

# PSDI Hall of Fame 2022

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## **PSDI Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement**

### ***Cedric Barksdale***

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### ***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.

### ***Grant Campbell***

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### ***Pat Ciser***

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### ***Raymond DeRobbio***

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### ***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 Jujitsu 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 2022

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## 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***

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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 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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### ***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 Iaido. 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 Oneil. 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***

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### ***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. Ganbatte!



### ***Dean Johnson***

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### ***Ghandi Kadkoy***

Ghandi 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 Kenshusei 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***

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### ***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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### ***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 17x National Team, 2x Bronze WKF Women's Team Bronze Pan Am Games Bronze World Games Silver and Bronze World Combat Games 5x 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.

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 Walter "Shay" O'Neill, III., 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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

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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 Steihauser***

Adam Steihauser is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Athlete.

### ***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.

### ***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 IJF World Jujitsu Championship in Bologna, Italy.

## **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***

James Del Garbino is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Coach. James T. Del Garbino, 9th Dan Kwanmukan, Hanshi, 8th Dan Shotokan, 6th Dan, United States Ju-Jitsu Federation, 6th Dan Taekwondo, 5th Dan Kobudo, 3rd Dan, Judo, 2nd Dan Seito Shito Ryu, 2nd Dan Tai Chi. Jim would like to recognize the impact that his teachers continue to have on his life in Budo and personal life. He thanks Joseph Bonacci, Joseph Gabriel, George Anderson and Patrick Hickey for their guidance and friendship. Jim was the Regional Supervising Officer of New England USAKF from 1989 to 2000. He earned his National Kumite Referee license in 1995 and was also National and/or Atlantic League Champion for Kata and Kobudo in 1995, 1998 and 2000. Jim was awarded Most Outstanding Athlete in 1995 by the USAKF. Jim coached 9 of his students to be National Champions in the disciplines of Kata, Kumite and Ju-Jitsu. Jim continues to train and teach at Clark University (since 1989) and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Today, Jim is co-owner of Giacomo's Gourmet Foods and is an award-winning Chef.

### ***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.

### ***Alex Miladi***

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### ***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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## **Donald R Madden Coaches Award**

### ***Tokey Hill***

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## **George E Anderson Distinguished Service Award**

### ***Bill Marcum***

Bill Marcum is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of George E Anderson Distinguished Service Award.

## **USA Karate Hall of Fame - Official**

### ***James Del Garbino***

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## **Patrick M. Hickey Leadership Award**

### ***Cleveland Baxter***

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### ***Dr. Alex Sternberg***

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## **Pioneer of USA Karate**

### ***Cedric Barksdale***

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### ***Cleveland Baxter***

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### ***Billy Blanks***

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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 trails 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," 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***

Dr. Gina Formica, PT, DPT is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of USA Karate. Dr. Formica trained under the late Patrick Byrnes at Bushido Karate in Lansdale Pennsylvania from 1981-1990 earning her 2nd Dan in Shotokan Karate. She received All-American awards from 1983-1988. She competed in 3 WUKO championships-Maastricht Holland in 1984, Sydney Australia in 1986 and Cairo Egypt in 1988 where she earned a 3rd Place Bronze medal in Kumite in the 63-kilo weight division. She also competed in the Women's world Championships in Taipei in 1985, and the Mexican-American- games in Mexico City in 1987 placing first in Kumite 63k weight division.

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## ***Chimene Montivero-Cole***

Chimene Montivero-Cole is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of USA Karate. Chimene trained under Sensei Patricia and Walter O'Neil. Was a 5-time State champion, regional champion, national Champion, and All-American. Member of Team USA competed internationally and won gold in Hungary, Greece, Venezuela and took 4th in Japan. Chimene is now a mother of 3, residing in Ithaca, NY as a physical therapist, and co-owns a rehab-based Pilates and wellness studio for the past 20 years. She has rekindled her love for martial arts and currently studies and holds a blue belt in Brazilian Jujitsu.

## ***Elodie Montivero-Santucci***

Elodie Montivero-Santucci is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of USA Karate. I was a member of the Atlantic Karate Academy in New Jersey for 25 years. Sensei Patricia and Walter O'Neill were my instructors, mentors. I was a 5 times State, Regional, and National Champion as well as All American. As a member of Team USA I competed internationally and won three golds in Hungary and Greece. I also competed in Venezuela and took 4th place in the Pan American Games.

## ***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'Neil 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.

## ***Dr. George Scordilis***

Dr. George Scordilis is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of USA Karate. Dr. George C. Scordilis began training in Koei-Kan Karate-Do in 1965 With O Sensei Edward Kaloudis. Was instrumental in bringing Koei-Kan Karate-Do to Greece in 1988. Traveled to Greece and Venezuela as the team doctor and served as the President of the NGB in New Jersey for several years. One of the first to compete in AAU NJ, during the formation of the organization. Is presently a 7th degree black belt in Koei-Kan Karate- Do and on the board of directors and international liaison to schools in Greece, Cyprus and Venezuela.



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### ***Robert Utsey***

Robert Utsey is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Pioneer of USA Karate. Robert is a 7th Dan in Shotokan Karate and has been training since age 15. Robert has earned both a B.A. and a M.A. degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is being recognized in the Pioneer Award category. He was an Investigative Lieutenant in the NYPD Organize Crime Control Bureau and a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal. In 1999 he was appointed as a 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.

### ***Dr. George Scordilis***

Dr. George Scordilis is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Team Physician. Dr. George C. Scordilis began training in Koei-Kan Karate-Do in 1965 With O Sensei Edward Kaloudis. Was instrumental in bringing Koei-Kan Karate-Do to Greece in 1988. Traveled to Greece and Venezuela as the team doctor and served as the President of the NGB in New Jersey for several years. One of the first to compete in AAU NJ, during the formation of the organization. Is presently a 7th degree black belt in Koei-Kan Karate- Do and on the board of directors and international liaison to schools in Greece, Cyprus and Venezuela.

## **Thomas LaPuppet Lifetime Achievement Award**

### ***Cedric Barksdale***

Cedric Barksdale is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Thomas LaPuppet Lifetime Achievement Award.

### ***Roxanne Marcum***

Roxanne Marcum is being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame in the category of Thomas LaPuppet Lifetime Achievement Award.

### ***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 Renshi 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!!!!