratt.....Master Instructor of the Year

Mr. Pratt has been studying the Martial Arts since the age of 13. He is a student of Grandmaster Jay Vera and has been teaching the arts of Kajukenbo, Aikido, Penjak Silat, and Kali. He holds the rank of 5th degree Black Belt.



Matthew Prunty.....Law enforcement Instructor

Mr. Prunty has studied the Martial Arts for 27 years under Grandmaster Jay Vera. He has studied arts including Kajukenbo, Aiki-jujitsu, Kung-Fu, and Penjak Silat. In April 1992 he started working for the Shreveport Police Department where he has taught self defense to officers, family, and friends. Mr. Prunty holds the rank of 3rd Degree Black Belt.

David Carpenter.....Martial Artist of the Year

Mr. Carpenter has been practicing the Martial Arts since the age of 13. He first started taking Kickboxing and practiced that art for almost 5 years, and then started taking lesson under Grand Master Jay Vera. He has earned the rank of 2nd Degree Black Belt in Kajukenbo. He has also studied numerous other arts.

Askin Uysal.....Martial Artist of the Year

Mu Uysal was born in Ankara, Turkey in 1976. In 2002 he started practicing Karat at Tiger Schullmans Karate School. After his medical residency in New York City he moved to Shreveport LA. and started practicing Kajukenbo under Grand Master Jay Vera.

Eric Sanderson.....Outstanding Martial Artist

Mr. Sanderson was born in Bossier City, LA. He has studied Martial Arts of 15 years and has studied, Kempo Karate, Tae Kwon Do, Aiki-jujitsu, Iaido, Kajukenbo, Penjak Silat, Escrima, and Kali. The last 8 years he has been studying under Grand Master Jay Vera and holds the title of Sifu.

Nicholas Henry.....Outstanding Martial Artist

Mr. Henry has been studying the Martial Arts under Grand Master Jay Vera for 4 years. He holds the rank of Black Belt in Kajukenbo and is also studying Penjak-Silat. He has been taking classes since the age of 14 and plans to pursue the Martial Arts for a long time to come.

Brian Martin.....Outstanding Martial Artist of the Year

Brian briefly studied martial arts while in high school. Early in his training he studied Isshin Shorinji Ryu Okinawa-Te and Goju attaining a brown belt. Since then he has been studying Kajukenbo under Grandmaster Jay Vera and holds a Black Belt and continues to study today.

Kirk Ebarb.....Master Instructor of the Year

Mr. Ebarb received his black belt at age seventeen and began teaching under Grandmaster Jay Vera. He has won many tournaments and competitions. Mr. Ebarb opened his own school. Ebarb's Kajukenbo Karate. Mr. Ebarb has trained in the styles of AIKI-Jujitsu, Kajukenbo, Penjak Silat and a variety of weapons. He has studied under Sijo A. D. Emperado, Grand Master Daniel G. Baker, Grand Master Alan Reyes, Grand Master Jamie Bas Quez, and Sigung Ricky Rillera.

Maine

Bradley D. Krehel Instructor of the year

Mr. Krehel is a member of Cheezic Tang Soo Do. He has received awards in PKL National Ranking-1995, KRANE Ratings International 2006. Mr. Krehel has studied Judo, Jujitsu Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi, Qigong, and boxing. He is 1st Dan in the style of Cheezic Tang Soo Do. Mr. Krehel has been training in the Martial Arts since 1970 and today he teaches at a small gym in Bath, Maine and does not charge his students a fee.



Scott Roberts.....Most Competitive Master

Mr. Roberts has trained in the Martial Arts for 30 years. He has trained numerous Law Enforcement personnel. He has conducted physically challenged seminars at no charge. He has competed in many Jujitsu and submission tournaments winning 37 times in the Jujitsu Black Belt championships. He has received 3 time competitor of the Year with too many wins to mention.

Maryland

Harvey LevyInstructor

Mr. Levy has studied the arts of Combat Hapkido, Ryu Kyu Kempo Ju-Jitsu and has been studying martial arts since the age of 14. He is a 3rd degree in Tang Soo Do. Mr. Levy is a member of Dillman Karate International, Kyusho Jitsu Kenkyukai.

Kevin Lumsden,.....Outstanding Journalist

Kevin is a supervisor at the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company in Baltimore, Maryland. He started his martial arts career in Lung Fu Do Karate in 1972, and earned his black belt in 1977. Kevin earned an Associate Instructor ranking under the late Sifu Larry Hartsell, and is currently a Senior Instructor in the IMB program under GM Richard Bustillo. Kevin is a co-moderator and instructor for the Archbishop Curley Martial Arts Program, the first high school martial arts program in the state of Maryland teaching the IMB program. Kevin was recognized as the "Most Valuable Instructor of the Year" in 2008 in the Doce Pares Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and is the co-author of the official authorized biography entitled "The Iron Dragon: Richard Bustillo".

Dr. David Lumsden,Outstanding Journalist

David Lumsden is an orthopedic surgeon in Baltimore, Maryland. He has been practicing martial arts for over 40 years. David earned his black belt in Lung Fu Do Karate. Promoted as an associate instructor by the late Larry Hartsell, David is a currently a senior instructor in the IMB program of Sifu Richard Bustillo. He is the founder of the Lunatic Fringe Gym, chief instructor of the Archbishop Curley High School Martial Arts team, and continues to teach and train in the combative systems of the IMB program. David has been elected into the Doce Pares Hall of Fame. He has been writing for years and is published on multiple levels within the medical field and in the world of martial arts, particularly with the latest release of the biography, The Iron Dragon: Richard Bustillo.

Massachusetts

Dr. Leonard M. BrassardSenior Master Instructor

Dr. Brassard is a 7th Dan in American Kenpo Karate and a member of the International Kenpo Karate Association. He is also a licensed psychologist with over 34 years of clinical experience. He began training in the martial arts in 1966 when he joined a judo class at a local YMCA. He has also studied Chinese Kenpo Karate, and has taught martial arts/self-defense classes at the University of Lowell (now UMass Lowell) and the University of Arkansas. Today Dr. Brassard and his son own and operate the Family Martial Arts Center in Fitchburg MA.

Al SeamBlack Belt of the year

Mr. Seam has received an award in Youth Coach Volunteer of the year from YMCA. He is a member of WKKA, BDFS. Mr. Seam is a 3rd degree Black Belt in Kempo Karate and a previous inductee in the United States Martial Arts Hall Of Fame.



Michigan

Michael John Robinson.....Master

Mr. Robinson is a member of the International Combat Martial Sciences Union, Way of the Master Tang Soo Do Federation (Vice President), Black Dragon Ninja Society (Koga Hai Lung Ryu) , Black Tigers International Ninja Society, International Bujutsu Society (Sokeship Council-Board Member), Ninjutsu International Federation, VKA Founders Association, Diversified League of Martial Artists, International Martial Art Developers Brotherhood, World Sokeship-Founder and Headmaster Alliance, SKKA Academy. He has studied the styles of Tang Soo Do, Ninjutsu, Kenpo, Jujitsu, and JKD Concepts. Mr. Robinson founded Makoto Kinjo Ryu Budo and is a 5th Dan. He has received awards in Martial Arts Health and Fitness Association Hall of Fame, 2009 Master of the year, 2010 Ninjutsu Instructor of the year.

Chester J Yats Master Competitor of the year

Mr. Yats has received 5 time National Champion (USTA/ USAT) awards. He is a member of the AAU, Kukkiwon, USA Tae Kwon Do, and Gracie Ju-Jitsu. Mr. Yats has studied the arts of Isshinryu, Kempo and ITF Tae Kwon Do. He is a 5th Dan in WTF Tae Kwon Do. Master Yats started martial arts in 1970 and in the past 39 years has had the fortune to meet and become friends with some great martial artists and competitors who have influenced him in a positive way.

Peter K. GluckOutstanding Black Belt

Mr. Gluck has studied the art of KIAI Jitsu. He is a 3th Don in Chung Do Kwan Taekwondo, and Kyusho-Jitsu. Mr. Gluck is a member of Dillman Karate International, U.S. Chung Do Kwan Association, and KIAI Do International. Mr. Gluck is known for his demonstrations of how to utilize food energy and is especially interested in the energy work of the martial arts that can be used for both healing and self-defense.

Scott VanDerzee.....Modern Arnis Instructor of the Year

Mr. VanDerzee has trained in martial arts over 3 years in many different areas. These include Boxing, Tae Kwon Do, Okinawan Shorin Ryu Karate, Banda, Indonesian and Filipino fighting systems. Mr. VanDerzee currently holds the rank of Lakan Apt 4th degree black belt in Modern Arts and 2nd degree black belt in Okinawan Shorin Rye Karate. Mr. Vanderzee received his greatest honor of Certified Instructor and 3rd degree black belt from Prof. Remy A Presas.

Peter Carbone.....Grandmaster of the Year

Mr. Carbone started his martial arts training in 1960 at the age of 14. He currently holds the rank of 9th Dan Black Belt in Ryu Kyu Weaponry and Hanchi Dan in Isshinryu Karate. He is the president of RyuKyu Te KoBujutsu Weapons Society. He has studied under 4 Grandmasters. He is considered a Master Weapons Maker of Traditional Okinawa Weapons by the Okinawan Grandmasters.

David Kaye.....Master

Senior student of Grandmaster Peter Carbone, Master Kaye is a traditional practitioner of Okinawan Kobudo.

Mississippi

John ChiocoOutstanding Martial Artist

Mr. Chioco began studying Shotokan Karate in 1979 and is now a 4th Dan. He is a member of the Mississippi Karate Association, Board of Directors. Mr. Chioco has received awards is the Mississippi Karate Association State Champion, Black Belt Divisions in Kumite , Kata, was Instructor of the Year in 1989, Black Belt Hall of Fame in 2010, United Martial Arts Association State Champion in 1985, United States Karate Association World Champion 1988 (2nd Place), Oklahoma Karate Association State Champion in 1993, and various Grand Championship awards in Kata and Kumite in Mississippi, Alabama, and Oklahoma.



Craig BeedingCompetitor of the Year

Mr. Beeding has studied the styles of Judo, Shorin Ryu, Seibukan and is a 4th Dan in Shotokan. Mr. Beeding has been in the Arts since 1965 and is a member of the United States Karate Alliance, International Martial Arts Federation. He has received awards for 8 times Mississippi Karate Assn. State Champion, 2 times Mississippi Karate Assn. Instructor of the year.

Missouri

Allen L. FischerSilver Life Award

Mr. Fischer is a member of IMAC, World Martial Arts Ranking Association. He is a 6th Dan in American Karate. He has also studied American Kenpo, Tushka-Huma, Combat Ju-Jujitsu, cane-whip and sword. Mr. Fischer has received awards in Instructor 2003, Instructor of the Year 2004, Multi Disciplined Martial Artist of the Year 2005, Master 2006, Master Instructor of the Year 2007, Most Distinguished Instructor 2008, Gold Life Award 2009, Life Member IMAC. He hopes to be able to continue to learn and teach for many years to come.

Craig M. Boardman ,.....Excellence in Training

Mr. Boardman is a 10th degree Black Belt in Goshin Jitsu Ryu and Founder. He also holds a 6th degree Black Belt in Ryukyu Kenpo, a 3rd degree Black Belt in Chinese Kenpo Karate, a 1st degree Black Belt in Mu Chang Moo Sul, and a 1st degree Brown Belt in Small Circle Jujitsu. He has extensive training in Kyusho jitsu, Torite Waza, Shime Waza, Nage Waza, Atemi Waza, Goshin Waza, Katame Waza, Sound projection, and Transitional Flow. Mr. Boardman is member of Dillman Karate International. He has received awards in the 2005 United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame, DLMA Hall of Fame, and United States Ju Jitsu Alliance Hall of Fame.

Jonathan Ross BlackOutstanding Martial Artist

Mr. Black is a 2nd degree Black Belt in TCB Karate and has been in the Arts for 8 years.

D.E. (Ike) Crossman.....Pioneer Award

Mr. Crossman has been studying the Marital Arts for 54 years. He holds several Black Belts in Jujitsu and is a member of the Hawaiian Jujutsu Association. He owes and operates a school in Missouri.

Bruce Siddle.....Founder, Law Enforcement Program

Mr. Siddle is the CEO and managing partner of Human Factor Research Group, a company providing specialized services for the criminal justice, military special operations and counter-terrorism communities. He is also the founder of PPCT Management Systems, Inc., the largest first research-based use of force training on the planet having trained and certified over a half million officer. Mr. Siddle is best known as an internationally authority in the study of combat human factors. Mr. Siddle is considered a pioneer in the study of survival stress and how it impacts the performance of law enforcement officers, military personnel and combat aviators. He has provided training to the U.S. Dept. of Navy's Redcell, U.S. Dept. of Army's Delta Force, U.S. Air Force Raven units, U.S. Dept. of State's Mobile Security Unit, U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, the U. S. Secret Service CAT and Firearms Training Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hostage Rescue Unit, TSA Air Marshals, and various military special operation/warfare units since 1986.



New Jersey

Steve E. HeebnerOutstanding Master

Mr. Heebner has received a Certified Federal Law Enforcement Self Defense Instructor of the Year 2002. He is a member of the International Karate Kobudo Federation and the Dillman Karate International, USTA, and IRKRS. He has studied other styles such as Taekwondo and Tang Soo Do. Mr. Heebner is a 4th Dan Master in the art of Ryukyu Kempo and is the owner and chief instructor of the Ryukyu Karate Institute.

Quoc L. TranGrandmaster of the year

Mr. Tran has studied the arts of Shaolin Kung Fu, Wing-Chuan, Jujitsu, Tang Soo Do. He is a member of WOMA, MAA-I, USDKA. Mr. Tran founded the style of Vietnamese Combat Martial Arts and Wushu and is a 10th Dan. He has been inducted into over 60 Martial Arts Hall of Fame and many other awards.

Andre Brown.....Martial Artist of the Year

Mr. Brown has been studying Martial Arts for 26 years, His main focus has been Shaolin Kung-Fu. He has won world championship titles in various categories in several state competitions. In 2010 he won the San Diego Grand International Martial Arts Open. He has been inducted and also serves as a member of the Action Magazine Hall of Fame. He is a member of Samurai Karate Do; and a weapons instructor for "kicking for Christ"

New York

Jim Wood Golden Life Award

Mr. Wood is a member of the I.M.A.C., United Fighting Arts Federation. He is a 8th Dan in the style of Yi-Dan Cha .Gi Karate. Mr. Wood has also studied Tang Soo Do 6th Dan, Chun Kuk Do 5th Dan. He has been straining for over 28 years and has received many awards such as "Master" 2003, "School of the year" 2005, "Founder" 2006, and "Sokeship" 2009 by the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and has also been inducted into the U.S.A. International Black Belt Hall of Fame.

Edward SealyGolden Life

Mr. Sealy had made the martial arts a life-long study and has embodied what it is to become a "master" of his art. He is a Black Belt in the art of Hyastan and has also studied the styles of Kun Tao, Judo, and Ju Jitsu.

Mark StaniszewskiCompetitor of the year

Mr. Staniszewski has studied the art of Brazilian Ju-Jitsu and is a member of the USA Judo, USJF, Kodokan, USFBJJ, USA Ju-Jitsu. He is a 3rd degree Black Belt in Judo and has received many awards such as Long Islands only dual Black Belt in Brazilian Ju-Jitsu and Judo, First Athlete in history to win Pan American Championships in both Judo and Brazilian Ju-Jitsu, 2 time World Judo Master Medalist (Capitan Team USA), 4 time Liberty Bell Games Medalist.

Monique L. LambFemale Master of the year

Ms. Lamb is a 4th degree in the art of Tang Soo Do. She also studies Judo and is a member of the International Association of United Martial Artist. Ms. Lamb has received an award in 2008 for Tang Soo Do Master of the Year by the United States Marital Arts Hall of Fame. She is master instructor and owner of White Tiger Martial Arts Academy.

Michael DattiloMaster

Mr. Dattilo currently holds the rank of 6th Dan and is an active member in Dillman Karate International. Mr. Dattilo has been studying martial arts for 24 years and also holds Dan level ranks in Goju, Ju Jitsu, and Isshinryu Karate. He also has extensive training in Japanese Kickboxing and Muay Thai.



Nina Wood Woman of the year

Ms. Wood is a member of the International Martial Arts and has organized Women Self-Defense rank under yi-den. Ms. Wood is a co-founder of the Defend and Survive Program. She is a 1st Dan in Yi-Dan Cha Gi Karate and Women self defense. She has received the Mayors appreciation Award in 2004, I.M.A.C. Appreciation Award Commitment and Service in 2006, Hall of Fame 2006, and Woman of Distinction of The Tonawandas 2009.

Therold Hugh DavenportOutstanding Master

Mr. Davenport has studied the styles of Shorin-Ryu, Gojo-Ryu, Shotokan, and Tomosa Bujitsu. He currently holds a 7th degree black belt in Okinawan Shorinji-Ryu Karate. Mr. Davenport is a member of the Pennsylvania Martial Arts Councils. He has received awards for the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2003, 2005, and Pennsylvania Hall of Fame in 2003. He is the head instructor of the Tetsu-tsuru Shorin-ryu schools in north-east Pennsylvania.

North Carolina

Gary Lee WhitmireHumanitarian Award

Mr. Whitmire has been in the arts for over 30 years, he holds a 2nd Dan in Chun Kuk Do. He is a member of the United Fighting Arts Federation. He teaches at Waco Martial Arts and Monroe Martial Arts.

Barbara Hilton.....Female Instructor of the Year

Barbara Hilton has over 14 years of experience in the martial arts, holds a 2nd degree Black Belt at Monroe Martial Arts Academy and a 1st degree in Chuck Norris's Chun Kuk Do. Barbara is a member of the United Fighting Arts Federation and attends the Chun Kuk Do International Training Conference and World Championships each year where she contributes as a judge during the conference. She is licensed with The National Academy of Defense Education and authorized to teach the nationally known R.A.D Systems (Rape Aggression Defense). Barbara works with local police and has assisted in training women from the local Battered Shelter for Women. Barbara is the owner of Monroe Martial Arts Academy, head instructor teaching Chun Kuk Do and the Lil' Dragons program for children.

John Wayne Carpenter Jr..... Ch'uan Fa Master

Mr. Carpenter is a member of United States Kuo Shu Federation and Carolina association of Chinese Martial Arts. He's been in martial arts for 20 years he is a 6th degree black sash in Ch'uan, and Kung-Fu. Mr. Carpenter has been teaching for 14 years and is the founder of Lin Su in 2003. He has studied other arts in Filipino Stick Fighting, and Ju-Jitsu. He has been awarded Ch'uan Instructor of the Year in the United States Hall of Fame in 2009.

North Dakota

Paul W. DyerOutstanding Martial Artist Leader

Mr. Dyer is a 6th Dan in the style of Kenpo Karate. He has also studied Qi-Gong, Shaolin Kung-Fu, Chi Na, Shotokan, Tai Chi, Kali, and Jui-Jitsu and is the Vice President of the International Kenpo Karate Academies. Mr. Dyer is the regional director of the International Martial Arts Union, a member of the Black Dragon Fighting Society, the International Martial Arts Association Organization, and the United States Martial Artist Association of North Dakota. He has been a Hall of Fame Inductee of the United States Martial Artist Association. He has opened his own Dojo Dakota Dragon Defense in Fargo.



Ohio

Jeffrey J. Burlingame.....Traditional Master of the year

Mr. Burlingame started his training in the Martial Arts in 1967, keeping with his life long study of Okinawan Shorin Ryu Karate. He is a 7th degree black belt in Shorin-Ryu and is one of the founding members of the International Seibukan Karate-Do Association. Mr. Burlingame is also a member of the Universal Martial Arts Association, Matayoshi Kobudo Kodokan, International Martial Arts Council of Martial Artist, Ryukyunate Kobujutsu Hozon Kobudo Kykai, Martial Arts International Association, and International Independent Martial Artist Association. He has been inducted in the World Karate Union Hall of Fame 2009, and received, in 2009, the "Golden Achievement Award". Having recently retired, Mr. Burlingame is now concentrating his efforts in continuing the teaching of this traditional form of Okinawan Karate.

Pennsylvania

Brian David YanoviakMaster of the Year

Mr. Yanoviak holds a 4th dan black belt in Ryukyu Kempo Tomari-te, and a 2nd dan black belt in Shotokan Karate. He is a member of Dillman Karate International, Professor Wally Jay's Small Circle Jujitsu, and The Greater Philadelphia Okinawan Karate Club. Mr. Yanoviak has studied the martial arts for over 35 years, began teaching in 1982, and has trained in a variety of styles and methods from Kenpo, Judo, Seidokan, Toide, Jujitsu, Modern Arnis, Shorin Ryu, and Kenjutsu. He is a devout student of acupuncture, and a trained and certified Qigong Instructor.

Diane Meckwood PrislupskyMaster

Master Diane is a member of the Cane Masters International Association. She has received several awards such as World Karate Union Hall of Fame, Action Martial Arts Magazine Hall of Honors in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Master Diane also studied Tai Chi Chuan, and is a 5th Dan in the art of Tang Soo Do. She is the Owner and Master Instructor of S-P-A Karate since 2007.

James Stewart.....Outstanding Champion

Mr. Stewart has studied Katata and is a 4th Dan in Tae Kwon Do. He has spent 25 years in the Martial Arts and was inducted into The United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2007 and 2008. In 2010 he was inducted into Magazines Hall of Honors. Although retired, Mr. Stewart is still involved in the sport teaching traditional Tae Kwon Do.

South Carolina

William Zucher.....Instructor of the Year

Mr. Zucher started the Martial Arts at the age of 7 under Instructor Malcolm Fore. He has competed and won many trophies. In 2004 his instructor passed the Leadership Torch and school to Mr. Zucher. He teaches American Free Style Karate and runs his successful school in Georgetown South Carolina.

Tennessee

Lancing C. EnglandMaster of the year

Mr. Lancing is a 6th dan in the style of Isshinryu Karate. He has also studied other styles such as Satori-Ryu laido 4th Dan and a 3rd degree black belt in Muso-Shindo Jodo. He is member of the United States Isshinryu Karate Association, Satori-Ryu Marital Arts Association. Mr. England has received awards in World Family Sokeship Council Hall of Fame and Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame. At the present time he is an adjunct faculty member of the University of Tennessee and an elementary educator where he has taught for a collective 12 years.



Eric Harvey.....Black Belt of the Year

Mr. Harvey began his training in 2003 and has studied Aikido and Kempo Jutsu. He is a 2nd Dan in Kinami-Ryu Aiki Jujutsu Bujutsu. Mr. Harvey lives with a positive attitude and living one day at a time.

Bryan “Scott” GirandMaster

Mr. Girand is a member of the Dillman Karate International. He has also studied Isshinryu 2nd Dan, and Small Circle Ju Jitsu, Brazilian Jujitsu and Wrestling. He holds the rank of 4th Dan in USA Ryukyu Kempo. Mr. Girand was an accomplished tournament competitor, having won several championships in tournaments. At this time he still actively teaches seminars for law enforcement officers and security agencies.

Harrison White Sr.Most distinguished Master

Mr. White started studying Karate in 1965 in Isshinryu from Harold Long . He has studied with Grand Master Pete Mills for over 25 years. He has won numerous Karate tournaments, grand championships. He has studied in the styles of Isshin-ryu, Tae Kwon Do, Shotokan, Shorin Ryu, Goju Ryu. He has earned an 8th degree Hachi Dan in Isshin Ryu. Mr. White is currently teaching and owner of White’s DOJO in Knoxville , TN.

Joe CrumleyGrandmaster

Mr. Crumley is a 10th Dan in the art of Bujinkan Budo Tai-jutsu. He has also trained in Isshin Ryu Karate. Mr. Crumley is a member of the Bujinkan International. He was awarded the full teaching license to teach all nine systems if the Bujinkan.

Ronald C. Garland.....Master Instructor of the year

Mr. Garland’s experience includes more than 30 years as a practitioner of Martial Arts, in both Japanese and Korean disciplines. He has achieved the distinctive award of Grand Master in Korean Hapkido as well as 5th degree, Kubudo Shoran Ryu and 6th Degree, Tae Kwando. Mr. Garland has been recruited by various organizations to include the Department of the Army, Special Forces Division-Doctrine and Training to act as the Combative Primary Instructor for 5th Special Forces Groups, Fort Campbell, KY in support of Operation Enduring freedom (OEF).

Dale S. Kirby, Sr.....Martial Arts Legend

Mr. Kirby is founder of Satori Ryu School of Swordsmanship. Has several Black belts in Kendo, Iaido, and Muso Shindo Judo and has studied Katori Shinto Ryu, Aikijutsu and Kenjutsu. Mr. Kirby is a member of U.S. Eastern Wado Ryu Federation and U.S. Kendo Federation. Awards he has received are the U.S. National Weapons Champion 1981 (Karate Illustrated Magazine) and inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the International Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He has been a public school teacher since 1973 and has written 4 books and been in 5 musical videos.

Carol Lynne Welch SwaggertyFemale Black Belt of the Year

Ms. Swaggerty currently holds the rank of Ni Dan 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. She has received the Outstanding Leadership award as well as being a prior United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame inductee.

Michael Wayne SwaggertyOutstanding Black Belt

Mr. Swaggerty currently holds the rank of Ni Dan in 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. A prior United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame inductee, he has received awards for leadership and instructing.



James Ray Phillips Jr.Isshinryu Instructor of the Year

Mr. Phillips has been an active member of the martial arts for more than 30 years. He studied multiple styles, including grappling, Tae Kwon Do, Kung Fu, Judo, and Isshinryu, in which he holds a Yon-Don degree. Mr. Phillips has placed in numerous tournaments both locally and internationally and was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2008 and 2009. He is a member of NASKA, and IKA.

Kevin Gentry.....Instructor

Mr. Gentry holds a Black Belt in Isshinryu. He has also studied Russian Sambo and Jujitsu. He is an active instructor at the North Knox Isshinryu Karate School and resides in Maynardville, Tennessee.

Philip Lee.....Taekwondo Master

Master Lee holds numerous ranks in different styles of the martial arts including a 7th degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. He has been an Instructor in the arts for 37 years. He has been inducted into the Battle of Atlanta Hall of Fame and the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He has been a tournament circuit promoter for NASKA and RCSKC for 18 years .

Lee Sweeten.....Instructor of the Year

Mr. Sweeten has been training in Isshinryu Karate for 25 years. After earning his Sho-dan in 1991, he has the opportunity to teach for Tennessee Technology University's Health and PE Department. Since his instructor retired from teaching and there were no Isshinryu schools close by, Mr. Sweeten started the Springfield School of Karate as a ministry of South Haven Baptist Church in 2003.

Texas

Michael ScialpiSenior Master Instructor of the Year

Mr. Scialpi began his marital arts training in 1982, he is a 7th Dan Grandmaster in the style of MU KI DO. He also has training in Tae Kwon Do, Isshin-Ryu, Southern Praying Mantis Kung Fu, Hosinsul, Ju-Jitsu, Shotokan, Tang Soo Do, and Krav Maga. He has received various 1st and 2nd place tournament trophies for sparring and kata, he has also got the Presidential Sports Award in Tae Kwon Do and Karate. Mr. Scialpi is a member of World Sports Karate Federation, Black Belt International, United Marital Arts Society, US Karate Alliance, and International Martial Arts Council of America. Since then he has continued to contribute to the fighting arts by sharing his experience and knowledge through various appointed positions with martial arts support, oversight or sanctioning organizations.

Breck Mills.....Instructor of the Year

Born in 1958 Mr. Mills has trained in Shotokan Karate under Yoshi Matsumoto and Takayuli Mikami. He has trained the US Special Forces in Africa Middle East. He has trained, competed and instructed Martial Arts in Europe and Africa Middle East in both government and public arenas. Since 1997 he has trained under Professor Gary Lee and has achieved Black Belts in Kenpo, Aikido, Jujitsu, and Okinawan Karate. He also holds a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Troy Dorsey.....Legend

Mr. Dorsey holds a 7th rank black belt in the style of American Tae Kwon Do, and also has studied the art of Brazilian Ju-Jitsu. He has been inducted in to the World of Martial Arts Hall of Fame, World Karate Union Hall of Fame, Texas Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and into Martial Digest Hall of Fame, and has been in the Martial Arts Digest, and Tae Kwon Do Times. Mr. Dorsey has won World Titles in both Karate and Boxing, and has received award of recognition for the Texas Boxing Commission. He currently resides in Mansfield with his wife and two daughters.



Jeremy WolfgangMaster Instructor of the Year

Master Wolfgang has competed in many well known tournaments and has ranked highly as a leading competitor. He is a 4th Dan in Tong IL Lo Martial Science, and has training in Tae Kwon Do, Ten Jin Do, and Tai Jutsu. He has headed Tong IL Lo classes at the University of Texas in Arlington. Master Wolfgang is currently the Texas State Director for Tong IL Lo Martial Science and is the highest ranking student.

Joseph Michael BarnesOutstanding Master

Mr. Barnes is a two time national champion, a nine time state champion, International Fighting Arts – Black Belt of the Year 3 times, Two Time Gulf Coast Grappling Association Coach of the Year. He has studied the arts of Daito Ryu Jujitsu, American Open Geeding Jujitsu, Okinawan Weaponry, Shorin Ryu, Shun Lum Tuan, and Shotokan. Mr. Barnes is a 5th Dan in American Karate Do, but the greatest achievement has been the lives touched as an instructor and mentor.

Leta Marie MansfieldMost Dedicated Martial Artist

Ms. Mansfield is a brown belt in the style of Tong IL Lo. She has received the award of Recognized Assistant Instructor, and the Lone Wolf Award. It is her Dream to someday teach other handicap students self defense.

David John McLaughlinExcellence in Teaching

A 9-time United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame inductee received his 1st Degree Taekwondo Black Belt from 7- time World Karate Champion, and “Tae-Bo” creator Billy Blanks. He was a performer in Blanks’ “Flying Tigers” demonstration team in Erie, Pennsylvania, and owned and operated “Blanks Taekwondo” in Harborcreek, Pennsylvania. He received his 2nd Degree Taekwondo Black Belt from the International Martial Arts Head founders/Grandmasters Council, and currently offers private Taekwondo lessons under “McLaughlin’s Taekwondo of Texas”, in Lewisville, Texas.

Yvonne Falgout.....Ninjitsu Master of the Year

Mrs. Falgout has been in the martial arts for 25 years and has been teaching for 22 years. She holds a 5th degree Black belt in American Ninjutsu under Michael and Robert Bussey. She has also trained in Submission Fighting and Shito Ryu. She is passionate about teaching women and children self defense tactics and about building youth with strong character to be a stronger component in society.

Tony Morel.....Master Instructor

Mr. Morel began studying the Martial Arts in Brazil at the age of 13. He has studied Shotokan, Goju-Ryu, under the direction of a traditional Japanese Master before settling upon the self defense system of Kajukenbo. Now a 5th Degree Black Belt, Mr. Morel has competed throughout Texas and is a 2 time state champion. He has trained under numerous Masters and Grand Masters including Jay Vera.

Gary Lee.....Founder, Museum of Sport Karate

Mr. Lee holds the rank of 9th degree Black Belt in Okinawan Karate which was presented to him in 2005 at the Arnolds Martial Arts Banquet. His certificate was signed by some of the world’s most popular martial artist. He is a member of the Who’s Who Black Belt hall of Fame and the official Karate Magazine Hall of Fame. He is owner and operator of the Museum of Sport Karate where he features Legends of the Martial Arts.

Raymond Crow.....Outstanding Master

Master Crow holds numerous certifications and has trained under 3 of Bruce Lee’s original students, including Guro Dan Inosanto, Larry Hartsell and Grandmaster Richard Bustillo. Hec is a member of the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the Battle of Atlanta hall of fame.



David Irvine.....Master Instructor

Mr. Irvine holds a 5th Degree Black belt in Kajukenbo under Grandmaster Dann Baker. He has also studied boxing, kickboxing and judo. He has competed in and won numerous boxing, kickboxing and other Martial Art competitions. He is and instructor at the Texas State University Kajukenbo Club.

Christopher Martin.....Martial Artist

Mr. Martin began studying martial Arts in 1992 under Grandmaster Julian Jay Vera. He studied Aiki Jujitsu, Kajukenbo and Penjak Silat under Grandmaster Vera. He earned the degree of Shodan I Aiki Jujitsu in 1998. He is actively working to obtain the degree of Shodan in Kajukenbo as well as Judo.

Sean Troxclair.....Instructor of the Year

Mr. Troxclair started training in 1995 under Pat Leblanc and Master Charles Dingman receiving a 1st Degree Black Belt from the Kukkiwon in 2000. He furthered his training by cross training in wrestling, mixed martial arts fighting and Hapkido practice. He met Master Kerry Hawthorne in 2002 and trained for an additional two years in Korean Arts becoming a Black Belt candidate in Hapkido. In early 2001 he started his exploration of Kajukenbo under Master Jay Vera and dedicated himself to the study. Under Master Vera he has earned a 4th Degree Black Belt I Kajukenbo, Guru Status in Penjak Silat, Guru Status in Kali, and in currently studying Aiki-jujitsu.

Vermont

Anne Sylvia HuffFemale Instructor of the Year

Ms. Huff began taking Martial arts when she was 12 years old. She is a 3rd degree black belt in International Taekwondo-do Federation, she has also trained in the arts of World Taekwondo Do and Shotokan Karate. Mr. Huff is a member of the American Karate Association. Her goal is to continue moving up rank, also to increase her knowledge for this art and sport. Her objective is to become the best instructor that she can be.

Virginia

Tyler Bishop Vaughan.....Male Competitor

Mr. Vaughan has proven to be very successful in his tournament career, placing within the top 3 on many Occasions competing against a large amount of different martial artist and styles. He currently holds the rank of 2nd Dan in Tang Soo Do. Mr. Vaughan intends to continue his martial arts career as it has been a big part of his life and has proven to be very rewarding experience.

Joe Louis BlakeMost Distinguished Master

Mr. Blake is an 8th Dan in the style of American Chinese Kempo. He has also got training in Isshinryu, Moo Duk Kwon, Soong Moo Kwon, and American Kruen Sow Shu Goan. Mr. Blake has received 2 times Instructor of the year award, outstanding citizenship award, Karate Instructor of the year, and many more awards. He is a member of the Okinawan Karate-Do Union, Virginia self-defense federation, and American Chinese Kempo Federation. Mr. Blake is also experience in Okinawa Weapons and Korean Kumdo and Hapkido. He currently teaches Isshinryu Karate in Richmond.

Jennifer R. Fraser TaylorOutstanding Female Martial Artist

Ms. Taylor has a grand championship in sparring from 5th Woldgate Challenge Martial Arts Tournament, she has received a silver medal in sparring and a bronze medal in forms from the International Martial Arts Federation of the Deaf. She is a member of American Marital Arts of the Deaf. Ms. Taylor is a 3rd degree black belt in Karate, and also has studied kickboxing.



Scott W. RutterMaster

Mr. Rutter is a member of ITF, KTA, JKA, and VKA. He is a 6th Dan in Shotokan, and a 5th Dan in Taekwondo. Mr. Rutter has 6 world championships, 18 state championships, 5 national championships, and 3 Hall of Fame inductions.

Joe E. Harvey.....Master

Mr. Harvey is an experienced martial artist with over 20 years of active training and teaching. He is a master black belt from training in Muay Tai, and also holds a 2nd degree black belt in Taekwondo. Mr. Harvey has trained and taught in several other martial arts and organization such as Filipino martial arts , Jeet Kune Do Concepts, Ji Do Kwan, Wu-Shu Kung Fu, MMA, Thai Boxing Association of the USA, and Jhoon Rhee Taekwondo. He also has the privilege of training with martial arts legend, Dan Inosanto.

Jonathan BannisterSwordsman of the year

Mr. Bannister is a Shihan in the art of Tsubomi Aikido, he is also a 4th dan in ZNKR Iaido, and has studied Muso Shinden Ryu Iaido. He is a member of the Pacific NW Kendo Federation and All US Kendo Federation Alliance. Mr. Bannister has a gold medal in PNKF Iaido Taikai and has received commendations from City Shoreline, WA and Japan-America Society, and as of October 18, 2009, this date is known as "Dr. Jonathan Bannister Day" in Seattle.

Christopher Gilbert.....Master Instructor of the Year

Mr. Gilbert is a 7th Dan Black Belt and Founder of Savior Martial Arts. Mr. Gilbert has over 25 years of training and teaching experience. He holds Black Belt ranking in 13 different traditional styles of which 6 are master levels. In 2003 Mr. Gilbert was recognized by the Zen Kokusai Soke Budo/Bugei Renmei of Okinawa Japan as Soke Shodai of Chutoku Ryu Karate. Chutoku Ryu Karate is one of the 1st fully Christian martial arts systems in the world with full Okinawan certification and credentialing.

West Virginia

Eric K. SwickSensei of the year

Mr. Swick began his study in the martial arts 23 years ago, he opened his first dojo in 2001, "Dragon's Den Mixed Martial Arts." The school now has three champions in Mixed Martial Arts cage fighting. Mr. Swick is a member of the West Virginia Association of Shotokan Karate-Do and is a 4th degree black belt in Shotokan Karate-Do. He also has training in Renoku Ju-Jitsu, Muay Thai, Modern Arnis, and Dragon Kenpo and has been awarded the Grafton Martial Arts Association for two years in a row, and the Above and Beyond Instructor of the year. Mr. Swick continues his mission to further the Martial Arts, and to initiate children into this noble discipline.

Robert W. St. Clair Jr.....Outstanding Master

Renshi St. Clair currently holds the rank of 5th degree black belt in Shotokan Karate, Sifu in Chung Fu Pai Gung and Pai Lum Kung Fu. He is founder of the Yong Shi Long Chuan Fa, and founder and Master Instructor of the St. Clair Family Martial Arts Academy in Oak Hill. Renshi St. Clair is a member of American Karate Association. He has a passion for training martial arts champion in all facets of Japanese and Chinese styles, including, Kata forms, and all types of weaponry.

Wyoming

Willie James JohnsonOutstanding Master Instructor

Mr. Johnson started in the martial arts when he was 5 years old and has been active for over 40 years. He is currently a 7th degree black belt and has also trained in Taekwondo, Mushan, Okinawan Kempo, Chinese Kenpo/ Wo Ying Chaun, Karate, Judo, Boxing, Jujitsu, and Kickboxing. Mr. Johnson is a member of Flash Karate Federation. He has been inducted into the Hall of Fame as Master in 2007. Mr. Johnson credits much of his discipline, not only to the arts, but to the United States Marines.



Michael Widmayer.....Most distinguished Instructor

Mr. Widmayer started his martial arts study 57 years ago at the age of 12 with a neighbor giving him Ju- jitsu lessons. After college he began my study of Kempo, traditional Chinese Kenpo, Tai Chi, Japanese Fukiya, Isshin-ryu, and Filipino Bailisong. He holds a Nidan Black Belt in Traditional Chinese Kenpo-Oak Tree Style and Sodan degree black belt in Japanese Fukyia. Mr. Widmayer opened his Kenpo Dojo in 1977 and has been teaching Traditional Kempo, Tai Chi and Verbal Self-defense for the past 33 years.

Other Countries

Egypt

Moyasser El Sayed.....International Instructor of the Year

A certified 5th Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do from the World Tae Kwon Do Headquarters in South Korea. He established Tae Kwan Do Martial Arts in Cairo American College in 1998. He teaches the US Marines assigned to the US Embassy in Cairo, Egypt. He is the captain and Tae Kwan Do Instructor for the Egyptian Military. He has trained in Aikido, Kenpo, Jujitsu, and Okinawan Karate under Professor Gary Lee.

Philippines

Ciriaco Cacoy Canete.....Outstanding Martial Art School

Supreme Grand Master Cacoy Canete is truly a living martial arts legend. At 90 years young he grew up with an Eskrima stick in his hand since his training at 7 years old. He served in the US Army Guerilla Force and retired as a Military Police Lieutenant in 1947. Cacoy earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education at the University of Southern Philippines, Cebu and taught at the University of Visayas in 1951. The former Labor Union President practiced various martial art disciplines. He competed in amateur boxing in age 14 teen, earned black belts in Kodokan in 1957, Shorin Karate in 1964 and Aikido in 1972. Currently he is the only twelve degree Supreme Grand Master of his family's Doce Pares Eskrima. Here is a few of many various Hall of Fame accolades he received: The Cebu City Sports in 1997, Filipino MA 2000, Black Belt 2000, USMA 2003 & 2004, World MA Masters 2005 and the Presidential Champion Trophy as the 1st National Arnis Masters Open Championship in 1979. The SGM Cacoy conducts seminar through the world and teaches his developed Eskrido. Presently he is working on his seventh book . SGM Cacoy is a religious man and a part time comedian who is incomparable in our martial arts world. His Doce Pares Club in Cebu is second to none and the longest operating martial arts school in the Philippines.

South Africa

Salim Badat,Outstanding Jeet Kune Do Journalist

Salim received his BA degree in Philosophy and Islamic studies. He is the editor of the online martial arts magazine Salim is a qualified Wing Chun instructor under Master Samuel Kwok of the United Kingdom, and the head instructor of Bahad Zubu under Master Yuli Romo of the Philippines. Salim also trains in Brazilian JiuJitsu. He is a certified Reebok Education Fitness instructor, as well as a qualified Thai massage therapist. He is most proud of being a second generation student of Bruce Lee in South Africa under Bruce Lee's original student Richard S. Bustillo.

Germany

Antonio & Giovania da Silva,Outstanding Humanitarian

Antonio and Giovania are a restaurant owner of the Piccolo Mondo. They are forever supporting the martial art students and their school in restaurant needs. Their generosity in wine appetizer before an enormous and delicious meal, and their post dinner liquor can't be found at any other restaurant.



Tobias Ricker,Outstanding IMB of Frankfurt, Germany

Tobias is bilingual in English and German. He completed his university studies in financial economics and works as a business analyst for a major bank in Frankfurt, Germany. Tobias is a mixed martial arts student having studied many of the Filipino Martial Arts such as Leo Giron Arnis, Villabrille/Largusa Kali, Cabaes Serrada Eskrima, and holds a black belt in Cacoy Doce Pares Eskrima and Eskrido. He spars in Boxing, Muay Thai, and rolls in Jujitsu and wrestling. He is also a Jeet Kune Do instructor under the IMB program with Richard Bustillo.

Oliver Hill, Outstanding Martial Arts Instructor

Ollie Hill has an eclectic martial arts background. He is a certified IMB Instructor and a 2nd generation instructor of Bruce Lee Jeet Kune Do. A 5th degree in Hu-Long-Do gung fu, a 4th degree in German Jujitsu, a 1st degree in Cacoy Doce Pares, and a 4th level in Hayastan submission grappling. Sifu Hill teaches Pilate Matwork and trains in Judo, Capoeira and Kyusho-Jutsu. Earlier this year he open his new 3 floor martial art school in Alsfeld, the biggest and best school in Alsfeld, Germany.



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Joshua Terry.....Outstanding Youth Martial Artist of the Year

Joshua began his martial arts journey at the age of 7, training in traditional Shorin-Ryu karate, and was just Awarded his 1st Dan in the system. He also trains in Combative JuJitsu and Brazilian Ju-Jitsu. A precise kata practitioner, Joshua quickly began to dominate in youth tournament competitions, and was the top ranked competitor in a four state regional circuit both in forms and fighting, for several years . He has been a Junior Instructor at River Valley Martial Arts for the past 2 years (teaching youth and adult classes), and participates regularly in seminars and demonstrations at schools, civic, church and community events. Joshua has also assisted his father, the founder of Kid-Safe Communities, with numerous "Kid-Safe" self-defense and danger awareness seminars and workshops throughout Arkansas.