



## 2015 UNITED STATES MARTIAL ARTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

### YOUTH

**KARMINA BEDIONES.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Karmina holds the rank of Black Belt in Traditional Kung Fu. She is also certified in Liu He Bafa. She has studied Northern and Southern Kung Fu, Tai Chi and Chen Style Tai Chi. She is an avid competitor and has won 8 North American Titles and numerous AKA Grand Champions. She is an active Instructor at China Tai Chi Kung Fu under Sifu Wes Letioa.

**ISAAC CLARK .....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Isaac holds a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master Scott Rutter. He has trained in the Martial Arts for 5 years and has received the All Star Triple Crown.

**JORDAN CLARK.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Jordan holds the rank of Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master James Goodwin. At the age of 16 he is an active Instructor at the new 4 Mile Hill Tae Kwon Do School in Judsonia Arkansas under the guidance of Mr. Goodwin. Jordan possesses quality leadership abilities and is an outstanding Black Belt role model for all students.

**RYAN CROSBY.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Ryan holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shorinji Kempo Karate under Master Amy Hawkins. He has also studied Kempo Jujitsu. He is a member of the Martial Arts Training International and International Shorinji Kempo Karate Federation. He has received 2 Leadership Awards, Assistant Instructor Award.

**SIERRA GORSKI.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Sierra was born on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1998 in Buffalo New York. At the age of 9 she began to study Tae Kwon Do under Grandmaster Eric Von Brandt at Brandt's Martial Arts Program. Having to move from the area, she continued her studies under Grandmaster Chang Yong Lee where she earned her Black Belt at the age of 14. After moving back to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, she continued her training once again under Grandmaster Brandt, earning her 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt at the age of 16. She continues her studies today and is an Assistant Instructor of Tae Kwon Do as well as Goju Ryu Karate.



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### ZACHARY GORSKI.....COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Zachary was born on August 19, 2001, at the age of 6 he began to study Tae Kwon Do under Grandmaster Eric Von Brandt at Brandt's martial Arts Program. Having to move from the area, he continued his studies under Grandmaster Chang Yong Lee where he earned his Black Belt at the age of 11. After moving back to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, he continued his studies again under Grandmaster Brandt, earning his 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt at the age of 13. He continues her studies today and is and Assistant Instructor of Tae Kwon Do.

### ALEX HUANG.....COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Alex holds a Black Belt level in the art of Kung Fu and Tai Chi under Master Alan Byar. Alex is a member and competes in numerous tournaments including AKA, ICMAC and Tiger Claw Elite. Alex has won the AKA Grand Champion in 2013 as well as the AKA Over All Grand Champion 2013. Ales has trained for the past 10 years and is an Instructor at the China Tai Chi Kung Fu School in Washington.

### GRIFFIN McCLAIN.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR

Griffin is a First Degree black Belt in Shotokan Karate Do under Grandmaster Scott Rutter. He is a member of the Japanese Karate Association. At the age of 15 Griffin has won multiple Association Championships including 3 times National Champion and 3 times World Championships. He is an Assistant Instructor under Mr. Rutter.

### LEIA POLLARD.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR

Leia is a First Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master James Goodwin. She has competed in several tournaments since beginning her training, winning a number of trophies for both Sparring and Forms. She is an active student and Assistant Instructor at the 4 Mile Hill Tae Kwon Do School. Leia plans to study Biology in college and apply to Veterinary School. She is also a talented Artist specializing in creative makeup techniques.

### MITCHELL RAKES.....MALE COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Mitchell studies Japanese Shotokan Karate under Grandmaster Scott Rutter. For the past 3 years he has competed in several tournaments winning 1st place at State Commonwealth Games of Virginia, 2<sup>nd</sup> place at National State Games of America and a World Title at the Battle of Baltimore World Tournament. He continues to train at Rutter's Martial Arts and Premier Championship Sports in Virginia.



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**MEAGAN RENEE SMITH.....FEMALE COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR**

Meagan trains under Grandmaster Scott Rutter in the art of ITF Tae Kwon Do. She is an active competitor and has won numerous awards including 7 State Championships for the Virginia Commonwealth Games, 2 National Championships at the State Games of America and 4 World Championships at the Battle of Baltimore. She is a member of Premier Championship Sports, the National Beta Club and the National Honor Society.

**TALYA TINOCO.....YOUTH BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Tayla is a 10 year old First Degree Black Belt at TCB Martial Arts. She has been training in Karate with Grandmaster Wayne Carman and Master James Hammock for the past 3 years. Tayla is very dedicated to training in Karate as well as teaching others. She trains 2 and 3 days a week as well as 4 day of dance training a week. She is a straight A student and is a featured performer in the "Magnificent 7" show in Branson, Missouri.

**ANTHONY VANDEHEY.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Anthony holds a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kenpo Karate under Sifu Ernie Vandehey. He has also studied Machado JiuJitsu, Muay Thai and Akido. He is the 2013-2014 Sub League Champion. He is an active Instructor teaching Mixed Martial Arts at Ernie Vandehey Combat Club.



## BRONZE AWARDS

**STEVEN THOMAS ARMSTRONG.....DISTINGUISHED COMBAT OPERATOR**

Mr. Armstrong holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Ikaika Jujitsu under Professor Ike Crossmann. Mr. Armstrong has also studied Kemscrima Dolt and Judo. Steven has been training in the Martial Arts for 24 years.

**SHEDRICK MICHAEL ATKINS.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Atkins holds a Black Belt rank in Goju Ryu Karate under Grandmaster Eric Von Brandt. He has also studied Moo Duk Kwan Tae Kwon Do. He is a competitive Martial Artist winning numerous tournament competitions including Grand Champion at Rumble on the River in 2012 and 2013, Grand Champion at Screaming Eagle Kumite in 2014, 1<sup>st</sup> place in weapons at the ProAm 2012 and 1<sup>st</sup> place in Form at the ProAm in 2012. He continues to train at Brandt's Martial Arts Program in Clarksville, Tennessee.

**ZAVIER MIGUEL ATKINS.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Atkins holds a Black Belt rank in Goju Ryu Karate under Grandmaster Eric Von Brandt. He has also studied Moo Duk Kwan Tae Kwon Do. He is a competitive Martial Artist winning numerous tournament competitions including Grand Champion at the Rumble on the River in 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> place sparring at the ProAm in 2012 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Weapons at the ProAm in 2012. Xavier was also awarded Student of the Year in 2012. . He continues to train at Brandt's Martial Arts Program in Clarksville, Tennessee.

**STEVE BERGER.....COACH OF THE YEAR**

A MMA pioneer and UFC fighter, Steve, "The Red Nosed Pit Bull" Berger has led an accomplished career both in and out of the ring. When most of today's Tapout-wearing fans didn't know the difference between an armbar from a triangle, Berger was in the cage getting it done. He had his first pro fight in January of 1998 and by 2001 he had made his way to the sport's pinnacle; the UFC. During his career, Berger has logged over 50 fights. Now 38 and a successful coach and gym owner, Berger is still touching gloves. Headquartered in St. Louis, MO, Mr. Berger is turning out future champions while still honing and crafting his skills for future opportunities in the ring.



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### **JONATHAN ROSS BLACK.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Black holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt at TCB Karate under Professor Wayne Carman. He has also studied Tracys Kenpo and Shorin Ryu Karate. He has received Outstanding Martial Artist and Black Belt of the Year Awards. He is an active Instructor at TCB Karate in Branson, Missouri.

### **AHMAD AMIN BODLA.....OUTSTANDING MARTIAL ARTIST**

Mr. Bodla holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. He has also studied Karate, Kung Fu and Muay Thai. He is a member of the Pakistan Tae Kwon Do Federation and a Lifetime Member of AMACP. He is a 5 time Guinness World record Holder featured in Boar, Germany.

### **ALAN BYAR.....MASTER**

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

### **BRIAN KEITH CHAFFIN.....MASTER**

Mr. Chaffin holds a Master Rank in Bushido Ki under Professor Ike Crossmann. He has also studied Goju Ryu and Jujitsu. He is a member of the Hawaiian Ikaika Lua Association, where he is an authorized Instructor. He is also the Founder of Elite Systems Training and CLASS Founder. He is the owner of Elite Systems Training where he teaches Hand to Hand Combat.

### **JORDAN YORK CRENSHAW.....DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTOR**

Mr. Crenshaw is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Freestyle Karate, a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Olympic Tae Kwon Do and studies Krav Maga. He is one of the Head Instructors and Directors of Impact 360 Martial Arts in Searcy, Arkansas. He has competed in sparring competitions for the past 12 years and has won 11 State Sparring Championships across 5 states.



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**MORGAN ELYSE CRENSHAW.....INSTRUCTOR**

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**BYRON DAVIS.....MASTER**

Mr. Davis holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kempo Karate under Master Todd Bradley. He has also trained in Shuri Ryu and Krav Maga. He has been training in the Martial Arts for more than 25 years and is a certified Law Enforcement Officer in the state of Oklahoma.

**FRANK DELGADO.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Delgado began his Martial Arts training in 1995 studying Karazempo-Go-Shinjutsu. Mr. Delgado now holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Kajukembo under Grandmaster Daniel Frazier. He has also studied Shito Ryu, Filipino Martial Arts and Krav Maga. He is a member of the Kajukembo Self Defense Institute, World Soke Council and Karate for Christ. He is an active Instructor, teaching Kajukembo at the Isla Ohana Kempo School.

**CHANNEL ESPOSITO.....OUTSTANDING MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Channel Esposito is a veteran of the US Marine Corps, Army, and the Coast Guard and has more than 20 years of martial arts experience. He has studied Krav Maga for 7 years. More than 3 of those years were spent training in Israel with IKI Instructor Moshe Katz. Under Moshe Katz. He also has many years' experience training in Muay Thai. He is currently training in Jeet Kune Do under Master Chad Von Dette, and in Dux Ru under Hanshi Frank Dux. He is also an active domestic violence prevention advocate and is a leading voice on domestic violence prevention.

**MICHAEL FRAZIER.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Frazier holds a 10<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Ninjutsu. He has also studied Jujitsu, Jeet Kune Do and American Karate. He is a member of the American Modern Jujitsu Association and Shinja Martial Arts.



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### **BARBARA FUNSTON.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mrs. Funston has been training in the Martial Arts since 1997. She holds the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in the art of Jukado under Allan Viernes. She has also studied and holds Black Belt ranks in Aikido and Tae Kwon Do. She is an active Instructor at the Oklahoma School of Jukado.

### **KEVIN FUNSTON.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Funston holds the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Black Belt in Jukado under Allan Viernes. He has also studied Judo, Aikido and Kajukenbo. He is a member of the Oklahoma Karate Association and is an active Instructor at the Oklahoma School of Jukado.

### **STEVE HANFORD.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Hanford studies the art of Tae Kwon Do and holds the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt under Master Ken Crillenwater. Mr. Hanford also holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kobudo and a 1<sup>st</sup> Dan in Aiki-Jutsu. He is an active Instructor at Lions Karate.

### **GENA HEDGPETH.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Ms. Hedgpeth holds a Black Belt level under the teaching of Professor Wayne Carman at TBC Martial Arts in Branson Missouri. She has won 2 Grand Championships in Weapons and Kata. She was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2012 as Outstanding Student of the Year. She is Associate Instructor level 2 in Krav Maga under Professor Marty Cale. She also holds Instructor Certification in Krav Maga Defensive Tactics for Law Enforcement under Professor Marty Cale.

### **DANIEL JABLONSKI.....KYOSHI OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Jablonski is a Chiropractic Physician and owner of Healthy Life Chiropractic and Wellness in O'Fallon, Missouri. He is a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Hakutsuru Kai, Shorin Ryu and Seibukan jujitsu under Hanshi James Gaines and Hanshi Eddie Claypool. He has also studied Goju Ryu, Uechi Ryu and Aikido. He is a member of the United States Shorin Ryu Karate Association and Seibukan Jujitsu Union.

### **BILL JANUARY.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. January hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tai Koshi Do under Grandmaster Dean Bridges. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do, American Kenpo and Lima Lama. He is an active Instructor at Nowata Warriors For Christ in Nowata, Oklahoma teaching Tai Koshi Do.



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### DALLAS JESSUP.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Ms. Jessup holds a Black Belt in the art of Tae Kwon Do under instructor Tony Neil; is a 2nd degree instructor in Filipino Street Fighting, and is training in the art of Krav Maga. She has been training in Martial Arts for 13 years, is the founder of Just Yell Fire, a million girl revolution teaching girls how to get away from rape, abduction and abuse. Dallas' program is taught in organizations, schools, colleges, and universities in 66 countries.

### PATRICIA ANN JOHNSON (ACCEPTED BY JAMES GOODWIN).....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR

Ms. Johnson holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master James Goodwin at the 4 Mile Hill Tae Kwon Do Center. She is an active competitor and has won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Form and 1<sup>st</sup> place in Sparring. She continues to train and show leadership skills and Black Belt quality in her everyday life.

### RYAN JONES.....MASTER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Jones started the Martial Arts in 1995 at the age of 6. His first discipline was Shotokan Karate with his Grandfather and mentor Rhuel Luttrell. He then began learning Kenpo Karate Jujutsu. Mr. Jones now holds the rank of 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt. At the age of 18 he formed Northwest Arkansas Fight Club and has a record of 8 wins and 1 loss. He is a member of the North American Karate Association and is an active Instructor teaching Mixed Martial Arts at the Academy of Self Defense and Karate in Harrison, Arkansas.

### KEITH JOSHUA LIDDELL.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Mr. Liddell holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Grandmaster Larry Tankson. He has received the Award for Fastest Martial Arts Punch.

### LEANDRO DE LORENCO LIMA.....BJJ BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR

Mr. Lima holds a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He has also studied Judo and Muay Thai. He is a member of the FPJJ in Brazil, the USBJJF, and the IBJJF. He is an active Instructor, teaching at Wand Fight Team.





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**JULIE ANN LOEFFLER.....FEMALE JKD INSTRUCTOR**

Ms. Loeffler is owner and operator of Mid-Ohio IMB and is an Associate Instructor under Grandmaster Richard Bustillo’s International Martial Arts and Boxing System, which preserves and promotes the legacy of Bruce Lee and his art of Jeet Kune Do. Julie is also a Brown Belt under Grandmaster Kacoy Canete, the 1st founding member of the famed Doce Pares Club, from the Philippines.

**CARLO JAY MAGNO.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Magno studies the art of Chinese Kenpo under Master Bob Anderson, holding a Black Belt rank. He has trained in Tae Kwon Do, Aikido, Shotokan Karate, American Kenpo, Muay Thai, BJJ and Kajukenbo. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 25 years. He is an active Instructor at Frazier Martial Arts Academy in Oklahoma and Force 5 Training Center in California.

**GEORGE MASON.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Mason has been training in the Martial Arts for 25 years. He holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in TCB Karate under Professor Wayne Carman. He has also studied Aikido, Kali, Silat and Okinawan Kempo. He teaches private classes in the Gulf Port Mississippi area.

**STEVEN AUBREY McCLAIN.....MALE COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. McClain studies Shotokan Karate Do under grandmaster Scott Rutter. He is a member of the Japanese Karate Association and Champion Martial Arts. He is an active competitor and has won Virginia Karate Alliance State Champion 2 times, The All Stars Karate Championship 6 times as well as the Triple Crown and High Point Scorer, the Champion Martial Tour Championship 6 times, the Virginia Common Wealth Games Championships 28 times, State games of America National Championship 3 times and Battle of Baltimore World Champ.

**WYATT ALEXANDER LEE MILLER.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Miller holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and Karate Do under Master Jim Snowberger. He has studied the Martial Arts for 13 years. He is an active Instructor at Snows Mixed Martial Arts Federation. He is a dedicated Martial Artist and with a positive attitude that you achieve your goals with hard work and dedication.



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**MICHAEL BRENT MULLIN JR.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Mullin began his Martial Arts training in 1994, studying Traditional Goju Ryu Karate under the late Sensei Scotty Baker where he received his Black Belt. He also holds a Purple Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu under Renato Tavares. He has received the 2008 National Native American Law Enforcement Valor Award. He is also the Lead Defensive Tactics Instructor for the Bureau of Indian Affairs

**CAMERON NEATHERLAND.....OUTSTANDING MARTIAL ARTIST**

Accepted by Chad Netherland – No Bio Submitted

**ROBERT NICHOLS.....INTERNATIONAL INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Nichols holds the rank of 7<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in the art of Ninjutsu under Hanshi Roman Garcia. He also holds a 5<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and a 1<sup>st</sup> degree Black Belt in Shorin-Ryu Karate. He is a member of the Fudo Myo Ninpo Ryu and Unions United Tae Kwon Do Academy where he is an active Instructor. He has been involved in the Martial Arts of 25 years.

**KATHERINE OLIVAR.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Ms. Olivar holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Black Belt in Kajukenbo under Sifu Frank Delgado. She has also studied Karazempo Go Shinjutsu, Tang Soo Do and Shaolin American Kenpo. She is an active Instructor and is responsible for nearly 100 students joining both Tang Soo Do and Karazempo Go Shinjutsu by opening satellite studios with local schools.

**LANDREW OLSON.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Olson began his Martial Arts training in 1992. He is currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kobujitsu and Rye Te Karate. Mr. Olson also has a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Isshinryu and Ryukodo as well as a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in Kempo Goju. He is currently Head Instructor at Browns Karate Academy in Hayward, Wisconsin where he focuses on teaching Self Defense and Character Development with a strong emphasis on anti-bullying.



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### **ANTHONY SHANE PERRY.....MALE COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Perry studies Japanese Shotokan Karate under Grandmaster Scott Rutter. He has also studied Kung Fu, Tai Chi, and Wrestling. He is a member of the International Wu Shu Center. He is an active Instructor, where he teaches Little Dragons. Mr. Perry is also an active competitor and the winner of many trophies, 2 World Titles and numerous State Championships.

### **TRINITY JAMES (T.J.) PETRELLA.....COMBAT ARTS OPERATOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Petrella holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt and the title Sigung in the art of Shaolin Wing Chun under Master Richard Rockburn. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do and the United States Marine Corp Hand to Hand Combat techniques. He is a member of the American Chinese Kung Fu Federation.

### **JAMES POWERS.....MALE COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Powers studies the art of Japanese Shotokan Karate under the instruction of Grandmaster Scott Rutter. During his Martial Arts career he has won several 1<sup>st</sup> places in local competition, several State titles and even 5 World titles. His 2 most recent World titles in Breaking and Sparring were achieved while suffering from a recently broken back.

### **WESLEY RICHARDSON.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Richardson holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Siete Pares Escrima under Grandmaster Bert Labitan. He has also studied Modern Arnis, Derobio, Lameco, Coronado Escrima and Aikido. He is an active Instructor at San Angelo Siete Pares Escrima in San Angelo Texas.

### **COLLIN ROEHNER.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Roehner has been training with Master Bill Logan for over 14 years. He has competed successfully in Muay Thai Kickboxing and fought for the XAC Amateur Championship Title in 2012. He holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Shaolin Kenpo. He has also studied Escrima and Combative Jujitsu. He is a fantastic Instructor and mentor to many of his students. His dedication and perseverance have shown through to make him the exemplary Martial Artist and Instructor he is today.



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**SCOTT RUTTER.....GRANDMASTER**

Mr. Rutter has been in the Martial Arts for 28 years. He has won 7 World Championships and holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Grandmaster Level in American Karate, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt and the title Kyoshi in Shotokan Karate and a 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in ITF Tae Kwon Do. He also holds degrees in Aikido, Tang Soo Do and Judo. He is a member of the Japan Karate Association and the KTA. Scott owns Rutter's Martial Arts.

**ANDREW EDWARD SCHOFIELD.....MASTER**

Mr. Schofield currently holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon under Master Roy Szuch. He has also trained in Hapkido. He is a member of the World Tae Kwon Do Federation and the International Independent Martial Artist Association. He has won numerous trophies at various tournaments for Forms and Fighting. He has been in the arts for 25 years.

**TIM SHOWER.....MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Shower holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Bok Fu Kenpo, Wu Shu Kung Fu, Kou Shou San Shou and Kodokan Judo under Grandmaster Rhuel Luttrell. He has also studied Shotokan and Tora Ni Tsuita Judo. He is a member of the North American karate Association and he is an active Instructor at the Academy of Self Defense and Karate in Harrison Arkansas.

**DEREK SPENCER.....HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Mr. Spencer trains in the arts Moo Duk Kwan Tae Kwon Do, Kong Soo Do and currently holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt. He has also studied Tang Soo Do, Jujitsu, Hapkido and Kang Yu Do. He is a member of the National Korean Martial Arts Association, American Karate Association, World Black Belt Bureau, US Association of Martial Arts and the IMAF. He is a 5 time tournament Grand Champion in Sparring and Black Belt Grand Champion in Korean Forms.

**WILLIAM DARNELL STEWART.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Stewart holds a Black Belt in Kajukembo under Grandmaster Dan Frazier. He has also studied Lapunti Arnis, Boxing and Shuri-Ryu Karate. He is an active Instructor teaching Kajukembo at Fraizer Martial Arts Academy in Oklahoma.



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**LAWRENCE SULLIVAN.....OUTSTANDING MARTIAL ARTIST**

Mr. Sullivan began his Martial Arts training in Kwan Duk Do Tae Kwon Do. He has also studied American Kickboxing, Karazenpo Go Shinjutsu and Tang Soo Do. He currently holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kajukenbo under Sifu Frank Delgado. He is an active Instructor at Isla Ohana Kenpo in Virginia.

**WAYNE TANGUAY.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

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

**J.T. TILLEY (award being accepted by TBC martial arts).....OUTSTANDING FIGHT PROMOTER**

Mr. Tilley is a MMA Conditioning and Wrestling Coach at Branson Fight Club in Branson Missouri. He has spent the past 10 years as a fight promoter for Mixed Martial Arts Cage Fights. He has been named Top MMA Promotion in the Midwest by numerous publications. He is the owner of ShoFight MMA Promotions.

**DAVID ANTHONY WALLS.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Walls holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kenpo Karate Jujutsu, Wushu and Quo Shou San Shou under grandmaster Rhuell Luttrell. He has also studied Judo, Combat Cane, Shotokan and Kenshu Weapon Defense. He is a member of the United States Martial Arts Association, North American Karate Association and the Arkansas Free Style Judo and Karate Association. He is an active Instructor at the Academy of Self Defense and Karate in Harrison Arkansas.

**GARY WHITMIRE.....WARRIOR**

No Bio Submitted

**WILLIAM KRISTOPHER ZURCHER.....DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTOR**

Mr. Zurcher began Martial Arts at the age of 7. He has studied a variety of Arts including American Freestyle Karate, Aikido and Krav Maga. He holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in American Freestyle Karate under Malcolm Fore. He is Chief Instructor for Coastal Karate Club and a Certified Law Enforcement Officer by South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and is the Defensive Tactics Instructor for his Department.



## **SILVER AWARDS**

**JEFF ASESOR.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Asesor has been studying the Martial Arts for 30 years. He has studied Brazilian JiuJitsu, Kali, Krav Maga, Muay Thai and holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master Vanover. He is a member of Premier Martial Arts, Universal Krav Maga, Krav Maga Worldwide, and USA Tae Kwon Do. He has received numerous awards throughout the years including Instructor of the Year, Master Instructor and The Excellence Award for the years 2010 through 2012.

**KENNETH QUAY BARBER.....BLACKBELT OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Barber began his Martial arts training under Master John Booth Farese and Grandmaster Kang Rhee in the Pasaryu Tae Kwon Do Association in 1981. In 1996 he began to train at Welch's Karate with Master Gary Welch and his family under Shiloh Martial Arts, where he served on the Break Force Demo Team. Mr. Barber currently holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Mr. Welch. He is also a Certified Krav Maga Instructor under Professor Marty Cale. He is a member of the Pasaryu Tae Kwon Do Association and the Krav Maga Association.

**MARK BEARDSSELL.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER**

Mr. Beardsell holds a master level in Wing Chun under Samuel Kwok. He has also studied Judo, Aikido, Karate and Ninjitsu. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 33 years and has received awards such as Master of the Year from United Kingdom.

**HAROLD ROBERT (BOB) BELL.....JUDO MASTER**

Mr. Bell is a member of the USJA, USMA, USJI and the AAU. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Judo and a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Jujitsu under the late great O'Sensei Phil Porter. He has trained in Judo for the past 30 years. Mr. Bell has taught National Champions and has started numerous Judo Clubs including the most recent, the New Mexico Highlands University and Meadow City Judo Club in Las Vegas New Mexico.

**JOHN BOOTH.....OUTSTANDING MASTER**

Mr. Booth has been training in the Martial Arts for more than 30 years. He holds the rank of Rokudan in the Art of US Tai Karate under Grandmaster Andy Watford. He has also studied Kinami Ryu Aiki Bujutsu holding the rank of Yo Dan under Dr. Dan Neatherland Soke. He is a



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member of US Tai Karate Association and the Kinami Ryu Bujutsu Association. He is an active Instructor at the Yami Kai Dojo in South Carolina.

**DONALD EDWARD BROOKSHIRE.....DISTINGUISHED GRANDMASTER**

Mr. Brookshire holds a Judan rank in Mukashi Kindai Ryu under Rick Boyer. Mr. Brookshire has also studied Tai Jitjsu, Isshinryu, Tang Soo Do and Goshin Jujitsu. He is a member of the Christian Martial Arts Council, Christian Black Belt Association and the Gospel Martial Arts Union. He has been in the Martial Arts more than 30 years.

**TRAVIS CARNEY.....MASGTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Master Travis Carney began his martial arts journey studying Isshin-Ryu Karate then enlisted in the military after high school. Sensei Carney trained in various styles throughout his travels until the Air force moved him to Fort Walton Beach, FL where he began his training in Shotokan Karate under Grand Master Joe Cayer. He has also crossed trained in Tae Kwon Do, Iai Do and mixed martial arts. Sensei Carney has assisted in teaching hundreds of women in self-defense clinics and has done specialized training for our Soldiers and Airmen in the military. Sensei Carney's diverse military career includes Aircraft Maintenance, Combat Medicine and Explosive Ordnance Disposal School and is now serving as a Combat Medic at Fort Lenordwood Mo. Travis maintains Certifications in Emergency Medicine, Explosives, Personal Training, and Army Combatives. Travis continues his training for his 5th Dan in Shotokan.

**TONY CUSUMANO.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Cusumano holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kenpo under John Gabriel. He also studied under the late Jay T. Will. Other arts he has studied include Tiger Crain Kung Fu, Tai Chi, and Combat Cane. He is a member of other Hall of Fames and State Champion of Florida. He has been training in the arts more than 30 years.

**BARBARA DAVIS.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Ms. Davis holds an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Pasaryu under Kang Rhee. She is also a Certified Instructor under the World Black Belt Bureau. Over the past 34 years she has competed and won numerous of tournaments in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas. She is an active Instructor at Davis Martial Arts.



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**HARRY DAVIS SR.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Davis holds the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in the Art of Isshinryu Karate under Sensei Lee Paul. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do holding a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 30 plus years.

**DWAYNE DAVID DORAN.....FOUNDER**

Mr. Doran has studied numerous Martial Art Systems including Thai Boxing, Hapkido, jujitsu, Judo, Kali, Jeet Kune Do and Escrima. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master Scott McNeely and Master Bob Hardin. He is a member of the World Tae Kwon Do Alliance, Korean Tae Kwon Do Moo Duk Kwan Association, Midwest Tae Kwon Do Association and the Juk-Ahm Mixed Martial Arts. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 32 years.

**JANIS GAIL FRALEY.....GRANDMASTER**

Mrs. Fraley is a 10<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt and Grandmaster in Shotkan Karate. She is a member of the Black Knights Karate Association under Grandmaster Samuel Rubin. She has taught thousands of students throughout her tenure. She has taught Karate at the Broken Arrow Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, where she embraced the opportunity to work with physically challenged children. She has been recognized many times as Black Belt of the Year and was inducted into the Native American Martial Arts Association Black Belt Hall of Fame.

**JAMES (ERIC) GAINES.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Gaines has trained in the Martial Arts for 30 years. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> dan Black Belt in Matsumura Seito under Hanshi James Gaines. He has also studied Hakutsuru Kai Ten Shin No Shin Nagare Ryu Goshin Jutsu. He is a member of the USJA, Kobukan Karate Federation and the JUKF. He is an active Instructor at the Hakutsuru Kai Hombu.

**GUADALUPE LOPEZ GARCIA.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Garcia started the Martial Arts at the age of 18. He currently holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt under Francis and James LaBlanc and Henry Suber. Mr. Garcia is Founder of Sho-Tae-Ryu. He has also studied Shito Ryu, Tae Kwon Do and Shotokan. He is an active Instructor at The Ultimate Warriors of Sho-Tae-Ryu in Cleburne Texas.





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### **CHARLES GARRETT.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR**

Mr. Garrett is the owner and chief Instructor of Straight Up Martial Arts in Morrilton Arkansas. He has been training in Martial Arts since the age 7, and received his Black Belt at 10 years old, and now has over 30 years of Martial Arts experience. He holds the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do from the International Martial Arts Grandmasters Council. He was a competitor in the Olympic Trials in 1989. He has since won numerous State and National Martial Arts Titles, with his most recent title of Arkansas Sport Karate Circuit Mens State Champion 2012 and 2013.

### **JAMES GOODWIN.....EXCELLENCE IN MARTIAL ARTS LEADERSHIP**

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

### **KELVIN HALL.....K-9 INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Hall has been doing the Martial Arts for 31 years. He holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Hapkido. He has studied Tae Kwon Do, Kyokushin Kai Kan, Goju, Krav Maga and is a Certified Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics Instructor. He has received numerous awards including Law Enforcement Instructor and the Presidential Award.

### **NICK HEYDARIAN.....GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Heydarian holds a 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Hapkido under Don Oh Choi. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do. He is a member of the ITF Korean Hapkido Association. He was a 1978 Silver Medalist and has been in the Martial Arts for 39 years.

### **LYLE HUFFSTUTLER.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

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



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Kempo, Shuri Te Karate and Kyusho-Jitsu. He is Founder of the Shorin Kempo Jutsu Yudanshikai, and has developed his own unique style known as Shorin Kempo Jutsu, by combining his 30 years of Martial Arts knowledge.

**FRANCISCO SARA VIA-JIMENEZ.....DISTINGUISHED INSTRUCTOR**

Francisco holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in American Freestyle Karate under Shihan Joel Levy. He has trained in the Martial Arts for 30 years and has studied numerous of arts including Capoeira, Shito Ryu and Brazilian JiuJitsu. He is an active Instructor at Jaguar Brazilian jujitsu.

**WALTER KNOCHENMUS JR.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Walter's journey in martial arts began in 1973, after I reported to flight school at Mather AFB, Cal. While there, I studied Shotokan Nippon Do and earned my Shodan just prior to deploying to Southeast Asia in 1974. Stationed at Korat Royal Thai AFB, Thailand flying AC-130 gunships, on non-flying days, I studied Tae Kwan Do. In 1978, I was selected to a joint operations special duty assignment under Commander in Chief Atlantic. While on this assignment, I introduced to Airborne, Ranger, SEAL, and Force Recon, martial art tactics. After retiring from the US Air Force at Eglin, Florida, I started studying traditional Shotokan Karate under Grand Master Joe Cayer where I earned my Sandan. I have assisted in hundreds of self-defense clinics and kid's bully protection & predator seminars. In 2014, I expanded my training under Master Cayer in the art of Kajukenbo and earned my Nidan black belt. I am an instructor at Emerald Coast Martial Arts Academy in Florida.

**TONI KOUROS.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Kouros holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Okinawan Karate. He has also studied Shotokan Karate. Through the years Tony has had much success competing at Local, State and National levels. He has placed in the top 3 in well over 200 competitions. He has been voted Most Dedicated and has trained internationally under several instructors in Greece and England. He has trained many elite Martial Artist including State, National, Pan-American, Olympic and World Champions.

**RICHARD ANTHONY LEE.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Lee owns Richard Lee's School of American Karate in Mississippi. He has trained in Tae Kwon Do, Okinawan Kenpo, Shotokan and holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt under Professor Wayne Carman. Me. Lee has studied the Martial Arts for 34 years. His leadership and



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Instructor skills have allowed him to train outstanding Martial Artist and good role models within the community.

**KENNETH LOWE.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Lowe holds a 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate under Grandmaster Janis Fraley. He has also studied Taylor Lua.

**JOSH MARSHALL.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Marshall holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black in Ryu Kyu Kempo. He has also studied Modern Arnis, Kiaido, Small Circle Jujitsu, Kyusho Jitsu and Tae Kwon Do. He is a member of Dillman Karate International, Kiaido International and The International Modern Arnis Federation. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 30 years.

**MIKE MCLAUGHLIN.....EXCELLENCE IN MARTIAL ARTS LEADERSHIP**

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

**CHARLES KEVIN MILLER.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

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

**ROBERT MORENO.....GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Moreno holds the rank of 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do and Tae Kwon Do. He has also studied numerous other Martial Arts including Judo, Jujitsu and Hapkido. He currently trains several Professional Mixed Martial Artists and several Amateur Mixed Martial Artists.



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He has trained in the Martial Arts for 37 years and has received Officer of the Year 2009 and 2010.

**MICHAEL DEWEY MULLINAX JR.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Mullinax holds a Black Belt in several different arts with his main discipline being Tae Kwon Do under Master Pong. He has trained in the Martial Arts for 33 years including Gung Fu, San Soo, Jujitsu, Hapkido and Aikido. He is a member of the Chinese Brotherhood Society. He is a Military Veteran.

**MARIANO NAPOLES.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER**

Mr. Napoles is an USJA Certified Coach and a USJA Senior Judo Rank Examiner and currently holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Judo. He is a member of the United States Judo Association, USA Judo and Pan American Judo Confederation. He was the 2010 USA Judo Outstanding Master Athlete and the USA Judo Number One Ranked National Master Athlete for 2011.

**TEDDY VANCE OSBORNE.....MASTER**

Mr. Osborne holds the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Isshanryu Karate under Master Freddy Cantell. He has also studied Northern Shaolin Kung Fu. He is a member of the Okinawan Karate Do Union. He has been studying the Martial Arts for 36 years.

**JOHN LEONARD OWSIAK.....EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

Mr. Owsiak began his training in Tae Kwon Do in 1978 under Grandmaster Joseph Auman. Mr. Owsiak began his training in Ninjitsu under Shihan Jeff Davis. He is currently a 10<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Budo Taijitsu under Grandmaster Richard Van Donk. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do for 22 years. He is an active Instructor at Columbus Bujinkan Dojo.

**CLIFTON PARTINGTON.....MASTER**

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



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**JOHN PERSINGER.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Persinger holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Chung Do Kwan and Tae Kwon Do. He also holds a Black Belt in Shorin Ryu Karate. He is a member of the International Tae Kwon Do Federation, Universal Tae Kwon Do Federation and America's Independent Karate Instructors Association where he received School of the Year in 1999. He has been involved in the Martial Arts for 39 years.

**DAVID PETERSMARCK.....MASTER**

David is a 10th Degree Black Belt in Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu under Shihan Jeffery Prather. David has also studied Isshinryu Karate, Judo and Tae Kwon Do. He is a member of the Shidoshi Kai-Bujinkan. He has received the title of Shidoshi by Soke Masaaki Hatsumi. David has been studying the Martial Arts for 34 years.

**EDWIN QUILES.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Quiles holds a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate under Ruben Ruiz. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 33 years. He has received a Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Services Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal.

**IAN QUINN.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Quinn has trained in the Martial Arts for 31 years. He holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Koga Ryu Ninjitsu under Master Ronald Rhoades Jr. He also holds instructor rank in Jeet Kune Do, Professional License for Boxing and Instructor rank in Filipino Martial Arts. He is a member of the World Boxing Organization, US Fight League, Poly Unified martial Arts Association and The World Tae Kwon Do Association.

**DONNY ROBERTS.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Roberts holds a 3rd degree Black Belt in Judo under Grandmaster Tony Mondejar. He has also studied Shudokan Karate and Tae Kwon Do. He is a member of the USJA, IMAA and the USMA. He has received numerous awards from Ada Judo Club and his Instructor Grandmaster Mondejar. He teaches Women's Self Defense and Judo at Ada Judo and Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma.



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### **JAMES DEAN SHELTON.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Shelton began his career in the Martial Arts under Derrick Penny in the style of Tae Kwon Do while stationed in Germany. In 1984 he began his study in Kenpo Karate under Dr. LaTourette and Don Shelstad. In 1994 he began his studies in the art of Isshinryu Karate under Grandmaster Pete Mills where he holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt. He is an active Instructor at Pete Mills Karate.

### **JAMES SMITH II.....SILVER LIFE AWARD &DISTINGUISHED MASTER**

Mr. Smith is the Master Instructor and Owner of White Tiger Martial Arts Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland. He has over 300 active students of all ages and teaches Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in both systems. He has also studied Judo, Jujitsu, Haganah, and various weapons, since he was 8. He also instructs classes for the Independent Karate Schools Association Training Seminars.

### **DENIS KEMEL SOLANO.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER**

Mr. Solano holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Judo. He is a member of the United States Judo Association and USA Judo. He has trained for 34 years and has received Outstanding Master Athlete 2010 and ranked #1 National Master Athlete in 2011.

### **ROBERT RUNE TRULOVE.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Trulove began his Martial Arts career in 1979 studying Tae Kwon Do and Chung Sil Kwon under Tony Madle. He has also trained in Muay Thai, Kenpo, Kali-Silat, Akido, Escirma and Jujitsu. He holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt under Professor Wayne Carman. He recently was certified in Combat Pistol Shooting and completed a County Reserve Deputy Course.

### **ERNIE VANDEHEY.....GRANDMASTER**

Ernie is a member of the International Kenpo Karate Academies. He has studied Aikido, Brazilian Jujitsu and Kenpo Karate where he holds a 9<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt under Ho Chan Sifu. He is the owner of Ernie Vandehey Combat Club in Oregon. He has been studying the Martial Arts for 37 years and is a previous inductee of the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame.



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**ISRAEL VELEZ III.....GRANDMASTER**

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

**GARRY HUGH WELCH.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER**

Mr. Welch owns and operates Welch's Karate Institute in Mississippi. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Professor Wayne Carman and Grandmaster Kang Rhee. He is a certified Krav Maga Instructor under Professor Marty Cale and Krav Maga Association. He is a Master Instructor in multiple Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics and has won multiple Law Enforcement Training Awards. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 35 years.

**JERRY WILLIAMS.....GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Williams has been training in the Martial Arts for 31 years. He began his law Enforcement career in 1996 where he saw a need for a strong Defensive Tactics System. Mr. Williams has trained in numerous Martial Arts Systems and has obtained the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in Kenpo, Shotokan and Kuo Shou San Shou. Jerry has also obtained a 1<sup>st</sup> degree Black Belt in Shito-Ryu and Cane Fighting the White Lotus Style. He has a Blue Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Tae Kwon Do. Upon reaching his 20 year anniversary as an Instructor in the Martial Arts, Jerry formalized his ideas and founded Keikan Kenpo Ju Jutsu and obtaining Sokeship for his system and ranked as a 10<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt.



## **GOLD AWARDS**

**TIMOTHY ARMSTRONG.....GOLDEN LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Armstrong has been training in the Martial Arts for 41 years. He holds the rank of 10<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the art of Loa-Hu Kungfu under Grandmaster Don Jones. He has also studied Chuan Lu, Tiger, Monkey, Snake, Silat, Kuntoa, Kali and Iron Palm. He teaches at the Loa-Hu Kungfu studio.

**DAVID BAILEY.....LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE DECADE**

Mr. Bailey holds a Black Belt level in the International Tae Kwon Do Federation under his instructor John West. He has also studied Kempo, Aiki Jujitsu, Combat Hapkito and Gracie Jiu Jitsu. He is a Cleet Defense Tactics Instructor for the state of Oklahoma. He has received numerous Law enforcement awards including Top Cop, Officer of the Year and Instructor award for Self Defense. He has been training in the Martial arts and Self Defense for 45 years. He teaches Martial Arts and Defensive Tactics at Thunder Foot Bailey's Gym.

**BILLY RAYMOND BAUGHER.....DISTINGUISHED GRANDMASTER**

Mr. Baugher began the Martial Arts much differently than most people. After suffering a devastating motorcycle accident; he endured 22 surgeries and spent 3 years in the hospital. He chose the Martial Arts as his method of rehabilitation. After many years of study under different Grandmaster all over the country, he achieved the rank of Black Belt in numerous styles and eventually reaching the rank of Grandmaster in Tae Kwon Do. Fighting professionally for 6 years and retiring undefeated with a record of 150 and 0. He has received numerous awards and has studied the Martial Arts for 43 years.

**ERIC VON BRANDT.....GOLDEN LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Brandt holds a 10<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in Goju Ryu under Edward Brown Jr. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do and Kendo. He is a member of the Black Knight Karate Association, the US Tae Kwon Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation and the All United States Kindo Federation. He has trained in the Martial Arts for 49 years and teaches at Brandt's Martial Arts Program.

**HENRY BRETTRAGER.....DEFENSIVE TACTICS INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Brettrager holds a Master Instructor level in American Free Form Karate. He has also studied Kick Boxing, Combat Hapkido, Jiu-Jitsu, Shaolin Kungfu, Wing Chun Kungfu and is a Certified Krav Maga Defensive Tactics Instructor for law enforcement. He is a member of the





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International Law Enforcement Trainers and Educators Association as well as the North American SWAT Training Association. He is the Founder of SARS DT and heads the Defensive Tactics training for the state of Ohio.

**TYRONE BULLOCK.....COMBATIVE FOUNDER**

Mr. Bullock holds a 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Southern Shaolin Kungfu under Master Feng. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 44 years. He is a member of Gospel Martial Arts Union and the Black Dragon Fighting Society. He teaches at the Shaolin Dragon School of Kungfu.

**JOE CAYER.....GOLDEN LIFE AWARD**

No Bio Submitted

**MICHAEL DAVID DAVENPORT.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER**

Mr.Davenport holds the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Master Rob Hale and Jim Butin. He has also studies Goju, Kyokushinkai, Judo and Wrestling. He served as President of the Oklahoma Karate Association and Co-Founder of the Oklahoma Sport Karate Association. He was previously world ranked by the National Black Belt League and ISKA. Winner of 19 Oklahoma state titles, ranked #1 NBL and ISKA Competitor. 4 time winner OSKA Black Belt Competitor of the Year and 2 time recipient of the OSKA Black Belt Man of the Year Award.

**STEVEN DIRTON.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Dirton, a Kajukembo Master Instructor and holder of an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt under Grandmaster Dan Frazier. He is a member of the Kajukembo Self Defense Systems. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 44 years. He is the Chief Instructor and owner of Dirton's Kaujkembo Martial Arts School in Greenville South Carolina.

**CHARLES DISMANG.....GOLDEN LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Dismang has been training in the Martial Arts for 40 years. He holds a Master level in Shotokan Karate. He has also trained in Kenpo, Aikido, Kali and Small Circle Jujitsu. He is the owner and Chief Instructor at Full Moon Martial Arts in Jeffersonville Indiana where he is the Founder of Okami No Michi Martial Arts System.



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**MICHAEL DRIGGERS JR.....LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

Mr. Driggers holds an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tang Soo Do and Hapkido under Grandmaster Clingan. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do and is a member of the World Tang Soo Do, All American Tang Soo Do and has trained in the Martial Arts for 49 years.

**KEVIN GUY FINNEY.....AMBASSADOR**

Mr. Finney holds an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Lo-Hu Kungfu under Grandmaster Tim Armstrong. He has also studied Pak Mei Pei, Southern Praying Mantis, White Crane, and Tai Chi. He is a member of the US Chun Fa Association. He has trained in the Martial Arts for 41 years and is the owner and Instructor at Chuan Lu Chinese Boxing.

**THOMAS FORMAN.....FOUNDER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Forman holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the Iron Palm Kungfu System under Kwon Wing Lamb and a Black Belt in the American Cane System under Mark Shuey Sr. He has also studied Lima Lama, Hapkido, Chin na, Escrima, and Kenpo. He has received the title of World Shoot Fighting Champion and has trained in the Martial Arts for 41 years.

**ALFRED GAGNE.....OUTSTANDING MARTIAL ARTS TEACHER**

Mr. Gagne began his Karate training in 1969 under Vince Weigand, while serving in the US Air Force, where he received his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt. Mr. Gagne attended a seminar by Sensei James Coffman. Sensei Gagne has continued to train under Mr. Coffman and has achieved the rank of 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Matsumura Orthodox Shorin-Ryu.

**TONY GEORGIADES.....SOKE OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Georgiades is Kaicho of Budo-Kai International and is recognized by the Budo-Kai International Board as Soke, Hachidan Black Belt of Kanzen Goju-Ryu under Sensei Tom Haggerty and a Sandan in Shorin-Ryu Karate having trained under Tadashi Yamaguchi's top student Glen Rabgo. He has also earned a Shodan in Aibu-Jutju Ryu Jujitsu and is a Senior Blade Master in Muchin-Kan edged Weapons. He has trained in the martial Arts for 41 years and teaches at Haggerty's Martial Arts Center.

**JAMES HAMMOCK JR.....GOLDEN LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Hammock has been on the Martial Arts for 42 years. He holds the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in TCB Karate under Professor Wayne Carman. Mr. Hammock has also studied Tae Kwon Do, Akido, Tomili Ryu, Traditional Jujitsu and Shaolin Kung Fu. He is a certified Krav Maga



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Instructor under Professor Marty Cale and the Krav Maga Association. He is co-owner of TCB Martial Arts in Branson, Missouri and is a previous Martial Arts Hall of fame Inductee.

**JOE INGICCO.....MASTER**

Joe holds the rank of 7<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in American Tactical GoJu under Soke Joe Hess. He also holds a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in Jujitsu. He is a member of the United States Italian Martial Arts Alliance and the International Brotherhood of Martial Artist. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 46 years.

**RICKIE (R.J.) JOHNSON.....GRANDMASTER**

Mr. Johnson holds a 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Professor V.A. White and Grandmaster O. Miller. He has also studied Iaido, Isshinryu Karate and Boxing. He is a member of the Tae Kwon Do United Alliance of America and Deep South Martial Arts Alliance. He has trained in the Martial Arts since 1968. He owns and operates Rickie Johnson School of Martial Arts in Greenville, Mississippi.

**BRADLEY KREHEL.....EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

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

**ROBERT O'BLOCK.....MASTER???**

Mr. O'Block holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kempo under Professor Wayne Carman. He has also studied Karate, Judo, Krav Maga, Boxing and Muay Tai. He has trained in the Martial Arts for 40 years. He has received awards from Action Martial Arts Hall of Honors.

**ALFRED JAMES O'NEAL JR.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. O'Neal began studying the Martial Arts at the age of 17 in Kickboxing and Tai Chi. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do, Judo and Capoeira. He currently holds an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in



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Japanese Goju Ryu under Grandmaster Edward Brown. He is a member of the Black Knight Karate Association, Brandts Martial Arts Program and Third Generation Martial Arts. He has trained for 42 years and is an active Instructor through the Black Knight Karate Association.

**MANUEL PINA.....GOLDEN LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Pina started taking Tae Kwon Do in 1971, within 3 years he had earned his first Black Belt and started teaching classes. He currently holds a 9<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do Moo Duk Kwan under Edwardo Castor. He has also studied Chinese Kenpo. He teaches at Freedom Martial Arts for nonprofit and has been in the Martial Arts for 44 years.

**MICHAEL RASH.....GOLDEN LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Rash holds the title of Grandmaster with a 9<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in the art of Karazenpo Go Shinjutsu from Grandmaster Victor (Sonny) Gascon. Mr. Rash has also studied Shorin Ryu. He started his training in 1973 and received his first Black Belt in 1980. Mr. Rash has been training in the Martial Arts for 42 years.

**RUBEN RUIZ JR.....GOLDEN LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Ruiz holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate under the late great Grandmaster Reno Morales. Mr. Ruiz has also studied Kyokushin Karate and Kickboxing. He is a member of the BSKC and the AJKA. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 42 years. He is an active Instructor at American Finest Shotokan Karate and Kickboxing Studio.

**STEVE LEE SWIFT.....DISTINGUISHED GRANDMASTER**

Mr. Swift has been training in the Martial Arts for 46 years. He is Grandmaster in Wing Chun Kungfu. He has trained under Ip Chun, Ip Ching. He has also trained in Isshin Ryu Karate. He is a member of the World Head of Family Sokeship Council. He is owner and Head Instructor of Grandmasters Wing Chun.

**Bob Wainwright (deceased)....to be accepted by Harry Wheeler.....Founder**

Mr. Wainwright started the Martial Arts in 1977. He started and ended in the art that he loved "Kenpo Karate "under Shihan Dan Babcock, of the Tracy System of Kenpo and later under Shihan Mark Freer. He was awarded his Black Belt in 1982. At that time he had already opened up his first school in Downers Grove, Illinois. Having lost contact with his former Instructors, Mr. Wainwright start his own association called "Way of Kenpo". Mr. Wainwright received his 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt from Grandmaster Shorty Mills. Eventually being



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promoter to 5<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in 1997 by Shihan Harry Wheeler. In 2013 Bob was diagnosed with cancer and being the Warrior he was, he fought the good fight, unfortunately late in 2014, the cancer came back and he found an opponent that he could not beat. Mr. Wainwright passed in January 2015.



## PLATINUM AWARDS

**JAMES ROBERT GAINES.....SOKE OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Gaines currently holds an 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt in Shorin-Ryu Karate and is the founder of Tenshin No Shin Nagare Ryu Jujutsu. He also holds Black Belt rank in Motobu Ha Shito-Ryu Karate, Okinawan Kempo and a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in Judo. Mr. Gaines has been involved in college Martial Arts programs for Rend Lake College and Kaskaskia College, with accreditations through the University of Illinois. He is a member of the International martial Arts Council of America, as well as several other traditional Martial Arts organizations.

**BILL KELLEY.....GRANDMASTER**

Mr. Kelley holds a 10<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt rank in the art of Wu-Shuryu-Do under Soke Mike Hixon. He has also studied Isshinryu, Shotokan, Judo and Okinawan Kenpo. During his Martial Arts career he has earned numerous awards including Competitor of the Year, National and State Champion in his respective Self Defense, Weapons, Kata and Kumite divisions.

**HARVEY LEVY.....PIONEER AWARD**

Mr. Levy holds the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Black Belt in Ryukyu Kempo, Tang Soo Do and Combat Hapkido. He has also studied Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Small Circle Jujitsu and Kyusho Jitsu. He has trained for 52 years and teaches at Harlem Martial Arts Club.

**EDWARD SHEPARD.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR**

Mr. Shepard began his training in Kajukenbo in the jungles of Thailand as a white belt under Grandmaster Tony Lasit during the Vietnam War. After being deployed to the Philippines he continued his Kajukenbo training under Grandmaster Richard Peralta and became his first Black Belt. Mr. Shepard now holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt under Grandmaster Dan Frazier. At the age of 72, Mr. Shepard has been studying Kajukenbo for 51 years.

**LARRY DON SHUTT.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER?**

Mr. Shutt began his Martial Arts Journey in 1958 and now holds the rank of 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Shorei Goju Shuri Ryu. He has trained in many Okinawan styles and is a member of the USKA, AKA and the PKC. He has been awarded Coach of the Year and Instructor of the Year and teaches at Shutt Martial Arts at the age of 73.



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**ALLEN FISCHER.....LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

Mr. Fischer has been involved in the Martial Arts since 1966. He has trained under numerous Masters and Grandmasters through the International Martial Arts Council Training Camp. Over the past 49 years he has studied multiple systems including Moo Duk Kwan Taekwondo under Ye-Mo Ahn. He received his 1<sup>st</sup> Black Belt under Michael Peppers, Rob Baker and Larry Whitener. He has studied under J. Pat Burleson and Bob Yarnel. He has trained in American Kenpo under Chief Roman, Combat Jujitsu under Michael DePasquale Jr., and Combat Cane under Mark Shuey Sr. Mr. Fischer now holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in American Karate, presented by the Masters and Grandmasters of IMAC. He has received numerous awards through the Hall of Fame.

**DANIEL FRAZIER.....LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

Mr. Frazier has more than 45 years of learning and teaching. A 9<sup>th</sup> Dan in Kajukenbo, he is affiliated with the Kajukenbo Self Defense Institute of Hawaii, Kajukembo Self-Defense Systems International, International Kajukenbo Association, American Kajukenbo Association, Guam United Martial Arts Association, Okinawa Karate Referee's Association, Black Dragon's Society, and Silent Warrior's Fighting System. GM Frazier has practiced a diverse style of martial arts including Gung Fu, Tai Chi, Okinawan Kenpo, Goju Ryu, Kyokishin Kai, Kali, Arnis, Escrima, American Kenpo, Tae Kwon Do, ju-Jitsu, Sambo and Western Boxing. Mr. Frazier was recognized as the founder of the Guam Defensive Tactics System and Guam Kajukenbo Association and a regional representative of Emperado's KSDI for Guam and Okinawa. In 1995, Mr. Frazier was appointed head coach of the Guam Olympic Committee for the South Pacific Games held in Tahiti. In 2010, he was inducted as Grandmaster of the Year. He is a member of the IMAC Grandmaster's Council and is current chief instructor of Frazier Martial Arts Academy in Oklahoma City OK.

**JACK GROVES.....LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

Mr. Groves began to study Okinawan Karate while stationed with the US Air Force in the island of Okinawa in 1962. In 1993 he achieved his 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt in Shorei-Ryu Karate by Master Charles Bridgewater and Sensei John Sharkey. In 1996 his 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt in Shotokan Karate by Sensei Sharky and in 1998 his 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Black Belt in Shorei-Ryu Karate. In the year 2000 he opened Groves Karate Studio in Holiday Island Arkansas where he was befriended by Professor Marty Cale and was introduced to the USMA Hall of Fame and



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Training Camp. Mr. Groves assisted Professor Cale in the management of his training camps from 2003 through 2005. Mr. Groves had the pleasure of meeting many great Martial Artist including Lou Periello Sensei and Walter Von Krenner Sensei from the arts of Aikido. He also had the privilege to train under Master Russell McCartney in Sword Cutting and Drawing of the Sword. Mr. Groves also met and trained with Mark Shuey of the Canemaster System, continuing that training with Professor Wayne Carman and Professor Marty Cale he achieved his Black Belt in Canemaster. In 2006, John Sharkey appointed Mr. and Mrs. Groves as Regional Representatives for the AKA Southern Region. 2012 Mr. Groves passed on the management of his school to Sensei Curtis Shaw. Mr. Groves was inducted into the 2000 United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame by Professor Marty Cale and O'Sensei Phillip Porter. In 2001, he was awarded School of the Year by the USMA Hall of Fame. In 2004, he was inducted into the AKA Hall of Fame and awarded his 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt by John Sharkey. In 2005, he received 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in Combat Cane by Professor Marty Cale. In 2007, Mr. Groves was inducted as member of the American Black Belt System Karate Association Hall of Fame and in 2009 Mr. Groves received his 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shorei-Ryu Karate.

### CHAD NEATHERLAND.....LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Mr. Neatherland was born in Biloxi Mississippi in the early 1970's. His mother went into labor in one of his father's Martial Arts Schools. You could say he was literally born into the Martial Arts. Chad was traditionally trained in the Martial Arts and has Master and Instructor Rank in Aikijujutsu, Judo and Kempo. At a young age he was incredibly strong being able to lift and hold things that weighed much more than he did. As he grew in age so did his strength and ability, from lifting toy red wagons to holding back real trains and airplanes. As an actor, speaker and performer, Chad Neatherland has been seen by millions on National and International television programs such as Fox, Rachael Ray, ESPN, Ripley's Believe IT or NOT, Anderson Cooper Live and Stan Lee's Super Humans. He is featured in the 50 year anniversary Guinness Book of World Records and is a character in the Guinness Book of World Records the Videogame for Nintendo Wii and DS. As a 10 time Guinness World Record holder he is a true Master of Strength and Destruction holding more Guinness World Records in Martial Arts and Strength than anyone else in the world.

### AUSTIN BOX.....LIVING LEGAEND

Mr. Austin Bent Box, (Chu pat ich dech), is from the Southern Ute people of Colorado. He began his martial arts training in 1957 in Judo while in the USAF. Later he moved to Shotokan Karate under the tutelage of Sensei Vincent Cruz from the Nishiyama Hidetaka lineage. Mr. Box has trained in Chung Do Kwan while serving tours in Viet Nam in the early 1960's. Part of





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his training has involved Hapkido and Tai Chi Chuan. He has coached at the USA Indigenous Games, refereed local competition levels, participated in martial arts promotions and his sincere love of teaching of Native American heritage. Mr. Box is the founder of the Hana Dai Ichi Karate Association (Translated: One within One) which began in Colorado Springs in 1965. Since then he has over 300 Black Belts promoted over the 48 years. He is a current member of the International San Ten Karate Association.



## SPECIAL GUEST

**RHUEL LUTTRELL.....GOLDEN EAGLE  
AWARD**

A multi decorated martial arts instructor, Mr. Luttrell has trained in numerous martial arts systems and holds multiple black belts. Headquartered in Harrison AR, Mr. Luttrell teaches Bok Fu Quan Fa Chin Na Wu Kung Fu and Kosho Ryu Kenpo Ju Jutsu along with elements from other diverse systems to deliver a well-rounded training regimen to his students. Mr. Luttrell holds a doctorate in Martial Arts Philosophy and Martial Arts Science and has received several awards and commendations for his service to the martial arts community, including a 2002 induction into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

**DR. DAN NEATHERLAND.....GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD**

Dr. Dan Netherland, 10th Dan, Kinami-Ryu Aiki Bujutsu. Dr. Netherland is an internationally acclaimed martial artist with 60+ years training experience. He is a veteran police captain and SWAT team commander, as well as an inspirational pastor and teacher. He is best known as the undisputed world Power Breaking champion, holding Multiple Guinness world records as well as World Record Federation Records. He has been designated a living legend by the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame and the prestigious European martial arts Hall of Fame. As an author, what he writes about he has lived, knowing the depth of culture and combat. The genre of his work includes combat, sociology, philosophy, poetry and action adventure. He continues to educate, inform, inspire and mentor martial arts students and instructors both in the continuation of their chosen art and in life.

**MARK SHUEY SR.....GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD**

Mr. Shuey started the Martial Arts in 1970 in the Chuck Norris System of Tang Soo Do. Mr. Shuey received his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in 1978 under Master Harold Gross, Master Dennis Itchakawa and Master Neil C. Citron and began teaching the Martial Arts in 1979. In September of 1999 he was promoted to 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt by the USMA and the ICHF. Mr. Shuey now holds Degrees in Tang Soo Do, Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido and holds Masters Certification by numerous Associations. Mr. Shuey is head of Cane Instruction and Nevada State Director for the International Combat Hapkido Federation. He has been a top competitor in Martial Arts Tournaments for years. He was rated Competitor of the year in 1994. He has competed in Kata, Weapons, Sparring and winning Grand Champion in many of the tournaments that he has competed. He has won National Titles and World Titles on the



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**NASKA Tournament Circuit. He has been an inductee into several Martial Arts Hall of Fames, including our prestigious United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He has been featured and inducted into the Black Belt Magazine Hall of Fame as Weapons Instructor of the Year. He is one of the founders and sole owner of Cane Masters and is highly noted for teaching fitness and Self Defense with the walking cane. He has also been featured in numerous magazines and television programs. His American Cane System is now being taught by over 300 Instructors throughout the world.**