

USA KARATE FEDERATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONIES

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WHATEVER we are ... We are the BEST There Is!

2015 USA KARATE™ FEDERATION HALL OF FAME CRITERIA

2015 ADMINISTRATOR CRITERIA

The individual must have made exceptional contributions that have furthered the growth, reputation and character of the sport of karate, been active for a number of years on a national or international level. This includes individuals who defined the nature of the sport or its competitive spirit, or contributed to make special contributions, in the context of their day.

2015 ATHLETE CRITERIA

The nominee must have represented the highest level of competition, sportsmanship, integrity, character and ability. They should be amongst the finest players that USA Karate Federation had "playing at a Hall of Fame level." Considerations included:

- Years Active as a Competitor
- Activities in State or Local Competition
- Activities at Training Camps
- Competition at US Team Trials
- Competition at National Level
- Competition at Pan-American Championships
- Competition at World Championships
- Competition at International Cups
- Total and Quality of Medals Earned

2015 COACH CRITERIA

The nominee must have been active on the national level as part of the coaching staff of the USA Karate Federation and who represented the highest level of competition, sportsmanship, integrity, and character and made a major contribution to the development of the USA Karate Federation National Team.

2015 OFFICIALS CRITERIA

The nominee must have represented the highest level of integrity, character and ability. They should be amongst the finest referees and judges that USA Karate Federation had participating on either a national or international level.

2015 UNITED STATES JUIITSU FEDERATION AWARDS

Determined by USJJF criteria.

THE USA KARATE™ FEDERATION HALL OF FAME HISTORY

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.

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.

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. Thus, the USA Karate Federation has convened this 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. The AAU Karate movement began about 1970 and the first AAU National Championships took place in Cleveland, Ohio in 1975 – 40 years ago! We come back to Ohio this 40 years later to honor those who have been a part of the journey.

AS A COMMITTEE OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

1975 Caylor Adkins Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year

- 1976 Noel Smith Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1977 Jon Evans Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1978 Jerry Thomson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1979 Chuck Merriman Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1980 George Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year

INCORPORATED AS THE NATIONAL AAU KARATE COMMITTEE, INC.

- 1981 Patrick Hickey Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1982 Thomas LaPuppet Carroll Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1983 Almerico Santucci Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1984 Don Madden Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1985 Jim Cottrell Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year

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- 1986 Michael Bukala Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1987 Julius Thiry & Charles Portnick Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1988 Robert L. Saal Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1989 Takayuki Mikami Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year

BEGIN GEORGE E. ANDERSON DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

- 1990 Hidy Ochiai GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1991 Jeung H. Kim GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1992 Anita Santucci GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Woman of the Year
- 1993 Minobu Miki GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1994 Dr. Brian Pendleton GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1995 Walter O'Neill GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1996 Jeff Ellis GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1998 Robert Jarrett GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 1999 John Nanay GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award-International Coach & Referee
- 1999 Herb Wiles Sensei of the Year
- 1999 Phillip Koeppel, International Representative
- 2000 Michael J. Dunphy GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award
- 2000 Jack Pyles GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 2000 Roger Jarrett GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 2002 Roger Jarrett GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year
- 2003 Bill Viola, Sr. GE Anderson Distinguished Service Award - Man of the Year

ATHLETIC AWARDS

- before 1976 Billy Blanks Athlete of the Year
- before 1976 Domingo Llanos Athlete of the Year
- 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 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 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 Traylon Smith International Athlete US Team
- 1999 David Mitchell Treasurer of WUKO and International Author
- 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, Distinguished Service 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

2015 INDUCTEES USA KARATE™ HALL OF FAME

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS

- Alex Sternberg, NY
- Almerico Santucci, NJ
- Anita Santucci, NJ
- Don Madden, OH
- George E. Anderson, OH
- Hidy Ochia, NY
- James B Cottrell, WV
- Jeffrey Ellis, OH
- Jerry Kattawar Sr, MS
- Jim Mather, CA
- Jimmy Blann, MS
- Koji Sugimoto, FL
- Michael Bukala, OH
- Patrick Byrnes, PA
- Patrick M. Hickey, OH
- Sam D. Justice, OH
- Thomas LaPuppet Carroll, NY

NATIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

- Alex Sternberg, NY
- Almerico Santucci, NJ
- Anita Santucci, NJ
- Brian P. Pendleton, OH
- Carl Wilcox, NC
- Carol Hofer, OH
- Corinne Kay Housley, FL
- Darren Myers, VA
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- Michael Ray Graves, DE
- Millie Kattawar, MS
- Pamela J. Hickey, OH
- Patrick Byrnes, PA
- Patrick M. Hickey, OH
- Robert F. Watson, UT
- Roger Jarrett, WV
- Sam D. Justice, OH
- Thomas LaPuppet Carroll, NY
- Thurl R McClanahan, OH
- Vicki Blann, MS
- Vicki Cottrell, WV
- Walter O'Neill, NJ

ATHLETES – NATIONAL TEAM

- Adam Older, PA
- Andy Stankus, PA
- Adrienne Whittaker, MS
- Angela (Abbott)-Patteson, MS
- Benjamin (Gino) McCully, OH
- Bill Marcum, OH
- Bo Blann, MS
- Brett Homann, IN
- Brian Hobson, VA
- Carol Hofer, OH

- CD Williamson, VA
- Chimene Montivero-Cole, NJ
- Christopher Stratis, NJ
- Connie Morgan, WV
- Daniel Rubin, NJ
- Darrell Sullins, OH
- David Ames, OH
- David Chisolm, MS
- Derek H. Ochia MD, NY
- Dyron Dabney, MI
- Elodie Montivero-Santucci, NJ
- Gina (Halteman) Formica, PA
- Ginny Trent, MS
- Grant Campbell, FL
- Greg Morton, FL
- Greg Williamson, WV
- Jason C. Carri, NJ
- Jeff Rhodes, NC
- Jerry Kattawar, Jr, MS
- Jimmy Blann, MS
- Joe Minney, OH
- John Caluda, LA
- John L. Hartman, Jr., VA
- John Morton, FL
- Joshua Abbott, MS
- Ken Ferguson, OH
- Kevin Heard, OH
- Laura Rubin, NJ
- Lia (Stratis) Clark, NJ
- Mark Cramer, OH
- Melvin Brown, OH
- Michael Bukala, OH
- Michael Justice, VA
- Michael McCurry, FL
- Michael Newman, WV
- Michael Ray Graves, DE
- Michael Sledge, NY
- Millie Katawar, MS
- Nicole J. (Carri) Ragains, NJ
- Pamela J. Hickey, OH
- Patricia H. Booth O'Neill, NJ
- Peter Lyn, FL
- Phillip Warren, OH
- Richard E. Dixon, VA
- Roger Jarrett, WV
- Roxanne Marcum, OH
- Sabina (Carri) McGuirl, NJ
- Sonia (Stratis) Tedeschi, VA
- Suellen Breon, NJ
- Tracey Day-Smith, NY
- Traylon Gordon Smith, OH
- Tuan Phi Vo, FL
- Vicki Cottrell, WV
- Victoria Williams-Book, OH
- Vincent Napoletano, NJ
- Walter O'Neill, NJ

NATIONAL COACHES

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- Joseph Gabriel, Oh
- Koji Sugimoto, FL
- Larry Feldman, OH
- Larry Overholt, OH
- Leslie Anderson, OH
- Mark Cramer, OH
- Martaligia Lopez-Cantera, FL
- Michael Antonides, OH
- Michael Bukala, OH
- Michael Ray Graves, DE
- Millie Kattawar, MS
- Pamela J. Hickey, OH
- Patrick Byrnes, PA
- Patrick M. Hickey, OH
- Richard Arter, OH
- Robert F. Watson, UT
- Robert J Saal, OH
- Robert Utsey, NY
- Roger Jarrett, WV
- Roxanne Marcum, OH
- Sam D. Justice, VA
- Thomas LaPuppet Carroll, NY
- Thurl R McClanahan, OH
- Walter O'Neill, NJ

OTHER

- Elia and Mary Stratis, NJ - Distinguished Service to the USA Karate Movement
- Dr. Kenneth Rubin – Team Physician
- Molly Largent, OH – Athlete of the Year 2013
- Natasha Kudelya – Athlete of the Year 2015
- Regan McNamara – Athlete of the Year 2014
- Stefanie Waltman, Oh – 2014 Centurion Award
- Terry Maccarrone, NY – Distinguished Service to the Martial Arts

UNITED STATES JIJITSU FEDERATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

- Albert Pecoraro - Distinguished Service
- Brian Pendleton – International Referee
- Brian Walsh –International Athlete
- David Chance – Distinguished Service
- Donald R. Madden – National Coach

- George E. Anderson – Lifetime Achievement
- Jeff Ellis – International Referee
- Larry Feldman – International Referee

- Michael Antonides – Distinguished Service
- Roger Jarrett – Distinguished Service