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March 26, 2022

Eatontown, New Jersey

USA KARATE HALL OF FAME 2022



Since 1976, the USA Karate Federation through itself and its forerunner AAU/USA Karate has recognized those who have made significant contributions to the Olympic Karate movement. In 1997 other SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS FEDERATIONS decided to have their Hall of Fame inductees honored

along with those of the USAKF. In the past, honorees of the US Ju-Jitsu Federation, the USKA Law Enforcement Division (PSDI), the US Kobudo Federation (World Kobudokan), Global Martial Arts Federations, and the Central Taekwondo World Tae Kwon Do Chang Moo Kwan have participated in the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame. At this induction, the Police Self-Defense Institute (PSDI) is participating.

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The USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame began with the efforts of the AAU Karate Committee (which was to become the USAKF) to identify those special people who made outstanding contributions to the progress of karate in the United States of America. Those persons selected were given an annual award. At that time the awards were called—Distinguished Service Award, or, in actuality, the man or woman of the year and the athlete of the year (the Centurion Award [for athletes]) and the GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award.

From 1976 to 1997, the National Hall of Fame was not formally located, but the roster of the RECIPIENTS and nature of the highly coveted earned honors were studiously maintained.

In 1996 the USAKF declared the USA Karate Federation National Office in Akron, Ohio a Karate Museum and the Official Location of the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Famers were no longer just talked about, there was now a place where their memorabilia and trophies of great significance could be kept. Additionally, a world wide web site was devised to memorialize the individual members of the Hall and to make their accomplishments known, a site where everyone could come to view and study the rich heritage of our arts created by us in this country.



In 2009 with the passing of Hanshi George E. Anderson, the Hall of Fame memorabilia was transferred to the USA National Karate-do Federation. The USA NKF has not moved to institute its Hall of Fame and it is doubtful they would recognize those who contributed so much to the USA Olympic Karate Effort under the USA Karate Federation. The USA Karate Federation convened a special Hall of Fame in the Year 2015 to recognize those who have made the contribution upon which the Olympic Karate movement was established in the United States. In 2019 we continue to recognize coaches, athletes, officials and administrators and in addition, we give the Pioneer of USA Karate to those who were important to the Olympic Karate effort in the USA. The AAU Karate movement began about 1970 and the first AAU National

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March 15, 2022

Dear USA Karate Hall of Fame Inductees & Friends:

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to New Jersey and offer my sincere congratulations to each of this year's inductees. This achievement is an outstanding culmination of the many years of hard work and focus each of you have dedicated to your sport.

I would like to join with the USA Karate Hall of Fame in recognizing the accomplishments of the remarkable athletes, coaches, administrators, and officials who are being honored this year. The discipline, self-confidence, sportsmanship, and responsibility that you develop through karate provides a great foundation for success in various endeavors and I commend the USA Karate Hall of Fame and everyone gathered today for promoting these values.

Once again, please accept my sincere congratulations to each of the inductees as you celebrate your accomplishments today. I hope that this experience will be truly memorable for each of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Pallone, Jr." in a cursive style.

FRANK PALLONE, JR.
Member of Congress



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VIN GOPAL
Senator, 11th District
Majority Conference Leader

March 26, 2022

Dear Members and Hall of Fame Inductees:

It is my distinct honor to welcome the USA Karate Hall of Fame and USA Unified Martial Arts Hall of Fame to New Jersey and to my 11th Legislative District, and to congratulate all of your inductees.

The turnout for your Hall of Fame event, with 24 states represented and four international partners attending, is testament to the awesome popularity of the various martial arts your member organizations represent. Your inductees represent the most dedicated and disciplined martial arts practitioners in the country and I am honored that you have chosen Eatontown for your Hall of Fame event.

As a State Senator and a small business owner, I recognize that Martial Arts Studios are important providers of fitness opportunities, and consistent contributors to the local economy as well as the quality of life in the State of New Jersey. I am sure the men and women you are inducting into the USA Karate Hall of Fame and USA Unified Martial Arts Hall of Fame tonight have been major players in making the martial arts an important part of American culture.

As your inductees enjoy this important milestone, please pass along my compliments for their dedication to the martial arts and my congratulations for their success as athletes. I wish all of you success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Vin Gopal
Senator, 11th District



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To the organizers, members and inductees of the
USA Karate Hall of Fame and the USA Unified Martial Arts Hall of Fame,

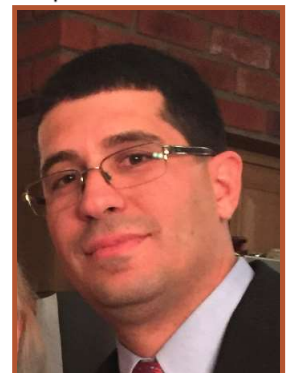
On behalf of the entire Governing Body, I welcome you to the Borough of Eatontown. I am happy you chose to celebrate your accomplishments here, at the beautiful Sheraton Hotel. The past few years during Covid have been very difficult as events have been cancelled and rescheduled and just being together was a challenge. I am thankful organizations such as yours are meeting again and that you can practice and train with less restrictions.

Eatontown and the surrounding area have a lot to offer. I hope you take time to explore our community and I welcome you back should you choose to visit again.

Congratulations and please enjoy your well-deserved celebration!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Talerico, Jr.".

Anthony Talerico, Jr.
Mayor



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I am greatly excited about this year's 2022 Hall of Fame. This is not any martial arts hall of fame. The United Martial Arts Combined Hall of Fame is made up in three essential parts. USA Karate Federation, US Jujitsu Federation, and Police Self-Defense

Instruction. Regardless of which part you are recognized in, this Hall of Fame recognizes deserving individuals and their accomplishments that other Halls of Fame overlook.

The individuals being inducted here have met defined standards for their recognition. It is not easy to get into the Hall of Fame. Having money, having many students, having good PR --- and all those things DO NOT INFLUENCE our Hall of Fame selection committee. Outstanding achievements and dedicated work of an extraordinary level must be seen. DEDICATION, PERSERVERANCE, SINCERITY, EXCELLENCE and ACHIEVEMENT ARE the keywords.

Those being inducted her have met the highest standards and I congratulate them.

Sincerely,
Patrick M. Hickey
President, USA Karate



I am thrilled to have the opportunity to host and welcome the USA Karate Hall of Fame Class of 2022. This is a very important day for you, and it means so much having you here.

Each of you has played an important role in the development of sport karate, and we would not be here today without your hard work and dedication. You have helped USA Karate grow as an organization, and I hope that the USAKF has helped you grow as an individual.

The greatest honor in sports is representing your country. You have achieved the ultimate goal as an elite athlete, coach, official or administrator. Tonight it is my honor to say thank you and congratulations on your achievements and welcome you into the USA Karate Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr.
USA Karate Hall of Fame Chairman
HOF Class 2015
USA Olympic Karate Pioneer 2019



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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of myself and the selection committee for the 2022 USA Unified Martial Arts Hall of Fame, we are very excited and pleased to Welcome the 2022 Inductees and their Families & Friends to this

Grand Event..!! For the 2022 USAUMA Hall of Fame we have expanded the number of National Organizations - USA Karate Federation (USAKF) and United States Ju-Jitsu Federation (USJJF) to also include USA Traditional Kodokan Judo (USA-TKJ) and the United States Martial Arts Federation (USMAF). In addition to inducting Administrators, Coaches, Athletes and Police Self-Defense Instructors, we are also recognizing Distinguished /

National / International Sensei and Pioneers of the Martial Arts. During the past year, the HOF Selection Committee strived to identify Outstanding Individuals that have made Exceptional Contributions to the Martial Arts & Law Enforcement Self-Defense Training through their Tireless Efforts as Administrators, Officials, Coaches, Athletes, Instructors and Pioneers..!! It is important to remember that not everyone nominated for the HOF will be Inducted. The selection committee spent countless hours researching each nominee's background and accomplishments before the final decision to induct the individual into this most prestigious USA Unified Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Welcome Aboard with the USAMA HOF..!!

Sincerely,
Bruce R. Bethers
President USJJF

USA Unified Martial Arts Hall of Fame Class of 2022 Inductees

Alexander Velazquez
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Andrew Newman
Antonio la Salandra
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Heberto Martinez
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Jeff Rhodes
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Rafael Jovet-Ramos
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Shayleen M. Ocasio
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USA Karate Hall of Fame Order of Events

Presentation of Colors 6:30 p.m.
Long Branch High School
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Flag Salute
Bruce Bethers

Introductions
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr.
USA Karate

Bruce R. Bethers
USA Unified Martial Arts

Patrick M. Hickey
USA Karate

Presentation of Inductees

PSDI Lifetime Achievements
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

George E. Anderson
Distinguished Service Award
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

Patrick M. Hickey
Leadership Award
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

Thomas LaPuppet
Lifetime Achievement Award
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

Don Madden Coaches Award
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

USJJF Honorary/Coaches/Pioneer Awards
presented by
Bruce R. Bethers

Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

USA Karate Administrators & Doctors Awards
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

USJJF Athlete & Instructor Awards
presented by
Bruce R. Bethers

USA Karate Officials Awards
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

USA-TKJ Instructor Awards
presented by
Bruce R. Bethers

USA Karate Coaches Awards
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

USA-TKJ Pioneer & Athlete Awards
presented by
Bruce R. Bethers

USA Karate Pioneer Awards
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

USMAF Instructor & Pioneer Awards
presented by
Bruce R. Bethers

USA Karate Athlete Awards
presented by
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr & Patrick M. Hickey

Closing Remarks
10:00 p.m.
Bruce Bethers
Patrick M. Hickey
Walter J. O'Neill, Jr.



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Class of 2022

George E. Anderson Distinguished Service Award

Bill Marcum

Patrick M. Hickey Leadership Award

Dr. Alex Sternberg
Cleveland Baxter

Tom LaPuppet Lifetime Achievement Award

Cedric Barksdale
Roxanne Marcum
Becky Schalow

Don Madden Coaches Award

Tokey Hill

Pioneer of USA Karate

Cedric Barksdale
Cleveland Baxter
Billy Blanks
Frank Bouchonville
Patty Booth-O'Neill
Pat Byrnes (posthumously)
Grant Campbell
Jim Del Garbino
Gina (Halteman) Formica
Tokey Hill
Mickey Major
Chimene Montivero-Cole
Elodie Montivero-Santucci
Vinny James Napoletano
James Smith
Dr. George Scordilis
Dr. Alex Sternberg
Robert Utsey

National Athlete/International Athlete

Bill Abajian
Charles Burrows

Michael Buttermark
Pat Ciser
Derek Cooper
Raymond DeRobbio
Jenna Falcone (posthumously)
Nicole Ferreira
Glenn Finke
Christina Muccini-Finegan
William Finegan
Jared Franklin
John Gaddy

Dr. Mathew Geltzeiler
Brendan Wu-Gittell
Hanna Greenwood-Goodell
Stefanie Chee-Haiser
Carlos Hernandez
Ashley Hill
Gwen Hoffmann
Dean Johnson
Ghandhi Kadkoy
Billy Kennedy
Johni Kimberlin
Michael Lisanti
Mike Luce (posthumously)
Gwen Gorecke-Magdosko
Allegra Mango
Luis Martinez

Andre Mason
Jonathan William Mayhew
Dawn Menendez
Rufino Menendez (posthumously)
Carly Roncaglio-Marotta
Elaine Morales-Rosenberg
Sam Morales
Cheryl Murphy
Kimio Nelson
Robert Oliveri
Walter "Shay" O'Neill, III
Leon Pate
Dr. Corinne Perkins
Mike Pomeroy
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Matthew "Scotty" Ralph
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Kevin Schaubert
Mark Skawinski
Steven G. Slezak, Sr.
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Illyse Sternberg
Daniel Tureaud
Herb Wiles
Susan Woods
DJ Yates

Doug Yates

National/International Administrators

Stefaniee Chee-Haiser
Bob Hard
Edward Kaloudis (posthumously)
Rufino Menendez (posthumously)
Lynn Lancaster Snyder
Babe Sorrento

National/International Coaches

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Kimio Nelson
Babe Sorrento
Bruce Sorrento (posthumously)
Bernard Scarda

National/International Official

Jim De Garbino
Bob Harb
Alex Miladi
Kimo Nelson
David Rosenberg
Babe Sorrento
Bruce Sorrento (posthumously)
Bernard Scarda

USA Team Doctor

Dr. Demetri Meimaris
Dr. George Scordilis

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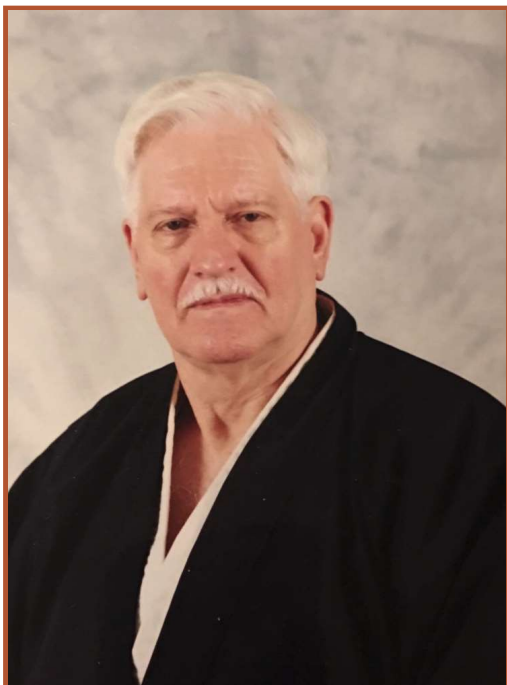
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Hanshi George E. Anderson November 23, 1931 - August 6, 2009

World-renowned karate grandmaster, George Anderson, passed away suddenly August 6th in Akron, Ohio.



A 10th degree black belt, Hanshi Anderson was a true Renaissance Man. His early education focused on the classics and music. He became a concert quality violinist. And his life-long hunger for knowledge enabled him to speak in-depth on almost any subject.

Anderson's keen intellect, hard work ethic, ability to inspire others, and generosity enabled him to rise to such heights. He was well read to the very end and had a great passion for life, which he lived to its fullest, traveling and teaching the martial arts throughout the world.

Anderson's martial arts training began in the early 1950's and extended over 50 years. His training moved from the Akron gyms to the early Korean karate movement, as it developed into Taekwondo, and then to traditional Japanese/Okinawan karate. He rose quickly to membership in the elite Trias International Society. He became President of AAU Karate, then founded the USA Karate Federation, for many years the National Governing Body (NGB) for karate in the USA. He next took an active part in the USA NKF, the present NGB for karate. Anderson also made his mark in Police Self Defense and Defensive Tactics. He taught and served as a defensive tactics advisor to many law enforcement departments around the country.

Anderson was also extremely successful at the world karate level. He was elected president of the Pan Amer-

ican Union of Karate Organizations, chairman of the powerful World Union of Karate-do Organizations (WUKO) Referee Council, and later WUKO's first Vice President. As head of the World Referee Council, he organized the WUKO/WKF's first technical congress, where the international rules for Karate were rewritten and categorized. He was also instrumental in getting karate included in the Pan Am Games.

Hanshi Anderson also founded the US Jujitsu Federation and was the North American representative for the Jujitsu International Federation (JJIF). And as a member of the US Olympic Committee (USOC) board of directors, he represented a variety of sports to the USOC.

His most recent projects included formulating and heading the US Masters Caucus for the USA NKF and spearheading the creation of the combined USA Karate and USA NKF Hall of Fame.

Among his many friends, students, and confidants were such martial arts luminaries as Robert Trias, Sadaki Nakabayash, Fusigero Takagi, Masafumi Suzuki, Phil Koepfel, Jim Mather, Masaharu Sakimukai, Don Madden, Ki Wang Kim, Byung Jick Rho, Richard Chun, Henry Cho, Kang Rhee, Kim Soo Jin, Jhoon Rhee, Mon Soo Park, Chong Lee, and Park Chul Hee. He has also been the mentor of a number of great martial artists including Patrick Hickey, Tom LaPuppet, Robert Saal, John Nanay, Ben Deleon, Carl Wilcox and Larry Overholt and Patty and Walter O'Neill, just to name a few.

He left a great legacy through his Kwanmukan style and his Shihan and Sensei students, who now carry on his tradition. Many of those who received rank underneath Hanshi Anderson run or represent major martial arts organizations today. Through them, his influence will continue for many years to come.

Hanshi Anderson made his home in Akron, Ohio, and lived with Joan, his wife of 59 years. He is survived by five children and many grand and great grandchildren as well as cousins, nephews and nieces.

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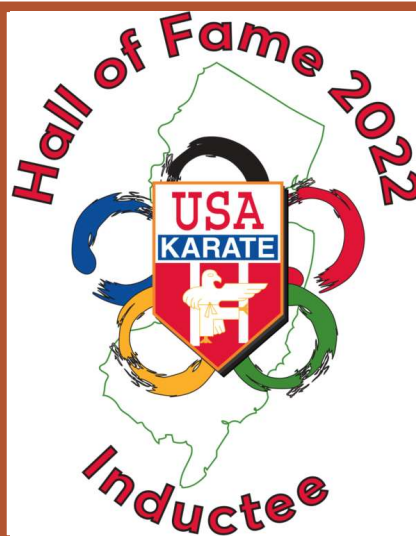
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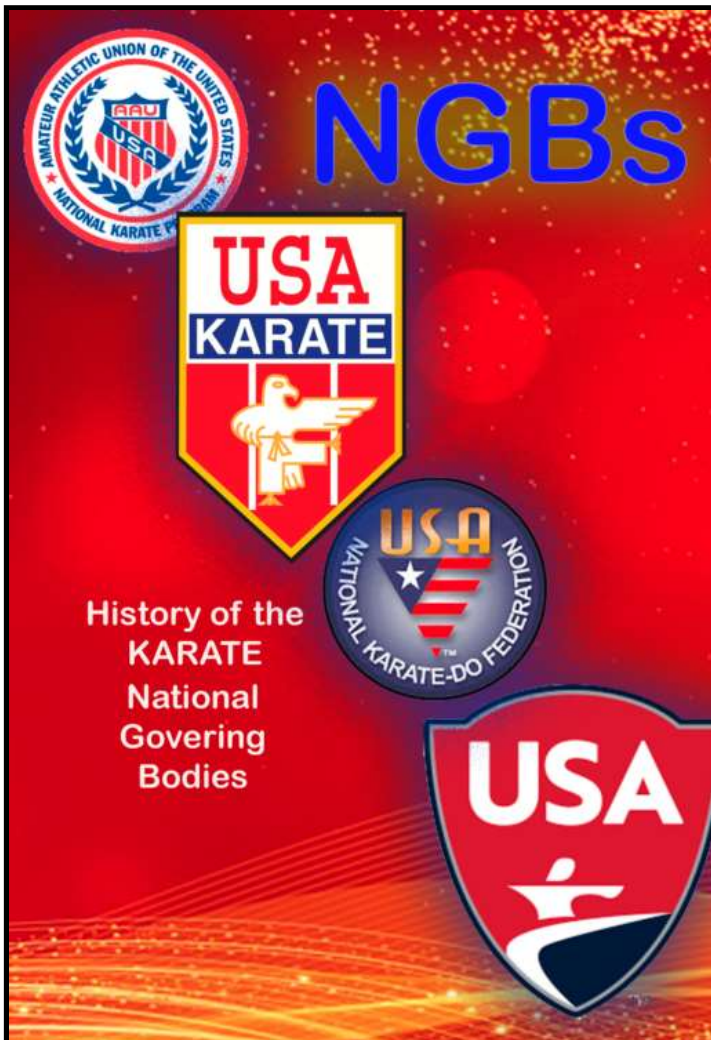
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NGBs

History of the
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National
Governing
Bodies

What is an NGB? A National Governing Body (NGB) is an organization that governs and administers a sport on a national basis. In the United States there are a total of 47 NGBs. In regard to karate, there have been a number of different formations of the NGB under the umbrella of the United States Olympic Committee.

How did USA Karate Federation form and become the most formidable NGB? Well, it all goes back to the AAU Karate program which morphed from being a simple karate committee of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) to an incorporated sports committee of the AAU (National AAU Karate Committee, Inc.). That was the first major step in getting karate recognized on a national level. The initial Chairman was Jerry Thompson of New Jersey, he was the chairman of the AAU Karate program. He

was later replaced by the late George E. Anderson, who became chairman and president of the USAKF.

United States Olympic Committee required changes in the operation of the AAU NGB status and that was when the USA Karate Federation was born.

Anderson along with his team of the late Thomas LaPuppet and Patrick Hickey, current president of the USAKF, were the architects of the Olympic karate effort. An extensive network of renowned karate instructors throughout the country were sought after to help make the vision of Olympic karate a reality. A number of Japanese instructors were very instrumental in those early years. Takiyuki Mikami, Hidy Ochia, Kiyoshi Yamazaki, Minobu Miki, Koji Sugimoto, Masaharu Sakimukai, Katsutaka Tanaka and others gladly assisted the USAKF.

American instructors who were instrumental were Don Madden, Phil Koeppel, Jim Cottrell, John Nanay, John Townsley, Kim Mather, Robert Saal, Al Santucci, Bernie Scarda, Babe Sorrento, Alex Sternberg, Chuck Merriman, Walter J. O'Neill, Jr., Ridgely Abele, Bill Viola, Roger Jarrett and many others.

Prominent athletes of the USA Karate Federation were Tokey Hill, the first American World Champion. Billy Blanks, Patty Booth-O'Neill, Ken Ferguson, Alberto Pena, Domingo Llanos, Kathy and Cleveland Baxter, Gwen Hoffman, Gina Halderman, John Linebarger, John DiPasqual, Bob Allen, Davy Crockett, Walter J. O'Neill, Jr., Joe Minney, Eddie Bethea, Tracey Day, Julio Martinez, Michael Graves, Jerry Kattawar, David Ames, Jimmy Bland, Cedric Barksdale and Gary Tetsui, just to name a few!

A few of the younger competitors from those early years now hold important roles within the new NGB. Bob Allen, Tommy Hood, Dustin Baldis, Matthew Ralph, John Fonseca, Chris Stratis,

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Christina Muccinni, and this list goes on.

USA Karate Federation quickly grew into a massive national program holding state qualifiers, regional championships, Junior Olympic Championships, and the national karate championships where the champions were presented the coveted All-American Award.

During their prime USA Karate had athletes; juniors and adults, every month competing outside the country representing the United States of America. It was a well-oiled machine, with the right people in the correct position, expanding karate nationally and internationally.

The USA Karate Federation is credited with creating the first Pan American Karate Organization, "Pan American Union of Karate-do Organization" or better known as PUKO. Anderson was elected as the very first president. Under the leadership of Anderson, Hickey, LaPuppet and Madden, Team USA was the first official Pan American Karate Champions.

Anderson is also credited with getting karate a spot within the Pan American Sports Organization Games, the very first step in Olympic recognition. The World Union of Karate-do Organization, WUKO, was the world governing body for sport karate and they quickly realized how influential and skilled Anderson was, and he was elected chairman of the powerful referee committee of the WUKO, which is now known as the World Karate Federation (WKF). Within a few years, Anderson was elected First Vice President of the WUKO and was instrumental in creating the medical committee and the tournament administration committee with the assistance of LaPuppet and Michael Bukala.

Back in the United States, the USAKF created the largest qualifying network of karate tournaments in the country. It led the way with professionalizing of competitions by requiring official's certifications, coaches' courses, bye charts, documented registrations, and many other regulations in use by

other major sports groups. Many of those improvements are still being used today with little or no modifications.

As a result of his hard work and dedication to the sport and art of karate, Anderson was the first karate-ka to become a member on the United States Olympic Committee. USA Karate was the first to hold an All-American Youth Championships and the first Junior Olympic Karate Championships.

Many dojo instructors, national karate coaches, officials, state and national administrators along with the very talented and elite athletes from those AAU Karate and USA Karate Federation days carried the mantle and kept the vision of karate as an Olympic sport alive.

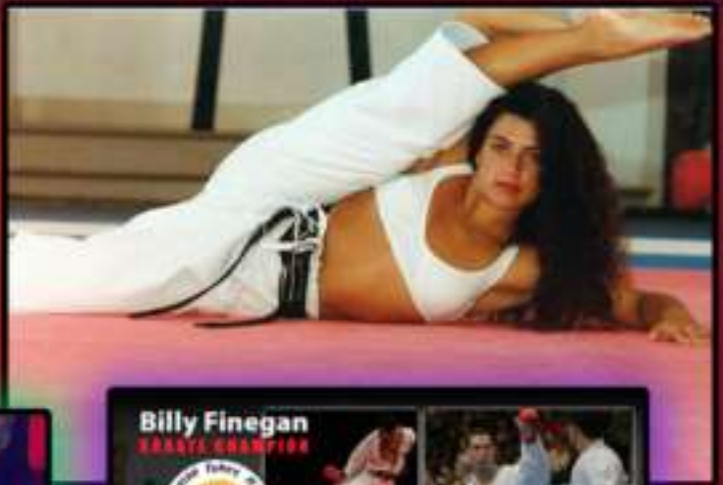
Tokyo, Japan summer of 2021 the Olympic Karate dream came true. The United States sent Ariel Torres to compete in men's kata, Sakura Kokumai in women's kata and Brian Irr as the +75kg kumite competitor and Tom Scott in the 75 kg kumite division. Torres won the first ever Olympic medal in karate, taking the bronze in kata for Team USA.

USA Karate Hall of Fame was established to honor all those who helped get karate to this point in time.



Bruce Lee and Hanshi George E. Anderson

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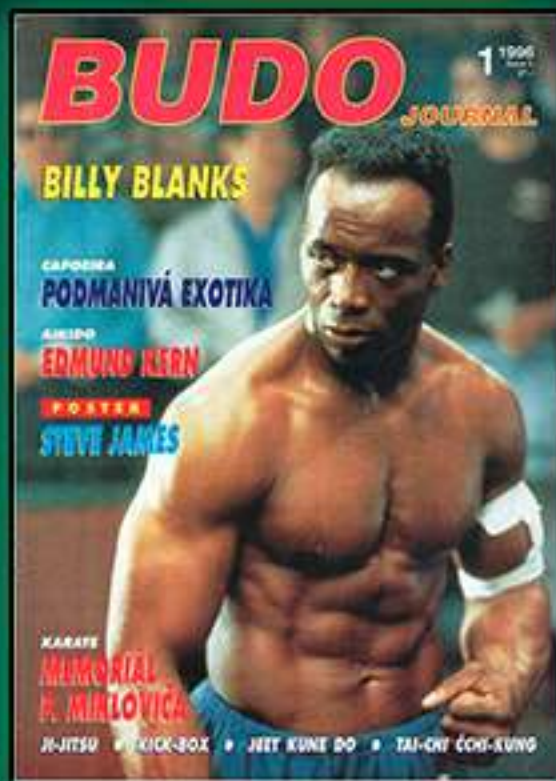
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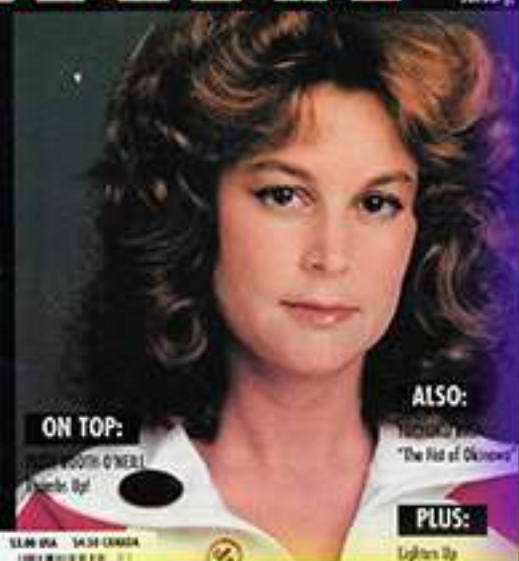


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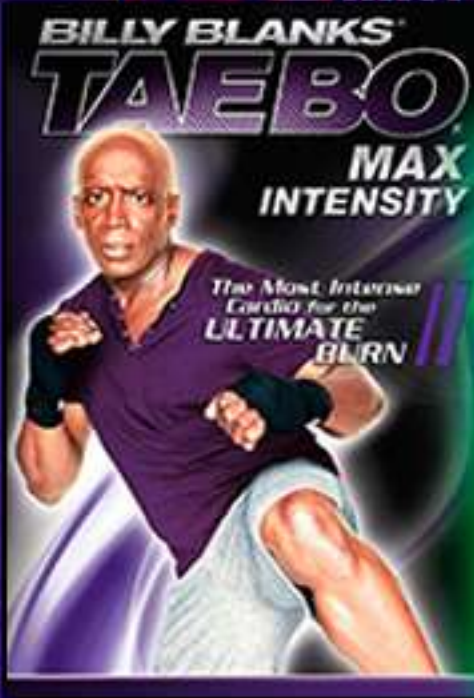
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“Whatever we are ... We are the best there is,” said John Hammock, Georgia State Patrol.

Law enforcement is a job that changes and evolves. It also changes those men and women who put on the uniform. The vast majority of police officers are hardworking individuals who truly want to make a positive difference within their community.

There are not many jobs that when called upon see the pain, suffering and misery. Police officers deal with this daily, exposed to that anguish and negativity takes a toll on them and their families. People think that law enforcement officers have to the answer to all their problems when called.

Working in law enforcement can be satisfying, rewarding and in the same breath, it is lonely and sad. Under the current climate of defunding and eliminating police departments, we need to be supportive of the good officers and continue with quality training.

Two of Americas great karate pioneers, Robert A. Traias and George E. Anderson formed the United States Karate Association, an elite organization that

has stood the test of time. Within the USKA, a separate organization was formed called the Police Self Defense Institute (PSDI).

The PSDI views Law Enforcement, Military, and other public safety organizations as a positive, necessary, and on-going process of professional development. They embrace teaching as a service in which the officer contributes to the betterment of public safety, and society as a whole. PSDI is committed to assisting public safety professionals develop and maintain strong, consistent, physical and internal standards!

Many senior law enforcement instructors in the United States and abroad received training and certification from the PSDI. Members of the PSDI come from Anti-Terrorists Units, Secret Service, FBI, CID, Interpol, Air Marshals, active police officers, sheriff department. Over the years, the PSDI has had great influence over the methodology of officer survival and self-defense training.

To be a member of the PSDI it is necessary to follow the rules and regulations of the society, which begin with the holding of honor, loyalty, courtesy, and respect as vital personal qualities. After the 911 tragedy, the PSDI has moved to assist security efforts, to provide correct and necessary training for the public and to once again comment on and advise various agencies on sound operational techniques.

PSDI has received authorization and approval from the following organizations.

- USA Karate Federation
- United States Jujitsu Federation
- The World Kobudokan
- The Central Taekwondo Association
- The World Tae Kwon Do Chang Moo Kwan

- The Global Martial Arts Federation
- International Karate Instructors Institute
- International Bujitsu Research & Development Association

At the 2022 USA Karate Hall of Fame ceremony in Eatontown, New Jersey the following individuals will be presented a PSDI Lifetime Achievement Award for their contributions to training and teaching those in law enforcement.

PSDI Hall of Fame Members for 2022

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- Cedrick Barksdale-New York
- Cleveland Baxter-New York
- Jerry Caldarise -New Jersey
- Grant Campbell-Florida
- Pat Ciser-New Jersey
- Derek Copper-New York
- Raymond DeRobbio-New Jersey
- Dayn DeRose-New Jersey
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- Peter Freer - North Carolina
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George Anderson, Deceased, Lifetime Achievement April 18, 2015

George Edward Anderson, Permanent Member International Advisory Board July 23, 1999

Gerald Funelli, Contribution to Law Enforcement April 18, 2015

Grandmaster Chull Hee Park Permanent Member International Advisory Board September 13, 2002

Grandmaster Dong Hee Choi Permanent Member International Advisory Board July 23, 1999

Grandmaster Masafumi Suzuki Permanent Member International Advisory Board July 23, 1999

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James A. Caldwell Permanent Member International Advisory Board September 13, 2002

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Jeff Rhodes, Contribution to Law Enforcement April 18, 2015

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- Robert Butler, Member International Advisory Board April 18, 2015
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Thank you to the Long Branch High School Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) program for presenting the colors for the 2022 USA Karate Hall of Fame and the 2022 USA Unified Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Master Sergeant Wilson is the chief instructor for the Long Branch High School Air Force Junior ROTC program. Here is a brief history.

The mission of AFJROTC is to “Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community.” Our goal is for every student to succeed academically (in all classes), display personal responsibility which reflects credit upon themselves and the Air Force at all times, and develop a sense of pride and accomplishment in themselves, our school, and AFJROTC. This is not a military recruitment class and there is never a military service obligation for JROTC participation. Course subject matter will include leadership (to include drill & ceremonies), Aviation History, the Science of Flight, Global Cultures, and physical training. Classes may have guest speakers and/or go on field trips related to the subject material.

Additionally, all cadets will be issued and required to wear the Air Force JROTC uniform one day each week. A complete uniform will be loaned to each cadet at no cost, but it is the student’s responsibility to take care of the uniform and return it in good, clean condition at the end of the year. Wear of the AFJROTC uniform is an important part of the class, and will factor into their grade. The cadets will learn how to wear and maintain their uniform according to AFJROTC guidelines, (including appropriate haircut/hairstyle). Failure to wear the uniform on assigned days and maintain appearance standards may result in removal from the class or a zero grade for that day.



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PSDI Hall of Fame 2022 PSDI Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement

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Cedric Barksdale is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement.

Cleveland Baxter

Cleveland Baxter is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement.

Andrea Bove

Andrea Bove is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement. Bove is a military man with a long career, General (B). Exponent of Budo and karate of European resonance. Humble and determined in all his life choices.

Jerry Caldarise

Jerry Caldarise is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement. Gerard(Jerry) Caldarise born in New York City studied several martial arts beginning with Jiu Jitsu attained black belt in 1974, continued to study that along with Karate, Iaido, Aikido. Moved to New Jersey where I studied Wado Ryu Karate. Opened the Shore Karate Academy where we proudly trained several champions.

Pat Ciser

Pat Ciser is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement. Started training In Koeikan Karate-Do in 1971 under Sensei Edward Kaloudis. Today, I'm the owner and 7th Dan Chief instructor of the dojo Kaloudis opened in 1965 in Clifton, NJ. Later trained under Sensei Brian Frost, and with Koeikan Founder, Kancho Sensei Eizo Onishi, to a lesser degree. Competed for 22 years in State, National, and International Tournaments, winning Gold Medals in South America and Europe, in addition to the USA. Pat Ciser, continues to teach and train today, and is United States Koeikan liaison to Japan. Author of, BUDO and the BADGE; Exploits of a Jersey Cop.

Raymond DeRobbio

Raymond DeRobbio is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement.

Dayn DeRose

Dayn DeRose is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement. Dayn started Judo with Mamoru Shimamoto in 1964 and Karate with Teruhiko Uto in 1972. He began Jujitsu with Alexander Vongries, a Nisei Ryu Black belt and I Sambo when Alex Kheyfets came to the dojo from the USSR. Dayn fought in Judo Promotional tournaments gaining rank that way and Sambo tournaments, eventually winning 2 Pan-American medals. He was graded as Karate Rokudan by Masayuki Hisataka after knockdown victories and serving as Head of Delegation to the Koshiki Karatedo World Championships in 1995. Along the way he was lucky enough to meet Walter O'Neill and involve his dojo in USA Karate Federation- NJ. He is now 8th dan in Karate-Kempo by the Shobukai Zendo, granted by the late Sadaharu Fujimoto and recognized at that rank by the Global Korean Martial Arts Federation. Dayn is recognized as a Professor by Jujitsu America. He has coached successful international level competitors in Koshiki Karate, Sambo and Collegiate Fencing, for which he was the Drew



University Varsity Head Coach, from 1995 to 2015. Since 2014 He has been on the USA Sambo international Staff, as a Referee and Coach, to the World Championships each year. He has also been part of the US delegation to the JJIF World Jujutsu Championships, in Malmo, Sweden.

William Finegan

Billy Finegan is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement. William Finegan, age 15 started his international USA Karate Team career. Among his best wins are WKF Junior World Championship Bronze, Junior WSKA World Champion Gold, 12-time National Champion, 2-time Pan American Champion Gold, 1- Silver, 2- Bronze, Silver - Medal World Games, FISU World University Championship Gold, FISU World Championship Bronze, 3 x USA Open Gold Medalist, 3 X North American Cup Gold, 2002, 2009 USA Karate Athlete of Year. Thereafter pursued a career in Law Enforcement and has 2 daughters Ava and Mia.

Luigi Fiorentino

Luigi Fiorentino is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement. Luigi Fiorentino: military man of high lineage, colonel, budo professor. He has always given great value and support to the practice of socially defenseless people (the handicapped).

Peter Freer

Peter Freer is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement. Peter Freer is a veteran martial artist studying for over 53 years and instructing for 43 years. He has been an amateur and professional boxer, Tough man Champion, kickboxer, corporate security trainer, and law enforcement trainer. He holds a 7th dan issued by the USA Karate Federation Law Enforcement Division International.

Tokey Hill

Tokey Hill is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement.. Tokey Hill - Athletic career was the beginning of an almost 50-year career in USA Karate. In 1978 Tokey Hill won the All-Japan Championships in Yokohama Japan. His career highlight is for winning a gold medal in Madrid, Spain at the WUKO World Championships. In addition, he also won gold at the Pan American Championships, and a bronze medal at the 1981 World Games. He was the recipient of the "Outstanding Technician Award" at the International of France in Paris. His coaching career was solidified in the 1990's and was significant in bringing modern training methods to the USA National Team. This was instrumental in the USA Team breaking a record in the Pan Am Games in Winnipeg in 1999; winning 5 Gold, 1 Silver, and 3 Bronze. From that performance, he was awarded USOC Coach of the Year award for Karate. He was the Head Coach from 1992-2002 and again 2008 - 2015. He was the Head Coach at the 1995, 1999, 2007, 2011, 2015 Pan Am Games. He served as a board member for USA Karate from 2008-2021. He currently serves on the technical committee of the PKF and WKF (2021). His career has been largely devoted to the success of the United States National Karate Team and the Karate's Olympic Movement from 1976-2021.

Andrè Mason

Andrè Mason is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement. Andre Mason: Started training in Kenkojuko Shotokan Karate under Master Bill Richardson (1967) at the age of 13 – 21.. Receiving up to 2nd dan from him. Mason was also a pioneer in P.K.A. kick boxing



under Richardson. Later training under Master Ozawa 1979-82. Then to Master Kanazawa from 1989-94. I have been National and Inter Nation Champion in Law Enforcement 1990-2001. AAU,USA and UASNKF National Champion. Thanks to karate I have meet some Great people in Martial Arts. I am very honored to be with this year nominees. Thank you USA Karate for competing my great journey.

Dr. Shaun Ward

Dr. Shaun Ward is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Lifetime Achievement. Dr. Shaun Ward is a 20-year law enforcement professional working in a variety of administrative, supervisory, operational, and leadership assignments. Dr. Ward is a subject matter expert for the U.S. DOJ CRI-TAC program, a National Institute of Justice LEADS Scholar, and a Police Fellow with the National Police Foundation. He is a guest instructor with the FBI National Academy and an author of academic and industry articles. Dr. Ward has spoken at national and international conferences, educational institutions, and research symposiums.

Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti

Giacomo Spartaco Bertoletti is being inducted into the PSDI Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of Police Self Defense Instruction.

USA Karate Hall of Fame - Administrator

Stefanie Chee-Haiser

Stefanie Chee-Haiser is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Administrator. Stefanie Chee-Haiser trained at Chirico's School of Karate under Shihan Ralph Chirico. She competed in the USA-NKF from 1995-2004 winning multiple State and Regional titles and competed at National's from 1999-2004 placing in the top 3. She was honored as the NJ Female Athlete in 2000 and became a NJ VP and State judge from 2002-2004. After NJ dissolved its chapter in 2004, Stefanie continued her training under Shihan Chirico until his passing in 2020. In 2021, Stefanie and her husband opened ISR Hombu Dojo in Edison, NJ.

Robert D Harb

Robert D Harb is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Administrator. Robert Harb holds the rank of Roku Dan (6th Degree black belt). He was awarded this rank by the late Grandmaster Kazumi Tabata, student of Isao Obata. Harb is a member of the Shihan Kai of the North American Karate-Do Federation, Inc. (NAKF) and the Chief Instructor and founder of the Haverhill (MA) Shotokan Karate-do Club. He is also the co-founder of the Boston University Shotokan Karate-Do Club. Harb is a former member of the North American Karate-Do Club International Karate Team and the New England AAU Karate Team. He has competed for many years at karate tournaments at all levels and events. He is a former AAU Nationally Certified Karate Judge. Harb has also been a two-time Coach of the North American Collegiate Karate Conference International Karate Team who competed in Tokyo, Japan.



Edward Kaloudis

Edward Kaloudis is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Administrator. O Sensei Kaloudis was a pioneer of bringing Koei-Kan Karate-Do from Japan to the United States in 1956. He introduced Karate into the University and College system in the early 60's at NYU and later on in the 70's at Montclair State University and Fairleigh Dickson University. Also pioneered Koei-Kan Karate-Do into Venezuela and Greece. He was also a visionary in helping form the AAU in New Jersey.

Rufino Menendez

Rufino Menendez is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Administrator.

Lynn Lancaster Snyder

Lynn Lancaster Snyder is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Administrator. Lynn is being inducted in the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame as an Administrator. She studied as a teen in the Kwanmukan system under Pioneer of Karate inductee, Jeff Ellis. Years later, she trained in the Koei-Kan Karate-Do system for 20 years, achieving the rank of third-degree black belt. She was a USANKF National Referee and on the Board of Directors for the NJ USANKF.

Carmel Sorrento

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USA Karate Hall of Fame - Athlete

Bill Abajian

Bill Abajian is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete.

Charles Burrows

Charles Burrows is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Charles Burrows was a four-time All-American gold medalist for four years consecutive years in kumite from 1988 until 1991 with the USA Karate Federation. I competed on the Junior Team on three different occasions, twice in Budapest, Hungary and once in Puerto Rico. I brought home a total of two gold medals, one silver medal, and two bronze medals from those three international events. I am extremely grateful for my wife and Mom for helping me make my dreams come true and for your support and encouragement over the years! I would like to say a special thank you to Shihan Sam Justice for nominating me for this award and to the USA Karate Federation for presenting me with this award! May God continue to bless you all!!

Michael Buttermark

Michael Buttermark is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Michael Buttermark began Gojuryu Karatedo training in Staten Island, NY at age 16. He enlisted and served in the US Air Force as a vehicle to train karatedo in Japan in the IKGA organization of Gogen Yamaguchi sensei. For 3-1/2 of his 6 years served, he studied at IKGA Hombu Dojo, was sensei of the Yokota Kichi (Air Base) Gojukan club, and was undefeated Far East Armed Forces kata champion from 1988-91. . He finished top 10 in kata in the famous Tokyo Budokan in the 1990 JASDF Championship

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as only 1 of 2 gaijin permitted to compete in this military championship. From 1991 onward, he competed for many years in both the USA Karate Federation & USA-NKF as a national athlete winning many medals and national titles in kata, kumite & team kumite including the 1993 Bronze medal for +80kg kumite in the North American Cup for Team USA. At the 6th IKGA Global Championship in Mumbai, India in 1993, he won silver in kata and bronze in kumite. His success started in NYC under sensei Anthony Desaro and sensei George Smith whose stories of Gogen "the Cat" Yamaguchi lead him to Grandmaster Yamaguchi and his son, his sensei of 35+ years - Goshi Yamaguchi, Saiko Shihan. He credits those great, inspirational leaders whilst thanking his loving, supportive wife Helen and for the graces of patience while he does what he's most passionate about - teaching karatedo with his beautiful, talented daughter Gianna.

Stefanie Chee-Haiser

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Pat Ciser

Pat Ciser is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Started training In Koeikan Karate-Do in 1971 under Sensei Edward Kaloudis. Today, I'm the owner and 7th Dan Chief instructor of the dojo Kaloudis opened in 1965 in Clifton, NJ. Later trained under Sensei Brian Frost, and with Koeikan Founder, Kancho Sensei Eizo Onishi, to a lesser degree. Competed for 22 years in State, National, and International Tournaments, winning Gold Medals in South America and Europe, in addition to the USA. Pat Ciser, continues to teach and train today, and is United States Koeikan liaison to Japan. Author of, BUDO and the BADGE; Exploits of a Jersey Cop.

Derek Cooper

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Raymond DeRobbio

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Jenna Falcone

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Nicole Ferreira

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William Finegan

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Glenn Finke

Glenn Finke is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Began training in the martial arts in 1978 and has owned dojo since 1996 (currently operating Karate Quest Dojo in Port Jervis, NY). Competed at the national level in the AAU & USA-NKF 1995-2010...winning Silver & Bronze Medals in various years. Bronze medalist at 1998 WKO World Championships as a member of AAU U.S. National Team. Graded in Okinawa Goju-Ryu Karate-Do, Ryukyu Kobujutsu & Muso Shinden-Ryu laido. Resides with his wife Donna and children Glenn Jr. & Daisy (all active martial arts practitioners) in Mount Hope, NY.

Jared Franklin

Jared Franklin is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. I started training karate in 1989 with Ridley Abele and Tommy Hood. I made the jr national team in 1995 and was on the team until 2004. Finished 4th overall in Hungary twice and won 2 golds in Athens in 2000. I won the nationals in kata and Kumite multiple times. In 2004 I won a bronze medal in the Pan American Championships in -75 kilo kumite division. I competed in the Pan American championships 3 times. I've been married for 15 years to Stacey and have two sons, Raybon (6),Eli (2). I'm a tri athlete now and a marathon runner. I've worked for Ups for 18 years and am the union representative for the Teamsters Union for Ups.

John Gaddy

John Gaddy is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Practicing Martial arts 49 years. Owner of John Gaddy's Karate Studio. Member of the NJ State karate Team 6 years.

Dr. Mathew Geltzeiler

Dr. Mathew Geltzeiler is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. I began training at the Atlantic Karate Academy when I was 4 years old, becoming the youngest black belt in the school's history. Throughout the 90s, I completed extensively nationally and internationally with Sensei Patty and Sensei Walter O'Neill. Sensei Patty and Walt exemplified the values of excellence and discipline. It is a true honor to be a part of the AKA family.

Gwen Gorecke-Magdosko

Gwen Gorecke-Magdosko is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. In the Fall of 1981, I started studying Karate as an elective class at Brookdale Community College with Sensei J.H.Kim. Competed in the AAU NJ State and then National Championships in Chicago in 1982, Winning my first National Championship. Studied under Sensei Patti Booth-O'Neill at The Atlantic Karate Academy for the next 6 years winning 5 NJ State and 1 National Title.



Fought as a member of the NJ women's karate team that took 2nd place in Las Vegas in 1988. Took some time off to raise my daughters Jessica and Kristin. Returned to Karate in 1997 studying at Tsunami Karate with Sensei Mickey Major. Medaled in the 1999 USA-NKF Nationals, taking 1st in kata, 2nd in team Kumite and third in individual kumite. I continue to train at Tsunami Karate as often as possible and still enjoy the sport, but now it has become more of a lifestyle. I am honored to except this award tonight.

Hanna Greenwood-Goodell

Hanna Greenwood-Goodell is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete.

Carlos Hernandez

Carlos Hernandez is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. I started training Koeikan karate in 1974 under Edward Kaloudis and Brian Frost. I continued my practice as an adult under Patrick Ciser and George Scordilis. I have competed throughout the years in numerous International, National, and statewide competitions. I have a Rokudan in Koeikan Karate and a Shodan in Yamanni Ryu Kobudo.

Ashley Hill

Ashley Hill is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Ashley Hill - Ashley Hill started competing at a young age in USA Karate. She is a multiple time Junior National Champion winning multiple Junior Pan American Championship medals. As a senior athlete and USA Team member, Ashley was a part of the USA women's team winning Bronze at the World Championship in Serbia. Ashley also won a bronze medal at the FISU World University Championship in Montenegro. She was also a member of the 2019 Pan Am Games in Peru. Ashley is also a member of the Screen Actors Guild and a stunt actor and choreographer on many hit shows on Netflix and other cable networks.

Gwen Hoffman

Gwen Hoffman is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. While having been a member of the team for a decade, I have had the honor of competing in 4 World Championships, 1 World Games, Pan American games, multiple Fukuoka World Cups, and various other international competitions. During this time, I have met many great athletes, coaches, and Officials and seen countries that I never believed I would ever have the opportunity to visit. I have made lifetime friends and am forever grateful to all of these people and hosting countries that have helped make all the great memories. I wish all current and future team members will get out of the experience everything I have and more. Ganbattel!

Dean Johnson

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Ghandhi Kadkoy

Ghandhi Kadkoy is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Ghandi Kadkoy started training Shoto Kan Karate at an early age under the legendary JKA Ken-shusei master Okamoto Hideki 8th dan and became a member of the national team at the age of 15



representing his country in many events. Later in the USA Ghandi Kadkoy joined Koei-Kan Karate and is still active as a 5th dan and the owner of AJK Dojo in Lafayette NJ. For thirty years Ghandi Kadkoy competed in Koei-Kan tai kai and held the championship for many years. Ghandi Kadkoy was one of the few to win kata, kumite, Kobudo kata, and to rank in (bogu) full contact in the same year. He represented Koei Kan USA in Athens Greece and won his division. Ghandi Kadkoy competed in NJ Karate Championships and the US National Karate Championships for many years and always was one of the finalists.

Bill Kennedy

Bill Kennedy is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Bill Kennedy is a 2-time men's 18-34 State champion from Tsunami Karate under Shihan Mickey Major. He Won the 1999 National Championship and placed second with the NJ State Karate Team at Nationals 2000. Was VP of USA-NKF NJ 2001.

Johni Kimberlin

Johni Kimberlin is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. I am proud to say I trained under Shihan Ralph Chirico and received the rank of 3rd Dan. I was proud to be on the NJ Team in the 80's and ranked 4th on the U.S team as an alternate! It was a very rewarding time in my life and I will carry it with me forever! I don't have the exact year but NJ did win and I believe it was between 86 and 88 when Taekwondo was selected for the Olympics over Karate.

Michael Lisanti

Michael Lisanti is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete.

Mike Luce

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Allegra Mango

Allegra Mango is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Allegra Mango trained under Sensei Patty O'Neill and Sensei Walter O'Neill at the Atlantic Karate Academy for roughly a decade. She competed nationally and was ranked as a junior women's competitor in kumite. She attended Princeton University, where she won a National Championship in Field Hockey in 2012. She currently works in executive search at Russell Reynolds Associates in New York.

Luis Martinez

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Andrè Mason

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Jonathan William Mayhew

Jonathan William Mayhew is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Jonathan William Mayhew Born: May 16, 1988 In Richmond, Training, Styles, and Teams Began at age 6 with Virginia Karate Club. Earned 1st Degree Black Belt in Kick Boxing. Began at age 7-to present with Sam Justice at Justice Karate. Earned 1st and 2nd Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Traditional Karate. Began at age 8 with Steve Woodward at East West Martial Arts. Earned 3rd Degree Black Belt in Philippine Kali and Okinawan. Weapons Training: Single and double Nunchaka, single and double Bull Whip (Kali), Escrima stick fighting, Blade fighting (Kali), Kama, Rope Kama, Bo and Tonfa. Began competing at age 8 as a Brown belt. Competed at AAU Junior Olympics at age 9. Member of Sidekick International Martial Arts Competition Team in 1998, (John Chung) Member of AAU National Karate Team from 1998-2007. Competed in the World Cup Games in Hungary 1998-2000 Competed in the Goodwill Games in Japan 2002. Member of USANKF Karate Team from 1999-2007.

Dawn & Rufino Menendez

Are being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete.

Samuel Morales Jr.

Samuel Morales Jr. is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Samuel Morales was an AAU/USA Karate Federation karate competitor in the late 70's and early 80's, studying under Almerico and Anita Santucci at Bushido Karate Dojo in Hillsdale, NJ. In that time he amassed numerous state and regional awards including 2 national championships. He continued instructing and coaching karate students in state, regional, national, and international venues through his college years. In addition to his karate instructor certifications, Sam earned a BA in Theater Arts and 2 teaching certifications from Rutgers College, added a Spanish certification and 3 fitness instructor/ personal trainer certifications along the way. He is currently a school board member, teaches middle school Spanish, coaches school sports and clubs, and is a personal/sports trainer and group fitness instructor in 2 gyms. He has 4 amazing children (Cory, Logan, Trevor and Brianna) and lives with his incredible wife Allie in New Jersey.

Christina Muccini-Finegan

Christina Muccini-Finegan is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Christina Muccini- Finegan has been a part of the USA Karate her whole career. Career Highlights include 8-time National Champion, USA Team 1991-2001, 1 PKF Gold, 2 Silver medals, 1 Bronze and a 2-time Pan Am Games Bronze medalist. 2-time Gold medalist Curaçao International and a Silver at the France invitational (2000). Thereafter devoting herself to developing and coaching athletes. She became the first female member of the USA National Coaching Staff. She was the recipient of the USA Karate, Coach of the Year award in 2015 by making history with the USA women's team by winning bronze at the world championship in Serbia. In addition she helped secure multiple World and Pan American medals for USA. Being a coach for USA Karate has been one of the honors of her life. She trains athletes daily. She has 2 daughters, Ava and Mia.

Cheryl Murphy

Cheryl Murphy is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. She was 17-time National Team, 2-time Bronze WKF Women's Team, Bronze Pan Am Games, Bronze World Games, Silver and Bronze World Combat Games 5-time Pan American Championships. Author Cheryl Murphy Lessons for Life Founder Karate for Change Masters Community Health Management BS Health Care Business Management. Founder Cheryl Murphy Sports Karate Academy. Shihan Wiles instructor. Author Cheryl Murphy Lessons for Life Founder Karate for Change Masters Community Health Management BS Health Care Business Management. Founder Cheryl Murphy Sports Karate Academy. Shihan Wiles is her instructor.



Kimio Nelson

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Robert Oliveri

Robert Oliveri is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Born and raised in Brooklyn, a student of the House of the Legend Rob “Bobby” Oliveri represented Team USA for several years. Among competition accolades were 8-time National Champion, Gold, Bronze Medalist in Pan Am Games, Bronze Medalist in Goodwill Games and twice reaching the 4th round of the World Championships. Rob was selected on the first US team to train at the USOC and was on the first junior team selected to represent the US in a team match against Japan and was one of only 3 Americans to win his match. Rob would not be here today without the inspiration of his fellow dojo mates, many of whom also were on team USA including (Jeff Greco, John Montalto, John Larrauri, Bari Venetsky, Victor Herbert), other fellow Team USA friends (Tracey Day, Glen West, Greg Scythes and so many others) but most off all his mother Joan Oliveri and his two instructors that without whom, he would never had been able to succeed in karate of in life, as their impact on him was not just as instructors but more like a second mother and father.

Walter “Shay” O’Neill, III

Walter “Shay” O’Neill, III is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. The very first item of clothing that Shay, owned was an infant karate uniform that his parents had made for him before his birth. Shay is the oldest child of Patty Booth-O’Neill and Walter J. O’Neill, Jr., both members of the USA Karate Hall of Fame with their own illustrious careers. Before Shay could walk he was a fixture at the Atlantic Karate Academy, the dojo started by his mom. Growing up all he knew was karate, and was a sponge. Being the son of the chief instructors, Shay had a tougher road to earning his black belt. Shay accepted the challenges and forged his own unique and distinguished path in the martial arts. He earned rank in several different disciplines. He excelled in all aspects of competition from karate, weapons to kumite. Shay is a multi-year winner of the Junior Olympics, New Jersey State Karate Championships, USAKF Regional Championships, National Championships and an All-American. He was a member of both the USA Karate Federation and the USA National Karate-do Federation’s National Teams. He was selected to train at the US Olympic Training Center and competed several times winning gold for Team USA. One of his greatest strengths is his eidetic memory. He has the ability to recall with high precision, complex kata movements, weapons kata and history of the martial arts. He is also a natural linguist, and was proficient in Japanese, Spanish and Italian. He currently holds the rank of 3rd degree black belt.

Leon Pate

Leon Pate is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Kyoshi Leon Pate began martial arts training in Newark NJ at the tender age of 9yrs.old in 1970 throughout his martial arts career he obtained 7black belts in various unique styles of karate the first school was the ka.system, goshi-shun, taekwondo, turtle system, ken-ka system, Shotokan karate and shitoryu karate in 1985 Kyoshi Pate joined the Japan karate center under the teachings of Dr. Ravee Raghavan Kyoshi Pate is a 7dan black belt. In 1995 he founded the (nska) nubi-kai shitoryu karate association. Major achievements 1985-86 nj aau state champion USAKF national champion a NJ aau state team champion Kyoshi Leon Pate is featured in 1985 black belt magazine year book 18th edition.

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Dr. Corinne Perkins

Dr. Corinne Perkins is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Cori Perkins began studying Gōjū-ryū at the age of seven. After two years, she began studying under Sensei Patty O'Neill and Sensei Walter O'Neill and changed the focus of her training to Isshin-Ryū and Shōtōkan. In 1992, after winning two gold medals at the National Championships in Dallas, TX and a gold in kumite at the Junior Olympics in Pittsburgh, PA, Cori was invited to join the USA National Karate Team. Ultimately, she competed in Hungary, Venezuela, and three separate times in Greece. In 1995, when competing at the Kaloudis Peace Cup in Athens, she was named Captain of the Junior Team. After a repeated knee injury she retired from competing in 1996. Over the course of her competitive career her metal highlights include: Four International gold, two silver and one bronze; Junior Olympic Champion in kumite; five National gold, seven silver, and three bronze. A few USA Karate Federation / USANKF award highlights include: 1996 & 1993 Outstanding Junior Athlete of the Year, All Around Champion Award (three times), 1992 All American Award in Kata and Kumite. Cori Perkins attributes all of her academic success to the discipline and focus that she learned from studying under Sensei O'Neill those many years ago. Thank you for being an excellent teacher and role model, and for changing my life in such a positive way.

Mike Pomeroy

Mike Pomeroy is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Competitor, coach, judge, Sensei, Michael Pomeroy began training in 1979 under the expert tutelage of 10th dan Master J.H. Kim and Karen Kim Walzer in Seagirt, New Jersey. He was a member of the Junior and Senior National Teams as part of both the AAU and USKF in kumite, kata and WUKO kata. Over the course of eight years before being forced to retire from competition after a car accident Michael won 11 International gold medals, two silver, and one bronze. In addition to his international record, Michael was also named All American five times with 17 National wins including two years where he swept every available kata, kumite, and weapons division open to him.

Kristen Puterbaugh

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Matthew "Scotty" Ralph

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Robert Roncaglio

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Carly Roncaglio-Marotta

Carly Roncaglio-Marotta is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Studied Shito-Ryu under Sensei Chung Mon Tsang and the late karate and judo master, Yoshisada Yanezuka, at Judo Karate Center as well as studying under Sensei Patti O'Neill and Sensei Walter O'Neill with Atlantic Karate Academy. Carly successfully competed for many years and was a state and national champion from 1996-2001. However, her proudest accomplishment was being named a member of the USA National Team (2020/2021) competing in kumite. Some of the best memories of



her life were from the 'karate days' but the best part, by far, was being able to travel and enjoy a sport she loved so much with her brother and fellow inductee, Robert Roncaglio.

David Rosenberg

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Elaine Morales Rosenberg

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Kevin Schaubert

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Mark Skawinski

"Mark Skawinski is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. It's kinda hard for a few lines after 50 years but I will try the short version. My name is Mark Skawinski started KOEI- KAN karate at age 6 and am currently 55. I have trained hard over the years with my mentor Brian Frost winning many state, national and world titles. My karate career then brought me to pro boxing at age 25 and fighting on Tv on ESPN's Friday night fights. My career will taper off getting my own karate school and teaching children."

Steven G. Slezak, Sr.

Steven G. Slezak, Sr. is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Steven G. Slezak Sr. : I began training Koei-Kan Karate in 1983 and was awarded Roku -Dan (6th degree Black Belt) in 2015. I won the gold medal for the Kaloudis Peace Cup International Championships In Greece for Kumite in 1991. I have competed At the New Jersey State and National level with the USA-NKF from 1994-2001 and winning silver and bronze medals in different events The high light was when I won the gold medal for kumite at the Nationals In West Virginia in 1999. I was diagnosed with cancer in 2021 and recovering after a long battle and hoping to start Teaching / Training again this coming April.

Adam Steinhauser

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Dov Sternberg

Dov Sternberg is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Mr. Dov Sternberg's competitive history spanned over 21 years. As a member of both US National and US Maccabiah Teams, Dov, amassed 21 gold, 7 silver and 11 bronze medals in national and international events. Beginning with the 1988 Nationals (gold Kumite) Dov won a gold and silver in the World Mikulas Cup and was a national medalist for over 10 years. In the Maccabiah Games, he won a total of 6 gold and 5 bronze medals in four Games from 1997-2009. Dov was a silver medalist in the 1999 Pan-Am Games in Winnipeg, Canada. His last international event was the 2009 Maccabiah Games as team coach and medal winning competitor. A practicing attorney, he is a marathon runner winning a recent event with a time of 2:57.

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Ilyse Gellar-Sternberg

Ilyse Sternberg is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Ilyse Gellar Sternberg medaled consistently in the U.S. National Championships in the -53 kg, open weight and Women's Team from 1993 – 1998. She won a bronze medal in the World Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1993, a silver medal in the PKF Karate Championships in Medellin, Colombia in 1995, and a gold medal on the Women's Team in the JKA World Championships in Switzerland in 1998. Ilyse was the USA coach in the 2001 Maccabiah Games in Israel. She represented the U.S. in two WKF World Championships in 1996 and 1998. As a practicing attorney, Ilyse successfully fought for athlete's rights against gender-based discrimination in Karate. She has run the NY Marathon several times.

Daniel Tureaud

Daniel Tureaud is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Chuck Norris, in his autobiography, stated that when you ask someone to teach you a martial art, what you're really saying is, teach me to be a better person. In 1986, when I was 10 years old, my uncle suggested I join a karate club he had vetted as a way to discipline my impulsive outbursts after medication and therapy failed. It was the best thing that ever happened to me. My life would have been a disaster without that discovery. I didn't win many competitions, but the contribution of karate on the outcome of my life path is unmistakable.

Herb Wiles

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Susan Woods

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Brendan Wu-Gittell

Brendan Wu-Gittell is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Brendan Wu Gittell is Nidan Black Belt from Atlantic Karate Academy under Sensei's Patty and Walter O'Neill. He competed at the national and international level as well as at the Junior Olympics. Brendan also competed for Team USA at the Venezuela Goodwill Cup. He was a devoted coach and teacher while also achieving success as an individual and team competitor. He currently resides in Neptune, NJ with his wife Lisa and daughter Kailani.

DJ Yates

DJ Yates is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. D.J. Yates - Owner DJ's Dojo Xenia, Ohio, USA Karate Federation National Championships, 1992 Bronze, 1993 Bronze, 1994 Gold, 1995 Silver. 1996 Team Member Budapest, Hungary. 1998 Team Member Jr. Pan American Championship. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Doug Yates

Doug Yates is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete. Doug Yates - Owner Doug Yates Karate Xenia Oh, USA Karate Federation National Championships, 1993 Bronze,, 1994 2-Gold., 1994 Team Gold Medal at 1994 Goodwill Games St. Petersburg, Russia,, 1994 Team Member IJJF World Jujitsu Championship in Bologna, Italy.

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USA Karate Hall of Fame - Coach

Jerry Caldarise

Jerry Caldarise is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Coach. Gerard(Jerry) Caldarise born in New York City studied several martial arts beginning with Jiu Jitsu attained black belt in 1974, continued to study that along with Karate, Iaido, Aikido. Moved to New Jersey where I studied Wado Ryu Karate. Opened the Shore Karate Academy where we proudly trained several champions.

James Del Garbino

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Dayn DeRose

Dayn DeRose is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Coach. Dayn started Judo with Mamoru Shimamoto in 1964 and Karate with Teruhiko Uto in 1972. He began Jujitsu with Alexander Vongries, a Nisei Ryu Black belt and I Sambo when Alex Kheyfets came to the dojo from the USSR. Dayn fought in Judo Promotional tournaments gaining rank that way and Sambo tournaments, eventually winning 2 Pan-American medals. He was graded as Karate Rokudan by Masayuki Hisataka after knockdown victories and serving as Head of Delegation to the Koshiki Karatedo World Championships in 1995. Along the way he was lucky enough to meet Walter O'Neill and involve his dojo in USA Karate Federation- NJ. He is now 8th dan in Karate-Kempo by the Shobukai Zendo, granted by the late Sadaharu Fujimoto and recognized at that rank by the Global Korean Martial Arts Federation. Dayn is recognized as a Professor by Jujitsu America. He has coached successful international level competitors in Koshiki Karate, Sambo and Collegiate Fencing, for which he was the Drew University Varsity Head Coach, from 1995 to 2015. Since 2014 He has been on the USA Sambo international Staff, as a Referee and Coach, to the World Championships each year. He has also been part of the US delegation to the JJIF World Jujutsu Championships, in Malmo, Sweden.

Robert D Harb

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Kai Leung

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John Limcaco

John Limcaco is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Coach. I would like to thank the committee for inducting me into the Hall of Fame and I am honored and humbled but more importantly extremely proud to part of the history of outstanding coaches before me. I also would like to recognize and give my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the AAU Sensei Joe Mirza, USANKF Mr. Tokey Hill for believing in my abilities and allowing me to be part of the coach staff which allowed me to travel all over the world to coach and give my knowledge to some the most talented and amazing athletes from all over the world. Finally, this award would not be possible without my wife Lisa, my 2 beautiful daughters Chelcie and Jolise who pushes me to be a better husband, father, and a better version of myself each day, my instructor who played a major role in my upbringing Sensei Chuzo Kotaka and to all the past and present (IKF) International Karate Federation students and parents who gave me their unconditional love, support and trust over the years. This award is a reminder that we are all together in this journey and that we are a "Family". Love you all. Remember to compete with Passion, Purpose, Determination, Heart and Have FUN.

Samuel Morales Jr.

Samuel Morales Jr. is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Coach. Samuel Morales was an AAU/USA Karate Federation karate competitor in the late 70's and early 80's, studying under Almerico and Anita Santucci at Bushido Karate Dojo in Hillsdale, NJ. In that time he amassed numerous state and regional awards including 2 national championships. He continued instructing and coaching karate students in state, regional, national, and international venues through his college years. In addition to his karate instructor certifications, Sam earned a BA in Theater Arts and 2 teaching certifications from Rutgers College, added a Spanish certification and 3 fitness instructor/personal trainer certifications along the way. He is currently a school board member, teaches middle school Spanish, coaches school sports and clubs, and is a personal/sports trainer and group fitness instructor in 2 gyms. He has 4 amazing children (Cory, Logan, Trevor and Brianna) and lives with his incredible wife Allie in New Jersey.

Christina Muccini-Finegan

Christina Muccini-Finegan is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Coach. Christina Muccini-Finegan has been a part of the USA Karate her whole career. Career Highlights include 8-time National Champion, USA Team 1991-2001, 1 PKF Gold, 2 Silver medals, 1 Bronze and a 2-time Pan Am Games Bronze medalist. 2-time Gold medalist Curaçao International and a Silver at the France invitational (2000). Thereafter devoting herself to developing and coaching athletes. She became the first female member of the USA National Coaching Staff. She was the recipient of the USA Karate, Coach of the Year award in 2015 by making history with the USA women's team by winning bronze at the world championship in Serbia. In addition she helped secure multiple World and Pan



American medals for USA. Being a coach for USA Karate has been one of the honors of her life. She trains athletes daily. She has 2 daughters, Ava and Mia.

Kimio Nelson

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Carmel Sorrento

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Donald R Madden Coaches Award

Tokey Hill

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George E Anderson Distinguished Service Award

Bill Marcum

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Patrick M. Hickey Leadership Award

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Pioneer of USA Karate

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Patty Booth-O'Neill

Patty Booth-O'Neill is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of USA Karate. "The finest competitive fighter the USA has produced," is how the late George E. Anderson described Patricia Booth-O'Neill during a 1994 interview. She first made karate history back in 1982 when the AAU Karate Program held the first ever trials for a women's kumite team. Booth-O'Neill took first place in those fighting trials when women entered the ring without any weight class or years of experience. On a side note, it was in 1981 that American women were able to participate in kata competition. On a national level, Booth-O'Neill never lost a single match from 1982 through 1987 when she retired from competition. Just a tad over five feet tall and weighing only 112-pounds, she was tiny in the open weight division. "She made up for her lack of size by her bull-headed aggressiveness,"

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said Anderson. Booth-O'Neill was one of the first American woman to medal at the World Championships, taking the bronze at the 1984 WUKO World Cup in Hungary. She is a 7-time National Champion with those five years of never losing a match and a 7-time All-American. She also won gold at the World Games. "I never trained to be a real competitive person. I just trained to better my own personal technique. I did not desire to get fancy," said Booth-O'Neill. She added that it seems some fighters concentrate on mimicking the techniques of those whom they admire. "For me, I just trained, focused on getting my technique the fastest so that no matter what technique my opponent had, I could deliver mine with more speed and timing. I wanted to beat an opponent with my own technique and style." 1987 Booth-O'Neill was named the USA Karate Federation Female Athlete of the Year. 2015 Booth-O'Neill was inducted into the USA Karate Hall of Fame as an Athlete and Coach.

Frank Bouchonville

Frank Bouchonville is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of USA Karate. Frank Bouchonville began his martial arts training in 1973. He currently holds a 6th Dan in Shito-Ryu Karate, and a 2nd Dan in Aikikai Aikido. Frank is employed by Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital as a Security officer and Defensive Tactics Instructor to security staff. In 2019, Frank was inducted into the USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Pat Byrnes

"Pat Byrnes is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of USA Karate. Patrick Byrnes October 15, 1936-May 2, 2020 Sensei Byrnes began his martial arts training in 1954 in Judo under Takahiko Ishikawa where he earned his black belt. In 1960 he was introduced to the legendary Shotokan instructor Teruyuki Okazaki where he trained under him for 10 years and after operated a school for Sensei Okazaki is Trenton, NJ. While at the Okazaki dojo Sensei Byrnes had the opportunity to train under Katsuya Kisaka, a former All-Japan Karate Champion. Kisaka's aggressive fighting style meshed perfectly with Sensei Byrnes and eventually came to be "The Bushi Way." In 1970 Sensei left Okazaki's organization and started his own dojo called Bushido. In 1984 Bushido made its first foray into the National level competition with the USAKF. He became great friends with the late Hanshi George Anderson who had promoted Sensei several times over the years eventually to an 8th Degree black belt. From 1984 to 2013 Bushido had at least one representative on the National Team and they remain active in competitions to this day. The Bushi competitors have won thousands of medals and dozens of National Championships in that time as well as several World Championship medals. He was a great mentor to many students and instructors alike. He believed that the ultimate aim of karate was to "seek perfection of character". He will be remembered and missed by all that knew him."

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Dr. Gina Formica, PT, DPT

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Chimene Montivero-Cole

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Elodie Montivero-Santucci

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Vincent James Napoletano

Vincent James Napoletano is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of USA Karate. Vincent J Napoletano, Director of Business Development for Title Guarantee, in Title Insurance Real Estate! Nidan under Sensei Patricia Booth O'Neill and Sensei Walter O'Neill at Atlantic Karate Academy in Long Branch NJ. Multiple State Champion, 2 Time Regional Champion, Silver National Champion. Jr. Olympic Champion, Multiple Team USA Athlete, training at Lake Placid Olympic Training Center. International Champion in Greece, Athens and Margarita Island, Venezuela. 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame inductee.

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Robert Utsey

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Permanent Member of the Police Self Defense Advisory Board. In 2015 he was recognized at the Hall of Fame as a National Referee and a member of the P.S.D.I. He was a founding member of NYPD Finest Police Olympic Karate Team. He is an 8-time gold medalist in the New York State Police Olympic Games and a gold medalist in the International Police Games as well as numerous medals in the College and National Championships. He is currently a Pan American "A" Kunité Referee since 2006.

USA Karate Hall of Fame – Team Physician

Dr. Demetri Meimaris

Dr. Demetri Meimaris is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Team Physician. I am a 1984 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic, I received my Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician degree from New York College of Chiropractic in 1993 and continue to be in active practice, as Meimaris Sports Chiropractic in Hackensack, New Jersey serving as the Chiropractic Physician for athletes involved in karate, wrestling, mixed martial arts and currently the team doctor for Bergen Rowing Club.

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Thomas LaPuppet Lifetime Achievement Award

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Becky Schalow

Becky Schalow is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Thomas LaPuppet Lifetime Achievement Award. She wishes to dedicate the Hall of Fame Award to the late Ren-shi Mike Eggleston, 7th Degree Black Belt. He was an excellent teacher, mentor and friend. Because of him, as an older practitioner, he inspired me to compete. I have won many championships over the years. To date: 2021 bronze medal at age 75 AAU Nationals. 2 Virtual World tournaments 2021: 5 Gold One Silver. I am humbled and forever grateful for my continued lifelong journey in Karate!!!! Thank you all who paved the way!!!!

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Before 1976 Alberto Pena Athlete of the Year
1976 Tokey Hill Centurion Award - Athlete of the Year
1977 Gary Tetsui Centurion Award - Athlete of the Year
1978 David Crockett Centurion Award - Athlete of the Year
1979 Cathy Jones Centurion Award - Athlete of the Year
1980 Paul Cortright Centurion Award - Athlete of the Year
1981 Dale Beam Centurion Award - Athlete of the Year
1981 Athlete of the Year - Michael Sledge
1982 Debbie Tang Centurion Award - Athlete of the Year
1983 David Ames Centurion Award - Athlete of the Year
1984 Julio Martinez Male Athlete of the Year
1984 Gwenna Black Female Athlete of the Year
1985 Cathy Baxter Female Athlete of the Year
1985 Joe Minney Male Athlete of the Year

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1986 Larry Zahand Male Athlete of the Year
1986 Cathy Jones Female Athlete of the Year
1987 Patty Booth (O'Neill) Female Athlete of the Year
1987 Joe Minney Centurion Award – Outstanding Athlete
1988 Greg Scythes Male Athlete of the Year
1988 Mimi Tang Female Athlete of the Year
1989 Tracey Day Female Athlete of the Year
1989 Jerry Ferguson Male Athlete of the Year
1990 Barry Venetsky Male Athlete of the Year
1990 Melanie Genung Female Athlete of the Year
1991 Tommy Hood Male Athlete of the Year
1991 Gina Halteman Female Athlete of the Year
1992 Pete Timoch Male Athlete of the Year
1995 Walter J. O'Neill, Jr., Man of the Year
1995 Jim Del Garbino Outstanding National Athlete
1996 Pam Hickey Outstanding Female Competitor
1996 Bill Marcum International Athlete US Team
1996 Lance Weimer International Athlete US Team
1996 Michael Dunphy International Athlete US Team
1996 Michael Graves International Athlete US Team
1996 Jerry Andrea Outstanding National Athlete
1996 John Linebarger International Athlete US Team
1997 Pat Byrnes Distinguished Honors Award
1997 Carmel Sorrento Pan American Games Project
1997 Bernard Scarda Pan American Games Project
1997 James Caldwell Pan American Games Project
1997 Bob Boggs Pan American Games Project
1997 Doug Dennis Pan American Games Project
1997 Masaharu Sakamukai Pan American Games Project

1997 Arthur Battin Outstanding Junior Athlete (Posthumously)
1997 Roberto Alvalaise International Athlete US Team
1997 Blair Portier International Athlete US Team
1998 John D. Pasquale International Athlete US Team
1998 Robert A. Valentine National Athlete US Team
1999 Traylor Smith International Athlete US Team
1999 David Mitchell Treasurer of WUKO I
2000 Doug Selchen International Athlete US Team
2000 Adam Older International Athlete US Team
2000 Robert Toma Outstanding Support
2000 Joe Minney International Athlete
2001 Don Selchan Pan American Games Project
2001 Brent Bias Pan American Games Project
2001 Dustin Baldis International Athlete US Team
2001 Mark Cramer Athlete of the Year
2001 Kenny Ferguson International Athlete US Team
2001 Chull Hee Park Special Technical Recognition
2001 Dr. David Kay Medical
2001 Joseph D'Avello Outstanding Support
2001 Harry McKeen Outstanding Support
2001 James Osborne Outstanding Support & Larry Rogers Kamikazi Martial Arts Supplies
2002 Dr. Joseph D'Avello Outstanding Medical Support
2002 Jim Harrison Athlete Centurion Award
2003 Masaharu Sakimukai, Man of the Year
2003 David Ames Coach of the Year
2003 Akram al-Geelani Instructor of the Year
2003 Darryl Williams Man of the Year
2005 Mike Hixson Founder of Karate in the State of Ohio
2005 Janak Subedi International Grandmaster
2005 Takiyuki Mikami, Man of the Year

JUNIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS

July 14, 2000 Adam Pyles Junior Male Competitor of the Year
July 14, 2000 Cristina Crank Junior Female Competitor of the Year
July 14, 2000 Nicole Pyles Pee Wee Girl Competitor of the Year
2001 Sean Watkins Junior Male Athlete of the Year
2001 Noelle Kanaga Junior Female Athlete of Year
2001 Caleb Taylor Pee Wee Boy Competitor of the Year
2002 John Fonseca Athlete of The Year - Centurion Award
2003 Terrance Tubio Junior Male Athlete of the Year
2003 Mary Meade Junior Female Athlete of the Year

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