



2001 Inductees

Masaaki Hatsumi Lifetime Achievement Award:

Masaaki Hatsumi was born in Noda City (Japan) in 1931, he graduated from Meiji University in Tokyo with a major in theater studies before becoming the director of his own chiropractic clinic. In the 1950's and 1960's Dr. Hatsumi continuously traveled across Japan to study with Toshitsugu Takamatsu from whom he received his initiation into the life ways of the ninja. Today, he is 34th Soke of Togakure Ryu Ninjitsu and supervises the Bushinkan organization.

Michael Talkington Courage & Character Award:

Michael Talkington's wife Sandra, will be accepting his award tonight. Mike's life recently ended after a third bout with cancer. For the last years of his existence, the martial arts gave him a focus for his honor, courage, obligation and sense of justice. He held a 7th Degree black belt in Judo, a 6th Degree in Jujitsu and a 1st Degree in Taekwondo. As a martial artist, Mike was an example of truthfulness, courtesy, restraint, loyalty and service. It was his deep love for the martial arts and never-ending search for improvement which serves as inspiration to all of us.

America's Foremost Wrestler:

Lou Thesz began his study of Wrestling in 1924 at the age of 18 and won the World Professional Wrestling Championships 6 times between 1937 and 1957. In spite of a hip replacement, he was still wrestling in his 70's. Today, informed martial artists around the world know him as the greatest wrestler of all time.

America's Karate Legend:

Bill "Superfoot" Wallace began his martial arts career in the 1960's. Having practiced Judo, Karate, Kickboxing and Jujitsu, and retiring from professional competition as world champion with a 24-0 record, "Superfoot" is one of the most talented and well-rounded martial artists of all time. Despite a hip replacement that would have ended the career of lesser men, Bill remains very active and continues to teach martial arts seminars around the world.



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UNITED STATES INDUCTEES

Alabama:

Charles Owens: Master Instructor of the Year

Alaska:

Tim Schoenberg: Law Enforcement Instructor

Arizona:

Shakir Gushgari: Master

Thom Howdeshell: Master Instructor

Ronald Marek: Grandmaster of the Year

Jeffrey Prather: Sr. Master Instructor of the Year

Arkansas:

Jack Groves: Martial Arts School Owner of the Year

California:

Kris Adrian: Master Instructor

Brent Ellison: Instructor of the Year

Jack Carter: Founder, Carter's Meridian Therapy

T.R. Crimi: Founder of the Year

Daniel W. Galbreath: Master Instructor

Atsushi Ikemoto: National Judo Coach of the Year

Wally Jay: Most Distinguished Grandmaster

Kay A. Keenan: Female Law Enforcement Instructor

Ronald W. Krupa: Master

Robert Holt Meyer: Grandmaster

Daniel G. Shelton: Humanitarian

Craig Smith: Martial Artist of the Year

Eddie Afyoni: Instructor of the Year

Demetrios Arapkiles: Instructor of the Year

David Cox: Golden Life Award

Sheldon Marr: Jujitsu Instructor of the Year



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Connecticut:

Amy L. Cerny: Female Instructor of the Year

Richard N. Paolino: Instructor of the Year

Kenny Vasquez: Master Instructor

Florida:

Jeffrey Badovick: Instructor

Andreas Mandelos: Instructor of the Year

Richard McNeer: Instructor

Dusty Moore II: Golden Life Award

Michael Ramos: Founder of the Year

R. Shane Rogers: Instructor of the Year

Frank Sanchez: Most Distinguished Grandmaster

Jeff Santella: Law Enforcement Instructor

Jack Stern: Grandmaster of the Year

Kenneth D. Strickler: Man of the Year

John F. Unruh: Humanitarian

Matthew Walker: Instructor

Georgia:

Robert Indech: Instructor of the Year

Illinois:

Enver O. Advich: Silver Life Award

Arthur Jay Beier: Golden Life Award

Harry Breighner: Silver Life Award

Ray Couch III: Man of the Year

William Gibson: Instructor of the Year

Michael T. Kleppin: International Instructor of the Year

Herbert Parsons: Master Instructor

Raymond J. Pohl: Instructor of the Year

Steve Silvey: Grandmaster

John "Bosco" Waldrop: Instructor of the Year

Mickey Wittekiend: Master



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Indiana:

Ralph Buschbacher: Master Instructor of the Year
William O. Higginbotham: Master Instructor of the Year
William Homann: Master Instructor of the Year
Jason Hunt: Founder of the Year
Donald W. Johns: Silver Life Award
Robert F. Johnson, Sr.: Grandmaster of the Year
Jim Snowberger: Instructor of the Year

Iowa:

Shane Anderson: Instructor of the Year
Philip T. Dickey: Master Instructor
Ron Mullenger: Instructor
Steven Wayne Selzer: Instructor

Kentucky:

Barlon Lundgren: Master Instructor

Maryland:

David T. Bish: Master Instructor of the Year
Tommy Lee: Martial Arts Businessman of the Year
Phillip Legare: Senior Master Instructor of the Year
Julio Zarate: Silver Life Award

Massachusetts:

Richard Brown: Master
Alan Cunningham: Master
Santos Hernandez: Sr. Law Enforcement Instructor
Scott J. Nelson: Instructor

Michigan:

Darwin E. Banister: Law Enforcement Instructor
Lucio Farias: Master Instructor
Michael L. Hardenburgh: Instructor
Douglas Wells: Master



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Minnesota:

Glenn D. Negen: Law Enforcement Instructor
Brice J. Wilkenson III: Instructor of the Year

Missouri:

Ron D. White: Instructor of the Year
Wayne Carman: Grandmaster of the Year
Tammy Hord: Female Black Belt Instructor
Gary Jameson: Master Instructor of the Year
William T. Jeffries: Founder of the Year
Rodrigo Vaghi: Instructor of the Year
Kurt Jason Valdez: Martial Artist of the Year

Nebraska:

Christopher T. Kunkel: Instructor
Hillard Nero: Silver Life Award

Nevada:

Brad Boudreau: Instructor of the Year
Robert Lee Jones: Martial Arts Author of the Year
Ronald McDowell: Martial Arts Pioneer
Mark Shuey, Sr.: Grandmaster
Joe Tagle: Instructor of the Year

New Hampshire:

William Chestnut: Master Instructor

New Jersey:

Julian D. Nevetsky: Instructor
Jose Luis TorresII: Law Enforcement Instructor
Quoc Lien Tran: Founder

New Mexico:

Jesse Lucero Sr.: Instructor
Brad Woolard: Instructor of the Year



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New York:

Alan Goldberg: Grandmaster of the Year
Rhon Mizrachi: Krav Maga Instructor of the Year
Richard Sinclair Sr.: Grandmaster
William Scott: Humanitarian
Peter Ticali: Grandmaster of the Year
Lou Zucarro: Founder

North Carolina:

Ronnie C. Armstrong: Outstanding Martial Artist
Jessie Bowen: Grandmaster of the Year
Deborah Taylor Knieper: Instructor
Jeanne Lynn McBride: Humanitarian
Kathy Olevsky: Female Master Instructor
Rob Olevsky: Grandmaster
Elizabeth Plymell: Instructor
Johnny Ray Shores: Man of the Year
Kimberly Rock: Weapons Instructor of the Year
Carole Warnecki: Female Competitor
Diane Whitfield: Instructor of the Year

Ohio:

Russ C. Cambarare: Law Enforcement Instructor
Willard E. Cox: Master Instructor
John K. Fogt: Male Competitor
Sharon R. Kiley: Female Instructor of the Year
Patricia McCormack: Female Law Enforcement Instructor
Joseph Phillips: Master Instructor
Doug Yates: Master



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Oklahoma:

Wayne Franklin Hall: Master Instructor of the Year

Carter Hargrave: Grandmaster of the Year

Michael "Tony" Mason: Master

Rick McCollister: Instructor of the Year

Tony Mondejar: Most Distinguished Grandmaster

Truc Q. Nguyen: Outstanding Martial Artist

Scott Pace: Personal Trainer of the Year

David George Scott: Master Instructor

Allen Little Sun: Native American Master Instructor of the Year

Michael To: Outstanding Martial Artist

Rick Trumbly: Grandmaster of the Year

Oregon:

Ronald J. Kettering: Founder Certified Martial Arts Therapy Program

Richard M. Way: Instructor of the Year

Pennsylvania:

Michael Caruso: Sr. Master Instructor of the Year

John Herr: Master Instructor

Jack R. Medaris: Instructor of the Year

South Dakota:

Corbin LeBeau: Instructor of the Year

Tennessee:

Al Holcomb: Master

Christopher T. CMcMahan: Master

Wayne Walczak: Silver Life Award



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Texas:

Butch J. Alish-Tesen: Instructor of the Year
Raymond Bonilla: Instructor
Larry G. Brooks: Outstanding Martial Artist
Darrell Cain: Master
Andrew Connelly: Master
Silverio Guerra: Martial Arts Living Legend
Matthew Harris: Master Instructor
Randy N. Leatherwood: Master Competitor of the Year
Dennis B. Lemoine: Instructor
Michel R. Leroux: Instructor
Randy Powers: Instructor of the Year
Daryl Stewart: Master Instructor
Maurice Udell: Man of the Year
Rodney Williams: Instructor

Vermont:

Ron Treem: Master

Virginia:

Jeff Bateman: Master Competitor of the Year
R.J. Oak: Instructor of the Year
Robert Maldonado: Instructor
Robert M. Rivers: Instructor
Steven Jimerfield: Master Instructor of the Year
Russell McCartney: Founder

Washington:

Jill Vulcano Reed: Tai Chi Instructor of the Year

West Virginia:

Robert F. Edwards: Most Distinguished Grandmaster
Richard A. Haynes: Master Instructor of the Year



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Wisconsin:

Bernie Fritz: Master Instructor of the Year

Rick Olstad: Silver Life Award

Mark E. Talkington: Outstanding Martial Artist

Dick Thompson: Silver Life Award

INTERNATIONAL INDUCTEES:

Canada:

Ronald Cotnam: Canadian Instructor of the Year

Art Mason: Master

Germany:

Charlemagne Tertulien: International Instructor of the Year

India:

Neeraj Sarma: Martial Artist of the Year

Iran:

Hamid Reza Aminedolleh: International Instructor of the Year

Nasrin Varshochi: International Female Instructor of the Year

Philippines:

Carlo G. Laserna: Philippine Martial Artist of the Year

Puerto Rico:

Carlos A. Diaz: Grandmaster of the Year

Ricky Rojas: Outstanding International Martial Artist

Saudi Arabia:

Ali As-Atiq: International Instructor of the Year

United Kingdom:

Paul Bowman: Master Instructor

West Indies:

Sarwan Boodram: International Master Instructor of the Year



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Yugoslavia:

Josip Ivanji: International Instructor of the Year

JUNIOR INDUCTEES:

Arizona:

Sean Chalfante: Jr. Martial Artist of the Year

Adam Gushgari: Jr. Martial Arts Leader

Nicholas Marek: Student of the Year

Arkansas:

Michael Bond: Jr. Competitor of the Year

Jayne Anne Burdick: Jr. Assistant Instructor

Jake Cale: Jr. Instructor

Tim Marshall: Jr. Black Belt of the Year

California:

Katie Reynolds: Jr. Competitor of the Year

David L. Valencia: Jr. Martial Artist of the Year

Indiana:

Tammy Rubright: Jr. Competitor

Missouri:

Ryan T. Martian: Jr. Black Belt of the Year

Nebraska:

Dustin Hill: Jr. Martial Artist

North Carolina:

Sheena Berry: Jr. Competitor of the Year

Mark Burkenbine: Jr. Outstanding Martial Artist

Oklahoma:

Stephanie Alane Conner: Jr. Martial Artist of the Year

David "Bud" Hardin II: Jr. Black Belt of the Year

Alex Lin: Most Improved Jr. Martial Artist



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South Dakota:

Jordyn Brown: Jr. Native American Martial Artist

Tennessee:

Jacob Patton: Jr. Instructor

Texas:

Michael Pena: Jr. Instructor