



2016 Inductees – July 23, 2016

YOUTH

Jordan Clark...Outstanding Youth Martial Artist of the Year

Jordan has been training in the martial arts for 4 years and is a member of and youth instructor at Four Mile Hill Tae Kwon Do in Arkansas. At 17, he holds a 1st Dan black belt in TKD under GM James Goodwin. He is referred to by his instructor as “a very deserving example of a black belt” and leads by example both in class and in his community.

Bradley Allen Pate...Outstanding Youth Competitor of the Year

A black belt in American Karate, Bradley was a NASKA Grand Champion in 2012. He has also taken Grand Champion honors in Surf City CA and Long Beach CA Tournaments. His martial arts journey began as a result of being bullied at school and has been a diligent student of the Arts ever since. With more than 100 trophies, medals and plaques to his credit, Bradley has earned the respect of his students and instructors and is an inspiration to other young people in his community.

Leia Pollard...Outstanding Youth Martial Arts Instructor

An assistant instructor at 4 Mile High Tae Kwon Do, Ms. Pollard earned her black belt in 2015. Leia is currently a 10th grade homeschooler who plans to study physical therapy in college. She began her training in TKD in 2012 and has been active in numerous tournaments, winning several trophies for forms and sparring. She continues her training under GM James Goodwin.

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Gordon Farmer...Pioneer Award (Canada)

Master Farmer began his training at the age of 10 in the basement of a convenience store in 1961, learning Kung Fu. He paid for training by mopping floors and stocking shelves. Today, he holds a 5th Dan in Goju Ryu and a 7th Dan in Kempo, Master Farmer has invested more than 55 years of his life in martial arts training and instruction. He has also studied Kung Fu, Kickboxing, Chito Ryu, Kempo Sho Kai and is a member of the Canadian Martial Arts Association. He was recognized as the Instructor of the Year by the World Martial Arts Legends and Pioneers Hall of Fame in 1997. He also teaches anger management to parolees and has trained over 7000 students (and counting) in his long, distinguished career.



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Victor Manuel Hernandez Molina...Instructor of the Year (Mexico)

Sensei Molina has served as the Head Instructor of the Okinawa Karate Club in Mexicali, Mexico since 1996. He is also the lead instructor of Karate and MMA at Palo Verde College in Blythe, CA. Sensei Molina is the Head trainer for the All Star Team for the National Championships in Mexico and the Mexico National Team that has competed in the WTKA in Italy. He holds a 2nd Dan in Shotokan

BRONZE

James Allred...Man of the Year

Sensei Allred began training in the martial arts in 1994. He has trained in Tracy Kenpo, Chinese Kenpo, American Kenpo, Matsumura Shorin Ryu, Aikido and BJJ. He currently holds a 3rd degree black belt in American Kenpo, 1st degree black belt in Shorin Ryu and 1st degree black belt in Tracy Kenpo. Currently instructing at Cookville Martial Arts.

Jeffery Baker...Black Belt of the Year

Sensei Baker holds a 3rd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and Shotokan and has also trained in Shotokan, Kempo, Pasa Ryu and Matayoshi Kobudo. He is a member of the Okinawan Kobudo Association, World Tae Kwon Do Federation and Southern Martial Arts Association. He is a recipient of the AAU Presidential Sports Award in Tae Kwon Do.

William Badders...Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Mr. Badders began training in the martial arts at the age of 3 and competed widely throughout his childhood. He has trained with numerous traditional instructors in Tae Kwon Do, JKajukenbo and Ju-Jitsu. In 2005, he began training in MMA and boxing, adding BJJ to the mix a few years later. In 2010 he founded Badders Combatives Association. He is an Eagle Scout and a TX certified law enforcement officer. He continues to serve and protect his community and serves as an example both to his community and his fellow officers.

Vicki Dees Bosman...Excellence in Martial Arts

Ms. Bosman has been studying the martial arts for 21 years. From training at work during the slow hours to earning enough money to pay for her own classes, she was relentless in pursuit of her black belt. In 1998, she earned her first degree black belt in Pasa Ryu Tae Kwon Do. She opened a satellite school in 2007 and earned her 2nd degree black belt in 2010. Ms. Bosman has a passion for teaching women and children and has received numerous awards and accolades for her efforts.



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Walter Bryant...Competitor of the Year

Master Bryant is a long time student of GM Clarence “Daddy O” Smith and currently holds a 6th Dan in Tang Soo Do. The martial arts helped an angry teenager harness control of his temper and forge strong bonds with his classmates. He became a Deputy Sheriff in San Angelo TX, where he has enjoyed a 22 year career. He took over as owner and chief instructor of the Karate Institute from GM Smith in 1992 and prides the school in offering quality instruction at affordable rates for all interested in training. On the competition circuit, Master Bryant is known for his lightning-fast back fist and has been ranked on the state and national levels, with a TX state championship sparring win in 2015.

Charles Callahan, Jr....Man of the Year

Mr. Callahan holds a 2nd Degree in Karazenpo-Go-Shinjutsu under Sifu Frank Delgado. He is an active instructor at Isla Ohana Kenpo in Virginia. He is an active member of the Tidewater Christian Martial Arts Alliance and United Methodist Church. Master Callahan is particularly proud of the opportunity to work with numerous children and teens in his local community, not only teaching martial arts but instilling important life skills and values that help them grow up well. He has also trained in Shito Ryu, Iai, Aikido, Tai Chi Chuan, Wrestling and Boxing.

Richard Cumbridge...Instructor of the Year

Nominated by his senior instructor, Robert S. Clair Jr., Mr. Cumbridge holds a 1st Dan in Shotokan. He is a member of Bible Baptist Church in Danville WY, where he teaches martial arts out of the church gym, as well as offering After School Martial Arts programs in local schools. Actively involved in his community, Mr. Cumbridge has worked with the Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Danville Volunteer Fire Department and other local organizations. He is the president of “Martial Arts 4 All” a non-profit organization providing scholarships to high risk and low income children and adults.

James Garner, Garner’s Premier Karate...Martial Arts School of the Year

Sensei Garner has served our nation as an infantryman in the US Army where he was part of a Personal Security Detachment escorting and protecting high value US and Foreign Officers, including the Secretary of Defense. He received a total of three ARCOM Medals. He has served in Iraq and Afghanistan and was honorably discharged in 2015. He brings this intensity and commitment to God and country to his school and students, where he teaches Tang Soo Do. Garner’s Premier Martial Arts is making a difference in a small community and is referred to by parents of the students he teaches as “an amazing man, very driven and inspirational.”



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Gregory Giovaniello...Instructor of the Year

A member of the IKO, IOGKF and NAKO, Master Giovaniello holds a 4th Dan in Kai Fuku Jori Shin. He began his training in 1991 in Goju, earning his 2nd Dan ranking in 1995. After enlisting in the Air Force the same year, he met his current instructor and has remained a loyal student and fellow instructor. In 2004 he traveled to Japan to train at the Kyokushin Honbu. In 2013, the two started their own non-profit, Kai Fuku Keri Shin, where they offer free martial arts classes in the Bronx.

Lorraine Gorski...Woman of the Year

A 2nd Degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, Ms. Gorski is an assistant instructor at Brandt 's Martial Arts Program in KY. She is also the Senior Tester for beginner belts at BMAP. Known as "Ms. Lori" she dedicates much of her time to teach not just the students, but the parents of the children who train there. She balances this with her life as an "Army Wife" through 5 years of deployment, volunteering with other organizations and earning two college degrees. She also holds the title of Honorable Kentucky Colonel.

Robert Hallam...Krav Maga Student of the Year

An Associate Instructor with Elite Training Specialists and a KMA Defensive Tactics Instructor, Robert Hallam has worked under the oversight of GM Garry Welch for several years. He is also certified as an Israeli Combat Knife Instructor and a Combat Shooting Range Officer. Mr. Hallam is a member of the International Krav Maga Association and currently holds a brown belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Daniel Huntwork...Martial Artist of the Year

A 39 year old single dad, Mr. Huntwork is raising two daughters and recently earned a degree in digital media production from Century College in MN. He has trained for 14 years and earned his first black belt after 9 years of hard work. GM Timothy Armstrong noted, "Daniel has proven himself to be worthy. I honor Dan for his devotion to his skill as he has taken many parts of training and adapted styles to fit him." Master Huntwork holds a 4th Dan in Loa Hu Kung Fu and is a member of several associations.

Rodney Howard...Instructor of the Year

A retired Army Master Sergeant with 3 Meritorious Service medals and 3 job skills in the Green Berets, Master Howard began training in 1998. He has earned the rank of 5th Dan in Tae Kwon Do and is a member of the USChung Do Kwon Association, World Chung Do Kwon and Kukkiwon. He has been inducted into the Black Belt Hall of Fame, USCDKA Hall of Fame and currently runs Christian Martial Arts Ministries in Van Buren, IN.



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Jeffrey Hein...Distinguished Combative Operator

Nominated by Professor Marty Cale and Charlie Konler for a lifetime of service as a Combative Operator and lifelong student of Krav Maga. Although medical issues have prevented Mr. Hein from actively pursuing his love for the combative arts, he remains a passionate supporter of the International Krav Maga Association, International Martial Arts Council of America and the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Steven Hamilton...Male Martial Artist of the Year

Holding a 4th Degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, Master Hamilton has served our nation as a member of the U.S. Army as well as a law enforcement officer, where he earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was a law enforcement pressure point control tactics and ground avoidance / ground escape instructor. He has also trained in Wing Chun and Okinawan Karate Kenpo and is a member of the United Karate Association. He was a Silver Star inductee into the American Police Hall of Fame.

Sheri Lampkin...Female Martial Artist of the Year

A student of Sifu Frank Delgado and GM Dan Frazier, Sibak Lampkin is studying the art of Kajukembo and karazenpo Go Shinjutsu. She earned her 2nd Degree ranking in this art in 2014. Sibak Lampkin previously trained with the late Kiyoshi James Karnes in the art of Shinsei Hapkido, and has expanded her training to include Filipino Martial Arts and Krav Maga. She is a former Virginia State American Kickboxing Women's Bantam Weight Champion and a PACC Professional Amateur Contact Karate Women's Lightweight Champion. In addition to her duties as an associate instructor, she teaches women's self defense seminars to empower women of all ages to protect themselves.

Jimmy Livengood...Martial Artist of the Year

Master Livengood started his martial arts training in 1981 with USTF instructor Master Robert Sublett. He continued his training under several USTF and NTFA instructors over the years, with his 4th Dan ranking in Tae Kwon Do coming in 1993. He is currently cross-training in Krav Maga while he teaches TKD to black belt students at Lee's Karate in Jonesboro AR. Master Livengood is a member of the Kyumson Taekwondo Alliance.



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Jeremy Metcalf – Distinguished MMA Coach

Earning a coveted BJJ black belt under Carlos Machado in 2013, Mr. Metcalf also holds a 3rd Dan in American karate. He teaches karate, mixed martial arts, BJJ, boxing, and Muay Thai at Mansfield MMA in TX. He is a member of RCT Machado Jiu-Jitsu. Offering martial arts classes for families, Mr. Metcalf is focused on offering a safe place where students can learn the values of self-reliance, confidence and discipline. Mansfield Martial Arts is also a leading MMA school in central Texas.

Andrew Moody...Instructor of the Year

Andrew Moody is an ordained minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and serves as lead pastor of San Antonio Reformed Church. He has been studying Tang Soo Do under GM Johnny Thompson for more than 25 years. He owns and operates Christian Karate Academy. Pastor Moody was named the TKA Assistant Black Belt Instructor of the Year in 2014 and TKA Black Belt of the Year in 2015. He is a member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association and is involved with a number of aspects including serving as its webmaster.

Jose Oscar Olivarez, Jr...Excellence in Martial Arts

Sifu Oscar Olivarez runs Honorable Martial Arts in Southern Texas and is one of the top instructors in that area. Not only is he an impeccable martial arts practitioner with almost flawless technique, he is an accomplished musician. Sifu Olivarez is always there to guide and lend a hand to fellow students and instructors. He holds a 2nd Degree black belt in Harlingen Kung Fu and a 1st Dan in Tang Soo Do under GM Johnny Thompson. He is a member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association. Sifu Oliveraz also trains in JKD and BJJ, recently joining the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Team.

Andrew Pendexter...Instructor of the Year

A 7th Dan in Tae Kwon Do, Master Pendexter teaches at New Age Martial Arts. He has also trained in Hapkido and Kyukido, and is a member of the Tactical Hapkido Alliance and International Original Taekwondo Federation.

Hugh Price II...Instructor of the Year

A 2nd Dan in Tang Soo Do, Mr. Price has become an experienced martial artist. He is the first one to volunteer to help and instruct at a moment's notice. Always mentoring, cheering up and keeping folks in line with his "can do" attitude, Mr. Price exemplifies how to be a positive role model for the future citizens of tomorrow. He is a member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association and was recognized in 2015 as Assistant Instructor of the Year.



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Jose Ramirez II...Martial Artist

A native of Puerto Rico, “Big Ram” Ramirez joined the Navy in 1993 and served our nation for 20 years. While in the Navy he trained in Kenpo, Ju-Jitsu, Escrima and Tae Kwon Do. After transferring to Hawaii, he sought out a school for his 5 year old son and found the Christian Taekwondo Association. Together, the family began training there where Sensei Ramirez became a Certified CTA instructor and later opened Big Ram CTA Black Belt Academy in San Antonio TX. He holds a 3rd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a 1st Dan in Tang Soo Do under GM Johnny Thompson.

Kayo Ramirez...Female Instructor of the Year

Kayo was born and raised in Japan, moving to the US in 2003. In 2008, she joined her husband, Jose Ramirez, in joining the Christian Taekwondo Association and began training at Lowell’s Black Belt Academy. She earned her 1st degree black belt in 2012 and her 2nd degree black belt a year later. She is a Certified CTA Instructor and assists her husband at Big Ram CTA Black Belt Academy. Kayo earned her 3rd degree black belt in 2016 and is an advocate for women to join the martial arts to truly be all they can be. She teaches hard, but firm. Kayo teaches her students hard work equals sacrifice, but yields great rewards.

John “Jack” Randolph Jr...Martial Artist of the Year

John “Jack” Randolph began studying martial arts in 2001 when he joined the Martial Arts Training Institute in NC. At the age of 11, he earned his 1st degree black belt in Shorinji Kempo Karate under Master Scott Hartsell and began assisting with class instruction at the age of 14. He became a certified instructor at the age of 17. He has continued his personal advancement, most recently being promoted to 4th degree in 2011 and continues to lead classes for children and adults.

Anthony Robito...Martial Artist

Anthony has been studying the martial arts for 15 years. He is a student of Kyokushin Karate and is a well disciplined student. He passed up his testing for black belt to enter the US Army, then passed on it again to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. With over 100 tournaments in his career, he has always strived to do the best he can, teaching others the true values of martial arts and always going the distance.



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Jeremy Rogers...Competitor of the Year

Holder of a black sash in Pak Mei and a 4th degree black belt in American Kenpo, Jeremy Rogers is a student of GM Adrian Roman. He has also studied Sasuke Ryu Ninjutsu and American Kenpo. Mr. Rogers is a member of the Native American Kenpo Council and teaches at Rogers Martial Arts in OK. He has 12 grand championships in his tournament career, along with multiple 1st place finishes.

William Shelton...Black Belt of the Year

William Shelton holds a 5th degree black belt in Ju Kwon Do. He began training with the Al Francis Karate Organization in 1987 and earned his 1st Dan ranking in 1994. He is known as a motivational teacher and a good role model for youth and adults in class. An Eagle Scout, Master Shelton is always “ready” and is an active member in several community causes. He is a 2016 inductee into the Masters Hall of Fame.

Guy Shinkaruk...Sensei of the Year

A retired Senior Master Sergeant in the US Air Force (and now working for the FAA), Sensei Shinkaruk is an excellent teacher and mentor. He holds a 2nd Dan ranking in Shorin Ryu – Koeppl Ha and has also trained in Judo and Si Lum Tai Chi. Sensei Shinkaruk is a member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association and is the State Representative for the United States Karate Do Kai.

Jared Shinkaruk...Instructor of the Year

A 3rd Dan in Matsumura Seito Shorin Ryu - Koeppl Ha, and is a prodigy of outstanding ability. An excellent instructor who leads by example, he performs some of the most amazing demonstrations and seminars. Mature beyond his years, he leads a school that is outstanding in many ways. Sensei Shinkaruk earned a place in the Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa and has carried that dedication to diligence into his martial arts career.

William Sikes, Sr...Black Belt of the Year

Sibak Sikes is a 2nd Dan in Kenpo under Sifu Frank Delgado and has also trained in Tae Kwon Do and Karate. He is a member of the Kajukenbo Self-Defense Institute. Sibak Sikes has contributed a 36,000+ word document that has been developed as a reference manual to ensure the techniques of Karazenpo-Go-Shinjutsu are codified for future generations. He is an active instructor at Isla Ohana Kenpo.



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David Sinopoli...Instructor of the Year

Master Sinopoli is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and currently works as a full time firefighter and a part time police officer. He began his martial arts training in 1972 under Master Frank Gorman. Master Sinopoli currently holds a 5th Dan in Sento Jujitsu, 3rd Dan under GM Joe Lewis, and 2nd Dan under GM Bill Wallace. He also holds a Purple Belt in BJJ. Master Sinopoli is co-owner of Cutting Edge Fitness & Martial Arts where he teaches.

Stuart Slone...Martial Artist

Master Sloan holds a 4th Dan in Shorinji Kempo Karate and teaches at the Martial Arts Training Institute in NC. He has also trained in Goju and Arnis. Master Sloan is a member of the International Shorinji Kempo Karate Federation and the Interstate Kempo Karate Association. He is known by his students and instructors as a great motivator who strives to instill excellence in his students.

Ian Strimbeck...Outstanding Martial Artist

Marine, firearms instructor and Jiu-Jitsu practitioner, sets an example for his fellow Marines. He lives the martial way in all aspects of his life and demonstrates a positive, “can do” attitude in the dojo and his platoon. Ian is a member of the Association of Defensive Shooting Instructors and a student at Flow Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in NH.

Larry J. Tolliver, Jr...Combat Instructor of the Year

Master Tolliver began his martial arts training in Kenpo and Shorin Ryu in 1994. He was a tournament competitor on the NASKA circuit for 11 years. He currently holds a 3rd Dan in American Kenpo Karate, and a 2nd Dan in Tracy Kenpo Karate. Master Tolliver has been serving in the Air Force for the past 13 years, with two combat tours under his belt. He holds multiple certifications in Armed Forces combatives, both open hand and weapons. In 2015, he was inducted into the International Kenpo Karate Hall of Fame by master Al Tracy. In addition to his military service and martial arts instruction, Master Tolliver teaches leadership, home defense, anti-bully seminars and danger awareness programs in his local community.



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Union UTA Martial Arts...Martial Arts School of the Year

Under the leadership of Robert Nichols, Union UTA Martial Arts has become a center of influence in Union NJ. Union UTA has received the National Commerce Award on five separate occasions, and was recently named 2015 ISKA World Champions. The school teaches a broad array of martial arts programs as well as anti-bullying and character development classes in public and private schools for more than a decade.

Shannon Weaver...Distinguished Combat Instructor

Shannon Weaver worked to overcome personal challenges to become a great grappler. Having won numerous awards in wrestling and football in High School, Shannon joined the Army where he excelled in hand-to-hand combat and close quarters combat. He trained as a Military Police Tactical Operator and performed several close quarter protection operations for VIPs of all levels of government. Shannon has trained in multiple disciplines over the years, ultimately earning an 8th degree black belt ranking in Dragon Fist Kenpo. He recently took a Gold Medal in the Pennsylvania Keystone Games.

Jeffrey Williams...Martial Artist of the Year

A Grade 4 Master in Wing Chun, Master Williams is a kind and inspirational teacher. He is known to care more about helping a student than turning a profit. In fact, his school has more free students than those who can afford to pay. He offers free lessons to victims of domestic violence and bullying. He has also studied JKD, Sanda and Hard Qigong. He is the owner and chief instructor of Mid West Wing Chun in Indiana.

Nikki Williams...Instructor of the Year

Nikki is a 1st degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do under GM James Goodwin. He is an assistant instructor at 4 Mile High Tae Kwon Do in Searcy AR. GM Goodwin states, "Nikki is a deserving instructor and a great example of a black belt." She has been training since 1993.

Brenda Kay Wilson...Coach of the Year

Nominated by her senior instructor, Ernie Vandehey, Brenda is known for giving her all when it comes to coaching. For the past 5 years, she has competed in every competition the school has participated in and is willing and able to help at a moment's notice. Brenda is a 61 year old women who has a great family, husband, children, grandchildren and holds down a full time job – at times working 7 days a week. Even with her busy schedule, she puts in time at the school. She is a shining example of what a real Life Coach should be, in every aspect of her life.



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James Wilson...Blackbelt of the Year

The tenth of eleven children, Master Wilson enjoyed the love of his family and endured the bullying of kids at school. This led him to pursue training at the American Karate School, where he labeled himself as a “guinea pig” (Uke) because he was often used by instructors to demonstrate technique to the class. Applying what he observed, and experienced, Master Wilson began to learn, but wanted more. He met Professor Steven Dirton and began training in Kajukembo in 1981, where he tapped into his true ability as a martial artist. Master Durton is currently a 5th Dan and serves as Head Instructor at Dirton’s Martial Arts where he serves as a role model to students and fellow instructors.

SILVER

Daniel Atkison...Distinguished Instructor

Sensei Atkison’s was introduced to the martial arts as a child but never took prominence in his life until his two children began training with Sensei Craig Bryan. He started as a “helper” in the school his children attended and as he also learned the material he was ranked alongside his children even though he was dealing with degenerative arthritis in both hips. He persevered through the pain as he continued private lessons with Sensei Craig to earn his first black belt...but not before undergoing hip replacement surgery in both hips. He continues to teach Tang Soo Do and is now cross-training in Tae Kwon Do, where he now holds his 2nd Dan.

Travis Bratton...Master Instructor

Master Bratton found his love for the martial arts at an early age. A trophy at age 6 started a lifetime pursuit of martial arts excellence. At the age of 10, he took state and regional titles in silver gloves boxing. After joining the military at the age of 20, he became a certified Army Combative instructor and served our country proudly in Iraq. Today Master Bratton is Kukkiwon certified and holds a 5th Dan in Aikido, a 4th Dan in Olympic Tae Kwon Do and a 2nd Dan in Hapkido. He has trained law enforcement officers, including members of the U.S. Marshall’s Service and the Special Response Team of Garland County in Arkansas. He is the founder of Complete Combat System and Small Circle Hapkido.

Raymond Crow...Sports Science Coach

Sifu Raymond Crow has more than 40 years in the martial arts and holds rankings in JKD, Kali, Wing Chun, Silat and Grappling. He is a Senior Full Instructor in the IMB System under Grandmaster Richard Bustillo. He is the chief instructor of Crow’s Martial Arts and teaches martial arts to sports teams and professional athletes, including America’s Team, the Dallas Cowboys.



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Steven Dietze...Master Instructor

Master Dietze has nearly 35 years in the martial arts and holds a 4th Dan ranking in Tae Kwon Do under Kan Rhee and Robert Blackstone. He has also trained in Shotokan, Judo, Tai Chi and Krav Maga. He has been an active sports competitor and currently serves alongside Professor Garry Welch teaching at Kingdom Krav Maga. He remains passionate about helping students achieve their full potential, both in the martial arts and in life.

Steve Dirton...Distinguished Master

A student of GM Daniel Frazier, Master Dirton holds an 8th Dan (Professorship) in Kajunkenbo. He teaches in Greenville SC where he offers classes for men, women and children. He also offers specialized classes in women's self defense. He has taken several students to compete in NASKA sanctioned tournaments, where they have won numerous awards.

Michael Frazier...Distinguished Instructor

A student of GM Israel Velez, Master Frazier is a 2005 inductee in the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He holds top rankings in Ninjitsu and Kenpo under GM Velez and has also trained in Ju-Jitsu, Jeet Kune Do, Krav Maga, and Combat Karate. He is a member of the American Modern Ju-Jitsu Association and Shinja Martial Arts. He is the owner and operator of Mike Frazier Martial Arts in Illinois.

Charles Garrett...Distinguished Instructor

Master Garrett is a former United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inductee and a member of the International Martial Arts Council of America. He holds a 5th Dan in Tae Kwon Do, which he earned before the IMAC Grandmaster's Council in 2015 and owns and operates Straight Up Martial Arts in Arkansas. Don't let the smile fool you, Master Garrett is an intense competitor and has won numerous awards on the tournament circuit. He was a competitor in the 1989 Olympic Tae Kwon Do Team trials and has numerous state and national titles. Master Garrett pours that same energy and excitement into his students as he molds and makes young champions in life through his positive training environment. He has also been recognized as Instructor of the Year, Competitor of the Year and a Master Instructor.

Michael Hornsby...Distinguished Master

A top competitor in kata and kumite as well as an expert in weapons on the tournament scene, Master Hornsby holds a 6th Degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He runs True Force Tae Kwon Do in San Antonio TX. According to GM Johnny Thompson, "He is always there to assist and mentor in any way by leading as an example to young and old. We are proud to have him on our team."



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Bruce Jones...Distinguished Instructor

Master Jones, a 7th Degree black belt in Tang Soo Do, is a retired law enforcement officer who provides customized martial arts programs to Special Needs children throughout Dayton OH. He has also volunteered his expertise in the martial arts to teach the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office karate program. Master Jones teaches Tang Soo Do to US Air Force personnel and their family members at Wright Patterson AFB in Ohio.

Mike Jones...Excellence in Martial Arts

Sensei Jones has trained for more than 30 years in the martial arts, currently holding a 2nd Dan ranking in American Tang Soo Do. He was one of the top point fighters and kata technicians in TX and continues to demonstrate a "don't quit" attitude among students and instructors. He is a valuable member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association promotion board and constantly displays excellence, both in the dojo and in life.

Vivison Kerr...Distinguished Grandmaster

A 10th Dan in the art of Tsuchiguano Ryu Ninjutsu, GM Kerr has invested 28 years of his life into pursuing the martial arts with abandon. He has opened his home to keep students off the street and out of trouble. GM Kerr is committed to helping the youth of Florida discover the value their lives have to offer, and uses the medium of the martial arts as a mechanism to accomplish this goal. He is a member of the United States Martial Arts Association, American Taekwondo Association and has also trained in Goju Ryu, Wing Chun and American Kenpo.

David Landers...Distinguished Grandmaster

GM Landers is an 8th Dan in the art of C&S Self Defense Association under the direction of GM Peter Rose. He is a veteran police officer since 1976 and is an internationally licensed instructor in the USKA's Police Self-Defense Instructor's International. He has also served as the PSDI's Illinois State Director since 1982. GM Landers is the founder of Defensive Training Systems, a research organization teaching simplified methods of self defense. He is currently involved with the Department of Homeland Security.



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Lone Laughlin...Silver Life Award

Originally enrolling in Kang Rhee Martial Arts in 1980, Master Laughlin began a journey that changed her life. She began working at the Frayser Academy of Children’s Education in 1982, and began teaching martial arts a year later. A night class was soon added to teach parents of the students. 34 years later, she continues to teach and train. Master Laughlin earned her 8th Dan in Pasa Ryu martial arts in 2014. He is a member of the World Black Belt Bureau and a WBBB Certified Instructor.

Lowell Lyle...Silver Life Award

What began as a quest to defend himself from bullies in school, Master Lyle began a journey that has spanned almost 4 decades. Now a 4th Dan practitioner of Tang Soo Do, Master Lyle has helped teach at multiple dojos throughout San Antonio TX. Known as an outstanding father, son, husband and dedicated martial artist, he is always there to lend a helping hand. He is a member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association and is recognized by its leadership as an individual who has helped take their art to new and higher levels of success. Raised by a single mother, Master Lyle is dedicated to being an example of what marriage should be and is a man of great integrity, faith and commitment.

Steve Mackey...Distinguished Master

Master Mackey currently holds a 7th Dan in BushidoKan, and is a 3-Time Kansas State Champion Kickboxer and Shoot Fighter. He was ranked 3rd in the world at one time during almost a decade in the PKA. He traveled to Japan to compete against Japan’s reigning champion Caesar Takehi in the World Shootboxing Championship in 1989. Master Mackey knocked out his opponent, putting him into a coma that lasted nearly 2 hours. The event so impacted Master Mackey’s life he forfeited his title rather than defend it and never competed again. Since 1979 he has been leading the Bushidokan system through a number of school locations across the country.

Billy Matheny...Distinguished MMA Coach

A Shodan in Shingitai Jujitsu and USA Judo, Coach Matheny has also trained in Goju, Taekwondo, Bushi Satori Ryu Jujitsu and Koryu Bujitsu. After serving in the US Air Force, he enlisted in the Army where he became the Combatives Instructor for his unit. In 1995, he left the Army and returned to the Air Force Reserves as a Security Forces Non-Commissioned Officer. He also worked as a Deputy Sheriff, ultimately becoming POST certified as a Defensive Tactics Instructor. With over 20 years experience, he is the Head Coach at Warrior Jujitsu and recently authored his first book, “The MMA Art of War – Strategies for MMA Fighters and Coaches”.



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Robert Nichols...Distinguished Instructor

Holding a 7th Dan ranking in the art of Ninjutsu, Master Nichols teaches at Union UTA Martial Arts in Union, NJ. He also holds a 5th Dan in Tae Kwon Do and a 1st Dan in Shorin Ryu. Master Nichols has been previously named Instructor of the Year (2012), Ninjutsu Master (2013), School of the year (2014) and International Instructor of the Year (2015). Master Nichols recently led his school to bring home the 2015 ISKA World Championship.

Caesar Perez...Distinguished Combat Instructor

Master Perez is a multi-discipline instructor, holding a 1st Degree in Calasanz Kickboxing and a 5th Degree Master ranking in the Complete Calasanz Combined System. Master Perez is also a 2nd Degree Ninjutsu practitioner under GM Richard Van Donk and a 1st Degree in Tae Kwon Do. He is also a certified Krav Maga Instructor with the International Krav Maga Association. Master Perez is also a certified personal trainer and continually strives to make a positive impact on his community and his students.

Steven Piantieri...Most Distinguished JKD Contributor

Master Piantieri has more than 35 years in the martial arts and been classically trained in JKD, Taekwondo, BJJ and Wado Kai Karate. He attributes his extensive ballroom dancing experience for improving his footwork and timing. He was recently certified as an IMB Full Instructor in Jun Fan JKD under Sigung Richard Bustillo. Master Piantieri continues to train and instruct classes of the IMB Academy in a dojo in Longwood FL. He has penned several articles for JKD Institute's newsletter "Think Hit" and the IMB Academy Magazine. He earned two degrees from the University of South Florida and owns commercial real estate companies in Florida. He has enjoyed prior careers in motorsports and commercial photography.

Shannon Ramsey...Master of the Year

Master Ramsey holds a 4th Dan in Tang Soo Do and has been with the Tang Soo Do Karate Association for over 28 years. She has taken it upon herself to better herself at every opportunity, including putting herself through college (obtaining her Bachelor's degree in Sports Medicine and a Master's in Exercise Science) while she continued to pursue her martial arts training. Master Ramsey also excels at BJJ and is dominating that sport and is only the second black belt to earn the coveted Master ranking within the TKA organization.



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Jimmie Samuel...Silver Life Award

Master Samuel is known by his peers as an officer and a gentleman. A former tournament competitor and champion (nicknamed “The Cobra” due to his exceptional hand speed and devastating back fists) in TX and a great teacher of the Arts, Master Samuel is a former Air Force officer who served his nation with distinction. A soft-spoken pastor who not only talks the talk, but walks the walk, he currently leads a congregation of believers as Senior Pastor of Laboring for the Harvest Ministries in San Antonio.

Jason Scully...Distinguished Instructor

Mr. Scully began a career in wrestling during his middle and high school years. He began training in BJJ in 2001 and now holds a black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Mr. Scully has gone on to run a successful academy, win numerous grappling competitions and influence the lives of students, competitors and fellow instructors in the process. He teaches at Garden State Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in New Jersey.

Glenn Sullivan...Distinguished Instructor

Master Sullivan initiated a very successful martial arts program for underprivileged youth in Springfield MA and Harlem, NY. A 5th Dan in Kajukenbo, he has also studied Shotokan, Kenpo and Nindo Ryu. Master Sullivan is also the co-founder of the first Kajukenbo school in Madria, Spain and a member of the North America & Canada Ninja Society. He has dedicated over 45 years of his life to the Arts.

Bobby Teague...Distinguished Instructor

Master Teague holds a 4th Dan in Tae Kwon Do and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Karate for Christ International. He is also an active member of the International Krav Maga Association and the International Martial Arts Council of America. He holds instructor rankings in JKD, Krav Maga and Ju-Jitsu. Master Teague teaches classes at his local church in Benton AR and offers specialized classes for children, women and adults.

Michael Tobin...Distinguished Master

Master Tobin has been active and teaching martial arts for more than 30 years. He owns and is the head instructor at Tobin’s Elite Martial Arts in Clearfield UT. His previous and current school has been ranked #1 in the world with the SKIL and NBL in 2011, 2012 and 2015. Master Tobin holds a 6th Dan in Tae Kwon Do and a 5th Dan in Shotokan Karate.



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Manuel Arcos...Pioneer Award

Grandmaster Arcos began his martial arts training under Sensei Barros while stationed in North Africa in 1960. While in Vietnam, he studied Tae Kwon Do and after relocation to Taiwan he studied Tan Sho Tao. Upon returning to the U.S. he began training in Kajukenbo under GM Aleju Reys in California. He has also studied Kajukenbo under Master Peralta in Japan and Shorin Ruy and Motobu Ryu while serving in the military in Okinawa. He received his 9th Dan in Kajunenbo from GM Emperado in 2007 and was recognized as a 10th Dan in Ju-Jitsu by the World Ju-Jitsu Kobudo Organization. He has been invited on two occasions to train the personnel that guard our nation's capital.

Robert Blackstone...Distinguished Grandmaster (GM Garry Welch to accept)

GM Blackstone has been practicing the martial arts for nearly 38 years and holds a 9th Dan in Tae Kwon Do under GM Wayne Carman. He has trained in Pasa Ryu, Tae Kwon Do, Shotokan, Kobudo, Judo, and Kuk Sool Won. He is a member of the Pas Ryu Martial Arts Association, Shiloh Martial Arts Association and International TCB Karate Martial Arts Association. GM Blackstone has received the "Disciple of Discipline" award from Master Kang Rhee along with the AAU Presidential Sports Award for Tae Kwon Do. He currently owns and operates Blackstone's Karate in Memphis TN.

Claudia Claussen...Distinguished Law Enforcement Award

She started her Martial Arts Training in the early 1990s with the arts of Tae Kwon Do and Ju-Jitsu in Rostock, Germany. Later she switched from TKD to other martial arts. Currently Claudia is a Master Instructor under GM Richard Bustillo, Brown Belt Cacoy Doce Pares Eskrima under SGM Ciriaco Cacoy Canete, 4th degree Blackbelt Ju-Jitsu, A-Trainer-Qualification-Ju-Jitsu, Purple belt and Instructor under GM Gokor Chivichyan (Grappling). Claudia was an active MA competitor for 15 years in different martial arts: Placed in Boxing State Mastership, placed in International Police and Fire Games, Ju-Jitsu Place German Mastership for Police officer. Grappling Place North-German Mastership, and many more tournaments. Today she is an active trainer in 3 martial arts systems living in Schwerin, Germany – the Capital of the State Mecklenburg–Vorpommern. Claudia is a sworn law enforcement Peace Officer, and a Police Officer for over 20 years. During the last 10 years Claudia was promoted to a high qualified instructor for police tactics, self-defense, Tonfa & Baton and Shooting Programs at the higher Police School of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany. Claudia is presently a Lieutenant with about 20 special courses in police tactics, shooting and policy procedures.



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Brian Kula Fung...Distinguished Grandmaster

GM Fung holds a 9th Dan in Shaolin Kenpo and Kenpo Ju-Jitsu. He is recognized as a Sifu in Hung Gar Gung Fu and holds a 5th Dan in Kajukenbo, 2nd Dan rankings in Parker's Kenpo and Ken Ka Bo and a 1st Dan ranking in Okinawan Shorin Ryu. He was the CKL undefeated forms champion in Hawaiian and Chinese Arts in 1980 and 1981 and PKA Competitor of the Year in 2012. He was rated "Top Ten" Kata Champion in Karate Illustrated in 1981, 1982, 1983 and again in 1984. He was inducted in the Masters Hall of Fame in 2014 and the KOA Hall of Fame the same year. GM Fung was recognized by the World Head of Family Sokeship Council in 2015, as well as being inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He has been featured in Black Belt, Inside Kung Fu, Women's Health and Vogue Magazine and devotes time to local schools who have seen their P.E. programs cut as a Nike "Local Hero".

Rodger "Buddy" Graver...Golden Life Award

An 8th Dan black belt in Tae Kwon Do / Chun Do Kwan under GM Austin Box, GM Graver started his training in 1968 at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. He began teaching in 1973 and developed several tournament competitors who took top rankings at multiple events. GM Graves was committed to being a Community School Martial Arts Teacher, focusing his energy and efforts on keeping kids off of drugs and giving them a real chance to better themselves as they learned discipline, respect and how to cultivate a positive self-image.

Gabriel Green...Grandmaster of the Year

GM Green began his training in 1977 under GM Clarence Smith and later with the late GM James Cummings. By 1988, he graduated college and had also earned his 3rd Dan in Tang Soo Do. GM Green returned to his native California and began training in Shaolin Kenpo, earning his 1st Dan in 2001. He earned a Guro rank in ESKABO (Eskirma, Serrada, Kali, Arnis, Boxing & JKD) in 2002. GM Green traveled to China in 2006 where he received his 2nd Dan in Shaolin Kenpo. In 2008, he was inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame and was promoted to 7th Dan in Tang Soo Do the same year.

Chris Kesterson...Golden Life Award

An 8th Dan in Kestese, Master Kesterson has also trained in Isshin Ryu, Sambo, BJJ, TKD, American Boxing and Judo. He has been previously inducted into the Action martial Arts Hall of Fame, USMAA Hall of Fame and is a member of the World Black Belt Bureau and International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation. For the last 25 years, he has been teaching the art of Kestese, a mixed martial arts system.



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Arne Kulok...Distinguished Law Enforcement Award

Arne started his Martial Arts Training in 1976 with Hap Ki Do in his hometown Lauenburg/E./Germany. At age of 8, he switched over to Wado Ryu Karate in the DJKV (German-Japanese-Karate Federation). He left his hometown to serve at the German Federal Border Patrol in the year 1986. Ju-Jitsu was the type of Defense Measures System used at the German Federal Border Patrol at that time. Arne attended numerous MA seminars, committed in tournaments/competitions and MA Instructor courses. Currently Arne is a 5th degree Blackbelt Ju-Jitsu, and certified Trainer and Coach. It was GM U. Claussen, his teacher, mentor and friend, who promoted Arne and gave him the opportunity to learn from GGM Richard S. Bustillo since 1996. Arne develop himself in Martial Arts and police training, shooting and tactics. Since that time Arne focused on JKD in the IMB Program, Boxing/Kickboxing, Cacoy Doce Pares Eskrima, and Grappling. He is a certified Master Instuctor under GM Richard S. Bustillo, 2nd degree Blackbelt Cacoy Doce Pares Eskrima, 5th degree Blackbelt Ju-Jitsu, a Junior Instructor under GM Gokor Chivichyan, and a German Federal Police law enforcement defense tactics measures instructor since 1992. Since 1993 Arne was assigned to the Federal border Police Academy: Teaching Tonfa & Baton, Shooting Instructor Handgun, MP5, and Rifle. Arne is primarily involved in development of Defense Measures Program of German Federal CPUs. Arne's current assignment is to the Federal Maritime Security Department at the Maritime Education and Training Centre since 1992. Finally, Arne Kulok is the head-instructor for the Defense Measures at German Federal Police Regional Office.

Tim Motter...Distinguished JKD Master Award

Sifu/Guro Tim Motter is a Master Instructor under GM Richard Bustillo. He has over 30 years of experience in martial arts and is the highest ranking Jeet Kune Do Instructor in Central Florida. Sifu Tim has trained extensively in Jeet Kune Do, Submission Grappling, Todo Extreme Ju-Jitsu, Western Boxing, Muay Thai, Doce Pares Escrima, and Wing Chun. Master Motter has taught thousands of students and trained fighters for competition in boxing, kickboxing, sanda, escrima, no-gi grappling, and mma. He won the Florida WEKAF light-heavyweight stick fighting championship of 1994, and was inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 1997. Tim has undergone chemotherapy twice and a bone marrow transplant to treat Hodgkin's lymphoma, but never stopped fighting...and is now cancer free for over 25 years. He has a BA from the University of Central Florida and has worked for over 20 years in the advertising industry as a graphic designer and creative director. Outside of teaching, he does freelance graphic design, traditional arts, screen writing, and independent film making.



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Michael Peterson – Honor Award

GM Peterson holds a 7th Dan in Attsuuten Ryu Kempo Jutsu and is also a JKD instructor through the IMB Academy under GM Richard Bustillo. He is the founder and chief instructor of The Inner Circle in Florence KY. According to his students, “Sifu Mike is an amazing instructor who takes pride in what he does. He cares about his students and even attends their extra-curricular activities they are involved in. He makes learning fun and serves as a role model like no other.” GM Peterson also teaches Eskrima and Jujitsu and is a former inductee of the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He has served as a Regional Director of the International Martial Arts Council of America for several years.

Terry Reid...Pioneer Award

GM Reid began training in Okinawan Jujitsu in Okinawa. He added Wing Chun Kung Fu to his training upon returning to the US and during his military deployment to Germany. He was introduced to Tae Kwon Do while stationed at Eglin Air Force Base and Tang Soo Do while at Luke Air Force Base. While in South Korea, he continued his Tang Soo Do studies and taught the art at Tyndall Air Force Base until his honorable discharge in 1988. GM Reid then began a 27 year career as a law enforcement officer and has continued to teach the arts of Wing Chun and Tang Soo Do. He holds a 10th Dan in Ken Wing Tai Ba, a 6th Dan in Tang Soo Do, 5th Dan in Tae Kwon Do and a 3rd Dan in Okinawan Jujitsu. GM Reid is also an 2015 inductee into the Masters Hall of Fame.

Rick Stanford...Golden Life Award

Dr. Stanford is an 8th degree black belt in traditional Tae Kwon Do under GM Scott McNeely. With more than 40 years of his life dedicated to the Arts, Dr. Stanford has also trained in Jiu Jitsu, Shotokan, GoJu, and Choi Kwan Do. He is a member of the World Taekwondo Alliance, United Taekwondo Alliance, Sports Karate Museum and the Professional Black Belt Association. He is a prior inductee in the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame and World Karate Union Hall of Fame. He teaches TKD and MMA at Professional Black Belt Academies in the Dallas metroplex.

Israel Valez III...Humanitarian Award

GM Valez holds a 10th Dan rank in Combat Jujitsu as well as rankings in JKD, GoJu, Ninjutsu, Aikido, Judo and Wrestling. He have focused the past several years of his life to raising awareness of Autism as well as developing specialized training programs for children who suffer from developmental disabilities.



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Arnold “Zip” White...Golden Life Award

Master Zip White is known by his peers as “the very best” of what it means to be a martial artist. He holds a 5th dan ranking in Tang Soo Do. One of TX top point fighters, he dominated the U.S. fight circuit, even fighting such greats as Billy Blanks and Steve “Nasty” Anderson. He represented his state as one of the finest ever. A living legend, he and his team, “The Red Dragons” dominated the tournament scene. Master White has produced several champion black belt competitors, both male and female, who also went on to become legends. His expertise and keen knowledge of the Arts makes him a sought after individual at tournaments, promotional tests and seminars.

Kevin Yoshida...Distinguished Instructor

Kevin Yoshida started Karate as a teenager under Sensei Ben Pancilio in Haleiwa, Hawaii. At the Waialua Rec Center, Kevin watched the pro boxers practice and he would practice on his own while working for his family’s business. After high school Kevin started training with Universal Kempo under the tutelage of Instructor Brian Wong. A few years later while still training with Universal Kempo. Kevin studied and trained Muay Thai under the tutelage of Kru Haru Shimanishi. Kru Haru was a very decorated trainer having earned the title of “Trainer of Champions”. In 1998 Kru Haru and friends Derrick and officer Mike and Kevin founded the Honolulu Martial arts Center. Well known fight promoters asked many of Kevin’s students to compete in MMA competition. Kevin was also asked to help as an MMA official and referee. He was then involved as an official in a huge MMA fight at the Aloha Stadium which featured BJ Penn VS Rodrigo Gracie and became an official K1 WGP judge and referee, a huge honor at the time because all officials were only from Japan and Kevin Yoshida was the first foreigner to referee in Japan. His first match that he refereed was a bout between Peter Aerts vs Musashi, 2 legends in the sport. Currently Kevin is the sole owner of the HMC ACADEMY and teaches martial arts as a community service, and coaches and trains MMA competitors.

PLATINUM

Fred Anderson...Golden Life Award

Master Anderson began his martial arts journey in Tokyo, Japan in 1967 at the age of 16. He was a member of the Japan Karate Association and studied under Sensei Yoshimasa Takahashi. In 1986, he began training in Shito Ryu in Washington under Kyoshi Robert Martin, earning his 1st Dan in 1992, where he also served as a law enforcement officer until his retirement in 1997. Upon retirement, he moved to Berryville AR and began teaching at Berryville Community Center where he has faithfully taught for the past 14 years. He earned his Shihan, 5th Dan, ranking under Soke Tak Kabota of the International Karate Association in 2013.



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Anthony Barnes...Golden Life Award

GM Barnes holds an 8th Dan in Chang Moo Kwan Tae Kwon Do and has also studied Kung Fu and Kempo. He has been honored with the Lifetime Appreciation Award for dedicated service to and contributions to the art of Chang Moo Kwan. He is a member of the Korean Tae Kwon Do Association, Chang Moo Kwon Tae Kwon Do Association and Pasa Ryu Martial Arts Association. He is an active instructor at Davis Martial Arts has committed the past 45 years of his life to perpetuating the martial arts in his local community.

Dr. Adolph Brown III...Golden Life Award

Dr. Brown has invested 41 years of his life into inspiring and instructing others in the martial arts. He holds a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the College of William & Mary and recently retired after 25 years of teaching at Ringside Martial Arts and Fitness in Virginia. His accolades include a 5th Dan in Shorin Ryu, 2nd Dan in Tae Kwon Do and 1st Dan in Kempo. He continues to serve as a clinical and educational psychologist for youth and families and remains a mentor to the many martial arts instructors who have studied under his direction throughout the years.

Grandmaster James Goodwin...Distinguished Grandmaster

Master Goodwin began training in the Army in the early 1970s. He received his 1st Degree TKD rank under GM Mike Brown (USTF) in 1979, his 2nd Degree in 1983, and his 3rd Degree in 1987. In 1997, he was promoted to 4th Degree by master Nick Hollis. July, 2012 he was promoted to 6th Degree by the IMAC Grandmaster's Council. He won several regional and national championships over the years. In 2006, Master Goodwin was diagnosed with heart disease and was no longer able to compete. He continues to teach at 4 Mile Hill TKD Center in Searcy AR where he continually puts out quality black belt instructors and is actively involved in the lives of his students.

John "Doomsday" Howard...MMA Fighter of the Year

John Howard began his professional career in 2004. Currently a purple belt in Brazillian Jiu-Jitsu, Mr. Howard is an American welterweight fighter known for explosive knockout power in both hands and an underrated submission game. He was signed by the UFC in 2008 and has won the UFC "Fight of the Night" and "Knockout of the Night" honors one time each. In 2013, Mr. Howard represented his hometown to honor the victims of the Boston bombing at UFC Fight Night 26, winning a split decision. His overall record with the UFC is currently 6-3. He currently trains out of the Wai Kru Gym in his hometown of Boston, MA.



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Roger Jones...Living Legend

With over 65 years in the martial arts, GM Roger Jones holds a 10th Dan ranking in Karakido Karate under O'Sensei Carl Smith, a second generation student of the immortal Gishon Funakoshi. Only 4 of O'Sensei Smith's students have ever been promoted to black belt, with Roger Jones being one of those candidates. GM Jones has also trained in Shotokan, Ueichi Ryu, Tai Chi, Pa-Kau, and Sei Shinkai Shito Ryu under GM Clement Reidner. He trained in Tae Kwon Do with Jhoon Rhee and Pat Burleson while serving in the U.S. Air Force. GM Jones is a NASKA Board Member and has numerous awards and championships throughout his career. He leads a successful Summer Camp annually and is also involved in After School Programs to teach and train the next generation of martial arts instructors.

Larry Kaminski...Golden Life Award

Master Kaminski currently holds a 7th Dan rank in Tang Soo Do as well as a 1st Dan in Arnis and Tae Kwon Do. He is a member of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association and has spent a lifetime teaching and training others in the martial arts. Master Kaminski is a Vietnam War Veteran and a very knowledgeable martial artist and weapons expert. He is also a skilled writer and contributor to the martial arts. GM Johnny Thompson refers to Master Kaminski as "a true pioneer, and a consummate source of knowledge in the martial arts...one who never stops mentoring and learning."

John Oliver...Golden Life Award

Sifu John Oliver began his martial arts journey in 1968. He has taught members of the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement, as well as offering specialized self defense and weapons courses for civilians. He began training in Tang Soo Do with Chuck Norris in 1968, attaining his 3rd Dan under GM Norris. He was later promoted to 5th Dan by the AKMAA. Sifu Oliver holds a 1st Dan in Judo and has trained in JKD with GM Dan Inosanto and GM Richard Bustillo, earning a full instructor certification in 1986 and a senior instructor designation in 2010. He was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Diversified League of Martial Artists in 2012 and induction into the International Martial Arts Magazine Hall of Honors in 2016.



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James Tanaka...Golden Life Award

James first learned Aikido in Honolulu, Hawaii at age 8. In 1976 James began to study Wing Chun Gung Fu under Sifu Robert Yeung who studied directly under the late Yip Man. James served in United States Marine Corps, from 1978 - 1986, with 3rd Recon Bn & 4th Force Recon Co. He attended Military schools and graduated: airborne, combat scout swimmer, amphibious reconnaissance. James studied Wing Chun from 1982-1991 under Sifu Robert Yeung, and was Awarded Senior Full Instructor. In 1991-1992 he studied Muay Thai - Kickboxing under Master Kom. Since 1989 to the present, James studies JKD/IMB under Sifu Richard Bustillo and is currently a Master Instructor. James studies Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu from 1989-present under Relson Gracie, Rickson Gracie & Romolo Barros. James was promoted to Black Belt in 2003. He has competed in the Pan American Championships and various other tournaments. Presently James holds a 3rd degree Black Belt Instructor rank.

Michael Anthony Owens-Wilson...Golden Life Award

A 10th Dan in the art of Ken Wing Tai, GM Owens-Wilson has spent over 46 years of his life in pursuit of martial arts excellence. He has also trained in the arts of Tang Soo Do, Shotokan, Tai Chi, Boxing, Kickboxing, Modern Arnis and Kung Fu. He has been inducted into the International Karate & Kickboxing Hall of Fame and the Masters Hall of Fame. He owns and operates the Wilson International School of Karate Family Martial Arts in Tempe AZ and also holds a 6th Dan in Taekwondo.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Grandmaster Austin Box...Native American Ambassador

GM Box began his martial arts training in 1957 in Judo while in the Air Force. In 1958, he was introduced to Shotokan (JKA) while stationed in CA. In 1966, GM Box was stationed in South Vietnam and began training in the Korean art of Chung Do Kwan Taekwondo (ITF). He began teaching Karate at the Colorado Springs YMCA in 1968. Since retiring in 1990, he has trained and promoted over 325 black belts. GM Box, nearing his 86th birthday, has also trained in Hapkido and is an avid Tai Chi practitioner. He continues to teach Tai Chi at the local senior citizen's facility.



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Dr. David Dunn...Global Humanitarian

Dr. David Dunn received his 5th Dan in Shinsei Hapkido under Master Joseph Lumpkin. He has also trained in Shotokan, Goshin Jujitsu and Aikido. He is associated with Koshinkai Bujutsu Kai, the World Kido Federation, Shinsei Hapkido Federation. Dr. Dunn also leads Karate for Christ International, a faith-based martial arts organization dedicated to promoting faith and family values in addition to quality martial arts instruction. He started his first Karate for Christ ministry in 2001 and took the reigns as the leader of Karate for Christ upon the death of its founder, Dr. Darryl Covington, and is also a deacon at South Haven Baptist Church.. Dr. Dunn is passionate about making a difference in the lives of children, teens and adults and serves as an inspiration to KFCI schools and instructors around the globe.

Andrei Popandopoulo...Sambo Instructor of the Year

Andrei Popandopoulo is a world class instructor and recipient of multiple awards and achievements in Sambo, Judo and Mixed Martial Arts. He began his career in 1978 in the Olympic Development School of Moscow Sambo 70, one of the Soviet Union's most prestigious schools. He graduated in 1981 with the title Master of Sport in Sambo of the USSR and was awarded a 4th Dan black belt in Judo. From 1983-1985, Andrei served in the Special Forces of the Soviet Army. He graduated from the State Central Institute of Physical Education in Moscow in 1990 with a dual degree in coaching & physical training and in sports medicine. After graduation, Andrei became a Professor of Physical Education and was the judo and sambo head coach at the Moscow State University of Civil Engineering.

Since 1991, after immigrating to the USA, Andrei has worked as a personal trainer and self defense instructor. In 1993, he obtained a massage license and opened the International Massage Therapy Center and from 1995 to 2006 he was the massage therapist for the Boston Bruins. In 2007, Andrei founded Sambo 7 and in 2009, his school became champions of the USA Open Sambo Championships.

Clarence "Daddy O" Smith...Ambassador

According to GM Johnny Thompson, "Simply the BEST!" GM Smith is a true ambassador of the Arts and has always dedicated himself to the study of Tang Soo Do. Having literally taught thousands of students, always putting their goodwill above his own, he is one of the most humble men you'll ever meet. He dominated the sport karate circuit in the '80s and '90s, being ranked #1 fighter and kata technician in his division. He still competes in the Executive Division to this day and STILL dominates. Always branching out, GM Smith began training in BJJ to make his game more well rounded. A long time member of the International Martial Arts Council of America and the Tang Soo Do Karate Association, a 9th Dan in Tang Soo Do, GM Smith is the owner and chief instructor of Karate For Your Body in Grand Prairie TX. He has also been recognized numerous times by the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame.



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Grandmaster Johnny Thompson...Ambassador

Grand Master Johnny “Lightfoot” Thompson was promoted to 8th Dan on August 3, 2007 by the International Martial Arts Council of America and inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame in Las Vegas, NV the same year.

GM Thompson is a veteran of over 20 years in the United States Air Force, and Founder and President of the Tang Soo Do Karate Association headquartered in San Antonio, Texas. He is also the Chief Instructor of Thompson’s Karate Academy and oversees operations of other sister locations in the United States.

With over 35 years of martial arts experience including being national ranked in Region Six by Black Belt magazine and Karate Illustrated with his partners Grand Master’s Tom Balmos and Clarence “Daddy” Smith back in the early eighties in kata, kumite and specialty katas, he has spent his life helping and mentoring all that have crossed his path. Coming out of retirement back in 2001, he competed in Kata and Kumite in the Executive Master’s division and swept the competition winning at the completion of the year with the UMA circuit end of year banquet receiving the Grandmaster of the Year. Due to physical limitations he has retired again.

A certified Police Instructor who is certified in the training of the ASP baton & various other enforcement tools such as handcuffing, pepper spray usage and handgun retention he has taught, trained and certified many commissioned security officers in the State of Texas.

Receiving the bulk of his expertise from his deceased Senior Grand Master James Cummings Jr., Master Thompson is surrounded by a myriad of great black belts who have made him what he is today. He owes all to his family of TKA blackbelts. The dedication, loyalty and professionalism that they possess show in the students that they teach who admire, respect and follow their every direction. All of this goes to show that to date the TKA has promoted over 120 quality black belts.



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Richard Bustillo – Global Ambassador

Richard S Bustillo is a Filipino-American martial arts instructor from Hawaii who was a student of the late Bruce Lee and an authority on Jeet Kune Do Concepts and Filipino Martial Arts. Sifu began studying martial arts at the age of 8 with eskrima in his native Hawaii at the Gray YMCA Center in Palolo Valley, Hawaii under his father. He learned to box when he was 10 and competed in PAL boxing under the Veterans Boxing Club in Honolulu's Aala Park.

At the age of 14 Sifu studied Kajukenbo with the Kempo/Karate Club of Waipahu until graduating from High School and moving to California to pursue a college education. While a college student at age 19, he competed in tournaments such as the Golden Gloves, Silver Gloves, Blue & Gold and other amateur boxing shows for Shaw's Boxing Gym in Los Angeles. At age 24 Bustillo began his study of Jeet Kune Do under Bruce Lee at the Jun Fan Gung Fu Institute in Los Angeles.

In 1967, with training partner Dan Inosanto, Bustillo researched and studied the Filipino martial arts (kali, escrima, arnis) under Angel Cabales and other instructors. This began a revival of these arts with worldwide interest. In 1976, Bustillo was promoted by Sifu Inosanto to senior instructor level in Bruce Lee's Jun Fan Jeet Kune Do. In 1978 Bustillo studied Muay Thai and achieved the title Kru (teacher) in 1985 from Thailand's former Olympian and Muay Thai Champion Nanfa "Lot" (Chiridichoi) Satenglam.

Bustillo teaches Jeet Kune Do, Filipino martial arts, Boxing, Muay Thai, wrestling, mixed martial arts and other arts at his Torrance, California school, the IMB Academy. He has been certified by the U.S. Olympic Training Center as a coach and official for U.S. Amateur Boxing in Southern California. He is a certified Guro (instructor) in the Filipino arts of Kali, Escrima, and Arnis; holding eleven degree black belt (under SGM Cacoy Canete in November 2011) and the title Grand Master by the Doce Pares organization of Cebu City, Philippines. Bustillo is a member of the Black Belt Hall of Fame (Instructor of the Year 1989) and the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Bustillo is a certified law enforcement defensive tactics instructor and a member of the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers. Additionally, Bustillo is a member of the Search & Rescue Team of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and is a Reserve Peace Officer.

Bustillo is a founding member of the Bruce Lee Foundation and was the Jeet Kune Do Instructor to Bruce Lee's children, Brandon Lee and Shannon Lee. Together, with Guro Dan Inosanto, Bustillo is credited with generating worldwide interest in the study of Jeet Kune Do and Filipino Martial Arts.

In 1984, Bustillo founded the IMB Academy in Carson, California. He later moved the school to nearby Torrance, California.