

Honorary Guest

CHUCK MARTINEZ.....IRON DRAGON AWARD

Bustillo to speak about.

MIKE GOLDBERG.....MAN OF THE YEAR

Nate Quarry to accept and say a few words

Goldberg, 48 (11/24/64), is one of the most diversified talents in the broadcast business, he is best known as the play by play announcer for the Ultimate Fighting Championship. Goldberg recently called his 200th UFC in May 2013, in addition to hosting live events; Mike hosts UFC Unleashed on Fox Sports One as well as many other UFC Specials and DVD productions. Mike is presently beginning production with EA Sports for the release of the new UFC Videogame. Goldberg will be featured extensively in his long time role as play by play announcer.

Goldberg also served as the host for 2 seasons of Shaq Vs on ABC, the nationally televised entertainment series where Shaquille O’Neal competes against the greatest in the world on their fields, in their specialties.

In addition to the UFC and ABC, Mike served as preseason television play by play announcer for the NFL Arizona Cardinals and was featured extensively on their radio network during the regular season. Goldberg has also served as host of Fox Sports Net’s national coverage of College Football and College Basketball, serving as studio anchor for College Football Saturday as well as ACC Sunday Night Hoops. Mike also served as Guest Host of the Best Damn Sports Show Period on FSN, as well as performing play by play duties for AVP Beach Volleyball and the Red Bull Air Race World Series. In addition, Mike has done play by play for NFL Europe and has been utilized as a sideline reporter for FOX Sports on their coverage of the National Football League (NFL).

Prior to his many national duties, he spent 3 seasons as the play by play announcer for the NHL’s Minnesota Wild. Before joining the Wild for its inaugural season, he spent three years working for FOX Sports Net as a play-by-play announcer for Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) men’s basketball games, and NCAA basketball and football games. In addition, he performed play-by-play duties for Florida State Seminole football. Prior to his role with FOX Sports Net, he spent one season (1996-97) as the NHL’s Detroit Red Wings play-by-play announcer.

The 1986 Miami (Ohio) University Graduate served as a play-by-play announcer for ESPN and ESPN2 for two years (1994-96) where he worked NHL, NCAA basketball and football and CFL games. From 1993 to 96, he worked as a play-by-play announcer for Raycom Sports, broadcasting Big Ten basketball and football games. Goldberg spent six years (1989-95) working for SportsChannel Chicago as a play-by-play announcer for college baseball, basketball, football and hockey games. He hosted the SportsChannel Report and served as a sideline reporter for the Chicago Bulls, during for their 1st 3 World Championship runs. Goldberg also worked for Prime Network, performing play by play for the College Football Game of the Week and the Conference USA Basketball Game of the Week.

He and his wife, Kim, have a daughter Kiarra (15) and a son Kole (13). Goldberg enjoys coaching hockey, playing hockey, watching his daughter perform in the theatre, traveling and spending time with his family. They reside in Phoenix, Arizona.

JINHENG LI.....WUSHU LEGEND

Master Jinheng Li began his martial arts training at age 11; he was selected to attend the prestigious Beijing Sports School. This is a "live-in" school where students focus not only on their academic subjects but also train several hours daily, 6 days a week under the tutelage of the best martial arts masters in China. Master Li's classmate was famous movie star Jet Li. Master Jinheng Li was a senior member of the Beijing Wushu Team and trainer of China Junior Team. Master Jinheng Li has won many National Gold Medals in Wushu Competitions in China, and so have his students. He has also starred in many TV series and movies. Master Li is an internationally acclaimed Chinese martial arts expert in many styles of Tai Chi, Wushu and Kung Fu.

AUSTIN BOX.....GOLDEN EAGLE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mr. Austin Bent Box, (Chu pat ich dech), is from the Southern Ute people of Colorado. He began his martial arts training in 1957 in Judo while in the USAF. Later he moved to Shotokan Karate under the tutelage of Sensei Vincent Cruz from the Nishiyama Hidetaka lineage. Mr. Box has trained in Chung Do Kwan while serving tours in Viet Nam in the early 1960's. Part of his training has involved Hapkido and Tai Chi Chuan. He has coached at the USA Indigenous Games, refereed local competition levels, participated in martial arts promotions and his sincere love of teaching of Native American heritage. Mr. Box is the founder of the Hana Dai Ichi Karate Association (Translated: One within One) which began in Colorado Springs in 1965. Since then he has over 300 Black Belts promoted over the 47 years. He is a current member of the International San Ten Karate Association. This will be Mr. (Hanshi) Austin Box, 4th time USMAHOF membership and special recognition.

GK LEE.....DISTINGUISHED GRANDMASTER

Chief Master GK LEE is a member of Masters Council & one of founding of American Taekwondo Association and World Taekwondo Union. He is Master of the Doh-Yi System, a Chief Master with the Dao-source Group and a Grandmaster in the Black Belt Secret Society. He is currently featured on the cover of Black Belt Magazine and now with us at the Martial Arts Hall of Fame

CHUCK MERRIMAN.....PIONEER

Mr. Merriman began his Martial Arts training in 1960 in the Art of Judo under Korean Judo Master In Soo H'Wang and Nakabayashi Sadaki Sensei. In 1966 he began Karate Instruction under Grand master Peter Urban he has served as Chief Arbitrator and Chief referee for the AAU Karate Championships. He has been the Head Coach for numerous US Karate Teams, wining gold, silver and bronze. In 1980 he was inducted into Black Belt Magazine Hall of Fame as Instructor of the Year. He has traveled the world as a Coach, Competitor and Instructor. He has worked as a bodyguard for Diana Ross and Gene Simmons with the band KISS. Mr. Merriman holds the Rank of Grandmaster Hanshi in Okinawan Goju Ryu Karate Do, a 3rd Dan in Kodokan Judo and 1st Dan in Hakkoryu Jujutsu. Mr.Merriman is a true Grandmaster and a mentor to Traditional Martial Artist.

DANNY NETZER.INTERNATIONAL EXPERT IN KRAV MAGA INSTRUCTION

Mr Netzer began training in Hand to Hand combat in 1991. Over the years, has trained in a wide variety of martial arts and specialized in Thai Kick Boxing and professional boxing. In 1999 he became the Senior Instructor for the Israeli Defense Forces, responsible for the accrediting of all IDF hand to hand combat instructors. He headed the Instruction of groups of children and adults in Israel for hand to hand combat as well as participation in security projects around the world. He is the Senior Martial Arts Instructor at the Knesset and Court Guard's State School. In 2011 with the retirement of Ran Nakash, Mr. Netzer became the Chief Commander of the Israeli Defense Forces for Krav Maga hand to hand combat. Making him responsible for the entire field of hand to hand combat in the IDF. He is also the Senior hand to hand combat instructor at the National Security Training Academy in Israel for the courts and Judicial system. He is a founding Instructor for Nakash Krav Maga in Israel.

ITAY DANENBERG.....INTERNATIONAL EXPERT IN KRAV MAGA INSTRUCTION

Mr. Itay Danenberg began his service in Israel Defense Force's Krav Maga instruction division where he served for three years as Instructor and Head Instructor. During his service Mr. Danenberg worked closely with almost all of IDF's units including IDF's most elite units, counter terrorism school as well as with the border police special units. Not only that, Mr. Danenberg was responsible for the certification of chosen soldiers to Krav Maga instructors in all of IDF's divisions and units, and was also responsible for their operational qualification preservation. In addition to training, Mr. Danenberg was responsible for the development and implementation of the Krav Maga training method in diverse defense forces units. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Danenberg served as Instructor at the Krav Maga and security training school for Israel's Judicial and Parliament branches where he trained the security guards in diverse twenty four hours security areas such as VIP protection, critical infrastructure security, riot control, use of nonlethal weapon and more. Mr. Danenberg has trained multiple defense organizations and individuals worldwide, such as German Army and police units, U.S Military Branches and more. Itay is one of the Founding Instructors of Nakash Krav Maga located in Israel.

RAN NAKASH.....INTERNATIONAL EXPERT IN KRAV MAGA INSTRUCTION

Ran Nakash is the Former Chief Commander and Head Instructor of the Israel Defense Forces, Krav Maga Instructional Division. Before being appointed as Chief Commander of the IDF, Ran Nakash Headed the Krav Maga Division of the Security Center of the Israeli Court System. During his tenor he has taught and certified thousands of Special Security Personal who later on became personal body guards of judges, senators, councilmen and business men. These personal body guards were trained in 24 hour personal security for V.I.Ps and included: neutralizing threats at home, in a vehicle, at an office, or any other public place, with an emphasis on neutralizing an attacker armed with a knife or gun, multiple attackers, kidnapping attempts and more. During his years as the Head Instructor for the IDF he worked closely with the IDF's most elite units and special forces, he not only trained the soldiers in Krav Maga, but trained and certified soldiers to become Krav Maga instructors in their own respective units as well as, Creating the curriculum and instruction of the IDF's anti terror school. This is the highest ranking professional authority in IDF Krav Maga.

Ran also holds a professional boxing record of 26 wins with 18 by knockout and only one loss. He scored his latest victory on January 21, 2012 defeating Derek Bryant by unanimous decision. Nakash's only loss occurred on April 2, 2011 against WBO Cruiserweight champion Marco Huck. Despite accepting the fight on short notice as a late replacement for Giacobbe Fragomeni, Nakash fought a competitive fight, highly pressing his opponent throughout the 12-round bout, though Huck was ultimately awarded the victory on points. The WBO has labeled Ran Nakash as the "World's Deadliest Man." Nakash was featured on the Discovery Channel's Fight Quest where he demonstrated the techniques of the Israeli combat system of Krav Maga.

