

# SILVER

## **DANA ABBOTT.....KENJUTSU MASTER**

Mr. Abbott is honored to hold the esteemed Rank of Shihan 7<sup>th</sup> Dan in the Art of Goshindo Kenjutsu, obtained at the Hombu Dojo in Yokohama, Japan. Mr. Abbott has acquired the position of Kokusai Bucho which is International Director for the All Japan Goshindo Renmei and the International Sports Chanbara Association, which has more than 220,000 members worldwide.

## **MICHAEL ABELS.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Abels is the Head Instructor of Sei Shi Kai Aikido Alaska and lecturer in Martial Arts at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He has trained in Aikido for more than 33 years and has taught Aikido at UAF for more than 64 semesters. He has instructed more than 3000 students. He holds the Rank of Rokudan in Sei Shi Kai Aikido and Yondan in Iai-Tate-Do. He also holds ranks in Hakakuryu Jujitsu, GoSoku Ryu Karate and Gung Fu. He holds the title of Professor at the International Karate Association and College of Martial Arts Fairbanks School, where he teaches weekly Iaido and Aikido classes.

## **SAM ALBRIGHT.....MASTER OF KOREAN ARTS**

Sam is a US Marine Combat Veteran with 3 tours in Iraq and 2 tours in Afghanistan. He is an expert in Self Defense and Korean Martial Arts with over 32 years of experience. He is President of the All Korean Martial Arts Association, Director of Research and Development for the World Moo Sul Kwan Federation and Director of Korean Martial Arts for the American Order of Combat. He is a certified Krav Maga Instructor under Professor Marty Cale and holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido.

## **ROBERT ATTEBURY.....FOUNDER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Attebury has over 35 years practicing the Martial Arts. He holds the Rank of Grandmaster and Head Founder of the Tuai Fou Combat Kenpo System. He also holds Professorship in Hawaiian Kosho Ryu Kenpo JiuJitsu. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree in David Germans Transition Action, a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree in Lima Lama. He is currently studying Lua from Steve Taylor as well as Kali and Jeet Kune Do under Sifu Roger Thompson of the Wild Bunch.

**EDNA BANAYAT.....WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Ms. Banayat began Martial Arts instruction under Bowles' Kosho-Ryu /Kajukenbo Academy of Martial Arts 18 years ago. She holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt with Kajukenbo Self-Defense Institute certified by Sijo Adriano Emperado in 2004. She is a member of Mitose International Kousaouryu Association.

**BRIAN BARONE.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Barone has been studying the Martial Arts for 30 years. He holds the Rank of Black Belt in Kun Tao under Grandmaster Ed Sealy he has also studied Olympic Style Judo. He is a member of the Kin Tora Judo Club. He is a Professor in Criminal Justice and has taught numerous courses in Self Defense for Law Enforcement professionals and students.

**RONALD BELLIVEAU.....SILVER LIFE**

Mr. Belliveau has been involved in the Martial Arts for 35 years. He has trained in many Arts and is a previous Hall of Fame Inductee. He had a professional Muay Thai Kickboxing career and retired with a record of 34-2. He has studied Judo, Kali and Dutch Kickboxing. He is a member of the US Muay Thai Association and the US Judo Association. He is currently training strikers and MMA fighters in his Gym in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**RON BERARDI.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Ron started his Martial Arts journey 28 years ago. He began studying Shotokan. Then started training in Tang Soo Do. He holds Black Belts in Okinawa Karate Do and Matsubayashi-Ryu. He is a member of the World Black Belt Bureau and The US Combat Martial Arts Association.

**JOHN CHERRY.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

John was born in 1959 in Pennsylvania. In 1977, Mr. Cherry attended his first martial arts class at the Los Lunas Taekwondo Kwan , New Mexico. Now 35 years later, he is the Head Instructor of Los Lunas Taekwondo and an Associate of the Hana Dai Ichi Karate Organization. He holds the Master Level of 7th Dan Black Belt promoted by Grandmaster Austin Box. Mr. Cherry continues to live each day according to the teachings of the martial arts, maintaining modesty, perseverance, indomitable spirit, and self-control.

**DANIEL COLE.....SILVER LIFE**

Mr. Cole has been training for over 28 years. He is a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Matsubayashi Shorin-Ryu with the Mendocino Okinawan Shorin-Ryu Association. He is the Senior Instructor of the American Karate Do Dojo. He also holds a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in Tae Kwon Do, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in Tang Soo Do. He has been teaching in San Diego California since 1994 for the San Diego Parks and Recreation Department.

**ROBERT DAVISON.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Davison holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in American Kenpo. He has also studied Tang Soo Do, Torite Jitsu and Kajukenbo. He is a member of The National Black Bet Club, The Chinese Martial Arts Association, International Kenpo Karate Federation and Larry Tatum Kenpo Karate Association. He is an active Instructor where he teaches Kenpo, Arnis and Torite Jitsu.

**JAMES DEVOE JR. ....SILVER LIFE**

Mr. DeVoe started his training in 1976 in the Art of Pentjak Silat, later studying the Art of Judo. He currently holds the Rank of 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Pentjak Silat and continues his training after 39 years. He is the owner and Chief Instructor at the Pentjak Karate Club where he has 6 Senseis, 3 Instructors, and 3 Assistant Instructors under his guidance.

**DANIEL DOMAGUIN.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Domaguin began his Martial Arts training 22 years ago. He holds the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in the Mitose Kosho Ryu Kenpo System under Soke Thomas Mitose. He also holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kajukenbo under Sijo Adriano Emperado. He is a Black Belt Instructor at Grandmaster Tony Bowles Kosho Ryu Kajukenbo Academy of Martial Arts in Chula Vista California.

**KENNETH FECTEAU.....KENPO MASTER**

Mr. Fecteau has been in the Martial Arts for well over 30 years and has been an Instructor for over 26 years. He holds the Rank of 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt and Master in Five Sword Kenpo. In 2008 Grandmaster Wehrwein made Kenneth the sole heir to the Five Sword Kenpo System. Kenneth has also studied Wing Chun, Chi Kung and Russian Systema.

**BRUCE FEIGENBAUM.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Bruce has been in the Martial Arts for 33 years. He has studied Aikido, Japanese Sword and holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Dane Harden. He is an active Instructor at Western Masters Martial Arts in Maryland.

**MANLEY FINCH.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Finch has been a student of the Martial Arts for over 33 years. He began his journey in Wally Jay Small Circle Jujitsu at the age of 9. He has studied Aiki-Jujitsu and Kempo Karate, he holds a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt in both. He currently holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in American Shaolin Karate Do under Carl Inverson. Mr. Finch gives private instruction of this powerful style to selected students.

**JAMES GOODWIN.....OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR**

Mr. Goodwin started the martial arts in 1978 with the ATA under Grandmaster H.U Lee in Little Rock Arkansas. He earned his 1st degree Black Belt under Mike Brown in 1979 and purchased the Newport Tae Kwon Do Academy. In 1983 he tested for his 2nd degree Black Belt in the USTF. In 1987 he received his 3rd degree and in 1997 he received his 4th degree black belt. In 2006, Mr. Goodwin was diagnosed with heart issues but has continued to teach Traditional Taekwondo at Impact 360 Martial Arts School. Mr. Goodwin was promoted to 6th degree Black Belt by the International Martial Arts Council of America’s Grand Masters Council.

**KELVIN HALL.....BLACK BELT OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Hall has been doing the Martial Arts for 34 years. He holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Hapkido. He has studied Tae Kwon Do, Kyokushin Kai Kan and is a Certified Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics Instructor. He teaches at Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training in Oklahoma.

**CHRISTOPHER HARRIS.....MASTER**

Mr. Harris holds the Rank of 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the Art of Jissai Teki Na under Master Instructors Al Moore and Frank Grant. He has been training since 1978. He is an active Instructor and teaches Close Quarter Combat at his school CQC Elite.

**PETER HILL.....OUTSTANDING MASTER INSTRUCTOR**

Mr. Hill holds the rank of 7<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in Chinese Kenpo. He started his Martial Arts training in 1977. He is a member of The World Tai Chi Organization. He has done great work in the Mesa Arizona area expanding the Art of Tai Chi for personal well-being and fitness.

**KRAIG HOLLINGWORTH.....OUTSTANDING CHIEF MASTER INSTRUCTOR**

Mr. Hollingworth began his Martial Arts training at the Toushi Kan Martial Arts Institute under Shigeki Umemoto. In 1990 he began studying with Grandmaster Jerry Cook and Grandmaster Jinheng Li. Mr. Hollingworth teaches for Young Champions of America, where he currently is the Director over hundreds of Black Belt Instructors and oversees more than 14,000 students in 7 states. He holds an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt .

**SHELDON HOWARD.....COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Howard is a retired NYPD Captain and a 911 First Responder. He has been highly decorated in the line of duty 60 times and a member of the NYPD's Prestigious Honor Legion. He is also a 36 year veteran of the Martial Arts earning numerous Black Belts ranking in both Shito Ryu Karate and Shotokan Karate. His studies have included Jujitsu and Aikido. Mr. Howard is one of only 7 certified Shito Ryu Shukokai Instructors in New York State. During 2013, he has won 4 first place divisions in the American karate Association Grand nationals in Weapons, Forms, Traditional Kata and Creative Forms. He is rated number one in his division.

**LYLE HUFFSTUTLER.....SHIHAN OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Huffstuter began his journey of the martial arts more than 30 years ago. He received his first Black Belt at age 16. He has trained with some of the worlds greatest Martial Artist, including; Soke Kubota, Royce Gracie, Taika Oyata, Sifu Benny Meng. In 2007, he was crowned a champion at the Elite Level of competition in the USNKF. He was 2010 National Instructor of the Year and a 3- time Consecutive State Champion Coach. He currently holds a 6th Degree Black Belt and teaching certifications in Okinawan Kempo, Kyusho-Jitsu, Escrima and Brazilian Jujitsu.

**JUAN CARLOS IBARRA.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Ibarra has been training in the Martial arts for 31 years and holds the Rank of Renshi 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the Arts of Ninjutsu, Jujutsu, Toyama Batto Do and Hakko Ryu. He has also studied Capoeira and Kung Fu. He is the Chief Instructor at Bitokukan Senshi Bugei Renmi. He is a member of numerous associations including Jenbukan, Kokusai, Samurai Sports and Hakkoryu.

**JOE INGRATI.....OUTSTANDING MARTIAL ARTIST**

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**JEREMIAH JOHNSON.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER**

Mr. Johnson has been in the Martial arts for 30 years. He holds the rank of Rokudan 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Judo and Goshi Jitsu. He has also studied Boxing and Shotokan Karate. He is a member of the USJA and the USMA. He is an Instructor at Swain County Martial Arts.

**WES LETIOA.....DISTINGUISHED KUNG FU MASTER**

Wes Letioa has been practicing the Martial Arts for more than 30 years in various styles. He holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kusho-Ryu Kajukenbo under Grandmaster Tony Bowles. He has also trained under Grandmaster Douglas Wong in White Lotus Kung Fu. Recently, he won 4 ICMAC Grand Championships, 2 San Diego International Grand Championships and 2 Overall Grand Champions in AKA. He is training under Grandmaster Bisheng Zuh in Kung Fu, Tai Chi and Wushu. He is currently teaching the next generation of Martial Artist.

**RAFAEL LOVATO.....JIU-JITSU INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Lovato a former Boxer began studying martial Arts in 1972 and has trained and received accreditation from some of the worlds most respected and highly acclaimed martial Artist. He was Oklahoma’s first and highest ranked Brazilian Jujitsu Black Belt. He is a certified Instructor in Jeet Kune Do, Muay Thai and Escrima under Sifu Richard Bustillo.

**DON MATHEWS.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Mathews has been practicing the Martial Arts for more than 30 years. He holds the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the Art of Shindo Jinen Ryu under Sensei Kiyoshi Yamazaki. He has also studied Shito-Ryu, Aikido, Jujitsu an Tang Soo Do.

**PAUL MCGOWAN.....MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL OF THE YEAR**

Mr. McGowan has been training in the Martial Arts for over 30 years, with his first style being boxing. He holds the Rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Hapkido under grandmaster Frank Noguera. He has also studied Tae Kwon Do, Muay Thai, Jujitsu and a Trainer of Mixed Martial Arts. He has dedicated his life to the Martial Arts and looks forward to forever being a white belt and trying his best to learn, grow and evolve. He loves the brotherhood that comes along with being a Martial Artist.

**DALE MILLER.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Miller began his Martial Arts career after seeing a Bruce Lee movie, then joining the YMCA to take Karate, later earning his 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt under Grandmaster John Mason. He has trained in Brazilian Jujitsu and MMA. He has competed in amateur MMA, winning many titles before hanging up his gloves to become an actor. His most recent films include Hatfield's and McCoy's, Chain of Events and Architect of Chaos. He has also worked on NBC's hit TV series Revolution and is in the works for a show on CMT.

**WILLIAM NIEVES JR. ....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Nieves is the owner and Head Instructor of Black Dragon Karate and Self Defense located in Magna, Utah. Mr. Nieves also owns a private detective and security agency. He has been involved in the Martial Arts for 32 years. He recently received his Declaration of Master, 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt under Master Gary Cox and Laura Lea Cox. He has also studied Isshinryu, Hapkido, Tae Kwon Do and Comprehensive Combat Strategies.

**BILL NORRIS.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Norris started the Martial Arts at the age of 40. He has been training in the Martial Arts for 26 years. He holds the Rank of 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do under Grandmaster Austin Box. He has also trained in the art of Tai Chi. He is a member of the Hana Dai Ichi Karate Association, headed by Mr. Box. He is an active Instructor at the Los Lunas Tae Kwon Do Springer Dojang.

**MIKE OLISH.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Olish started the Martial Arts in 1981 at Evergreen Park Karate under Shihan Robert Wainwright. He received his Black Belt in 1986. Having met Grandmaster Harry Wheeler, he started to train in Kenpo Karate, eventually earning his 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt. He has also trained in Brazilian Jujitsu and Isshinryu Karate. He is a member of the American Karate Association. He is an active Instructor at Warrior Kenpo Karate in Illinois.

**JOHN OWSIAK.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Owsiak began his training in Tae Kwon Do in 1978 under Grandmaster Joseph Auman. Mr. Owsiak began his training in Ninjitsu under Shihan Jeff Davis. Currently a 9<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Budo Taijitsu under Grandmaster Richard Van Donk.

**CIANI PALENCIA.....INTERNATIONAL INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Ciani began her Martial Arts Training at the age of 6 in Tae Kwon Do under the instruction of Young Seok Kim. She transitioned to Hawaiian style Kajujenbo, hinese Northern Five Animal Style Gung Fu, Traditional Japanese Mitose family Koshu-Ryu Kenpo under the instruction of Grandmaster Tony Bowles Jr. She has been studying the Martial Art for 31 years and holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree in Kajukenbo and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Koushouryu.

**LIBERTINO PARISI.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Master Parisi is the founder of Qi Kwan Do and has extensive knowledge of the martial arts. He has trained in boxing, Tae Kwon Do, Choi Kwang Do, Qigong & Chi Kung, is a Master of Chaikara-reiki-do and is a member of the Martial Arts Industry Association (MAIA) for his up to date knowledge of martial arts. Master Parisi regularly trains with martial arts experts from around the world in order to update and improve the Qi Kwan Do system.

Master Parisi is a member of the Amateur Martial Arts Association (AMA) which provides licensing insurance for every member, registered with the World Kick-Boxing Karate Association (WKA) for students who wish to enter competition. Master Parisi has also qualified with the Realistic Self Defence Association (RSDA). In 2003 Master Parisi was Awarded the Combat Hall of Fame at a gala black te event at Aston Villa Football club for his contribution to martial arts in the UK and around the world.

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**MICHAEL PETERSON.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Peterson has trained more than 3 decades in Okinawan Kempo. He has also had the opportunity to train in the Filipino and Indonesian Martial Arts. His training began in 1988 while serving overseas in the United States Marine Corps. For 18 months he trained in Kali in the Philippines. When he returned to the United States, he continues his study of Kali and began studying Silat Mubai (now referred to as Pencak Silat Sharaf). He decided to integrate his knowledge of stick fighting with his newly found interest in Karambit manipulation. Mr. Peterson has been studying the tactical Indonesian Karambit for nearly 20 years. He holds multiple seminars yearly at his school in the Cincinnati area and taught the first Karambit seminar at the United States Martial Arts Training Camp in 2008. He is a Certified Krav Maga Instructor under Professor Marty Cale.

**CESAR PEREZ.....MASTER**

Mr. Perez was born in Puerto Rico and during his martial arts career he has earned his 5th degree Master Certification in Calasanz's Physical Arts, a 2nd degree in Ninjitsu under Shihan Richard VanDonk and Grandmaster Maasaki Hatsumi. He has also received his Shidoshi-ho licensing and certification from Japan. He is currently an Assistant Instructor testing for 2nd Degree in Tae Kwon Do, under Master Young Kik Cho. Sabunim Cho has been his instructor in Tae Kwon Do for 8 years. Within the organization, Mr. Perez is Head Instructor of Kickboxing at the World Champion Taekwondo Competition School in West Haven, Connecticut. He has competed on the local and national level in Taekwondo and Open Style competitions.

**GRACE QUINONES.....FEMALE MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mrs. Quinones studies the Art of Tang Soo Do and holds the Rank of 6<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt under Grandmaster Ki Yun Yi. She has also trained in Shotokan and is a member of the International Martial Arts Association.

**BRANDON RICHARDS.....GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Richards began his Martial Arts training at the age of 4. Over the course of his 37 years of training he was a 3 time US National Tae Kwon Do Champion. Mr. Richards is the owner of the largest Tae Kwon Do school in Washington State and has promoted more than 1000 Black Belts. He is currently an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido.

**EDDIE RIVERA.....MASTER**

Mr. Rivera has been studying the Martial arts for nearly 50 years. He has studied the likes of Aikido, Kung Fu, Okinawa-Te Rembukai, Krav Maga and holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate. He is a member of the Japan Karate Association, the American Amateur Karate Federation, the Kuro Tora Karate Association and the US National Grassroots Karate Program. He has received the Most Consistent Fighter Award.

**RICKY ROJAS.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Born in New York and now lives in Puerto Rico he has studied American Karate, Kobu Tak, Tae Kwon Do, Shotokan and Kung Fu. He currently holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Black Belt in Sho Shin Karate Do under Master Edgar Serrano. He has been training in the Art for 32 years where he is an active Instructor at Jabun Waza Kai Karate.

**VICTOR RUDDY.....INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Ruddy current holds the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Shito Ryu Shukokai Karate. He has also trained in Judo, Shotokan, Goju Ryu, Pentjak Silat and Kung Fu. He has assisted Chief USA Instructor Michael Berkowitz in his 3 upstate New York Dojo's

**SEAN RUSSELL.....MASTER**

Sean's Kung Fu San Soo training began in 1983, earning his Black Belt 4 years later under Steve Monday and Bill Lasiter. In 2009 Sean succeeded in earning his 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt from Dave Hopkins and continued to earn his Master's Degree in Kung Fu San Soo from Carl Lorenzen.

**GLENN SMALL.....DISTINGUISHED MASTER**

Mr. Small has been training in the Martial Arts for 32 years. He has studied numerous of styles over the years including Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, Arnis and holds a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Kempo. He is the owner and Head Instructor at the American Studios of Self Defense.

**JEROME SNIDER.....MASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Snider began his Martial Arts training in 1978 studying Karate. He has also studied Judo and Daito Ryu Aiki Ju-Jitsu. He is a member of USA Judo and an assistant Instructor under Grandmaster Tony Mondejar at the Ada Judo Club in Oklahoma.

**DAVID TAYLOR.....MASTER**

Mr. Taylor has been training in the Martial Arts for 34 years. He holds the Rank of 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the Art of Shorin Ryu Karate under Grandmaster Tadashi Yamashido. He is an active Instructor and owns his studio names Karate Connections in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**ERNEST VANDEHEY.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Ernest is a member of the International Kenpo Karate Academies. He has studied Aikido, Brazilian Jujitsu and Kenpo Karate where he holds an 8<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt under Ho Chan Sifu. He is the owner of Ernie Vandehey Combat Club in Oregon.

**ANGELO VASQUEZ.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Mr. Vasquez is the owner and Chief Instructor of Self Defense Concepts, where he holds the Rank of Master Instructor teaching Kali and Silat. He has also studied Wing Chun and Muay Thai. He has been a practitioner of the Martial Arts for 38 years.

**BRUCE WEILER.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR**

Bruce Weiler has trained in the Traditional Martial Arts for 33 years, attaining the rank of 7<sup>th</sup> Dan and the level of Shihan as an Instructor in Fudoshin Jiu-Jitsu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Brazilian Jujitsu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan in Uechi-Ryu/Sho Hei Ryu Karate for 20 years. He has also trained in Boxing, Kickboxing and MMA holding several State Kickboxing Titles.

**QWINA WEST.....SILVER LIFE AWARD**

Qwina is owner and Chief Instructor at Red Eagle Kenpo Karate Kai. Having done the Martial Arts for more than 32 years, Qwina holds the Rank of 7<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in Kenpo Karate and is a member of the United States Karate Alliance, Internaltional Kenpo Karate Federation, International Kenpo Karate Academies and Alo Kenpo Karate Association.

**DESMOND WILLIAMS.....FOUNDER**

Mr. Williams is the founder of Nan Fang Quan Tou Gung Fu and is the Senior Instructor of Best Martial Arts London. He began his Martial Arts training with Judo and Karate, then eventually moving to traditional Northern and Southern Gung Fu. He is a member of the Amateur Martial Arts Association. He currently holds a 4<sup>th</sup> Dan in the Art of Bamboo Forest Southern Mantis.

**WADE WILLIAMS.....GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Williams is a highly respected instructor of the Filipino Martial Arts with more than 30 years of experience. He holds a 9th degree Black Belt and is Founder of Williams Escrima, promoted and authorized by the International Martial Arts Council of America Board of Grandmasters. He has studied Serrada, Bahala Na, Corto Kadena, Kaboraon, and Goju Karate. He is a member of the Kilohana US Organization, Stockton Coalition of Stockton, Genesis Martial Arts International and the Visayan Escrima Guild of Oakland. Wade is a man of God, and through his ministry and his evangelical effort, he has used his Martial Arts as a tool to reach the youth in his local community.

**SHAWN WHITEHEAD.....MASTER**

Shawn is a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the Art of Hapkido and Hapki Jutsu under Tokey Ramey. He has also studied Judo, Jujutsu and Arnis. He is a member of the USJA, Juko Kai and Kidokan International.

**KEITH ZIELKE.....MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Zielke has been doing the Martial Arts for 32 years. He has trained in Kajukenbo, Judo, American Karate, Kochi Kali Kar, Shotokan and Tokohi Ryu. He holds the Rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in Nisei Goju Ryu under Master Frank Sisco. He is an active Instructor at Carolina Family Karate.