# 2015 INDUCTEES INTO THE USA KARATE HALL OF FAME



# **ANGELA (ABBOTT) PATTESON**

Angela (Abbott) Patteson was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- 1) Angela began her Karate training as a student under Sensei Jimmy Blann of Blann's Martial Arts in 1988.
- 2) Between 1990 and 1995 Angela was the undefeated national champion in her kata division as well as winning multiple Gold medals in fighting, weapons
- 3) Five times Angela competed internationally as a member of Team U.S.A. including tournaments in Budapest, Hungary, Puerto Rico
- 4) As a U.S.A. team member. Angela won the gold medal for kata at the 1993 Mikalaus Cup in Budapest Hungary
- 5. Angela a now living in Williamsburg Virginia With her husband Jeff Patteson of 15 years they have 5 boys

# ADRIENNE (BLANN) WHITTAKER

Adrienne (Blann) Whittaker was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

# GINA (HALTEMAN) FORMICA

Gina (Halteman) Formica was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Dr. Gina Formica Physical Therapist
National Team Member 1984 through 1988
World Championship participant Maastricht 1984, Australia 1986 & Cairo Egypt 1988
Bronze Medal 1988 World Championships - Women's Kumite 63 Kilo

### **JOSHUA ABBOTT**

Joshua Abbott was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- 1. Joshua Abbott now serves as a local pastor and coach in Memphis, TN and as a Latin American director for Every Nation Ministries.
- 2. Joshua's entire family including his parents and three sisters all have been training under Jimmy Blann in Karate since 1987.
- 3. His 13 year old son Caleb
- 4. Joshua's competition life in USA Karate from 1990-1995 earned him medals in every state regional and national tournament he ever competed in culminating a national championship and in his inclusion of the 1992 USA Team to Guadeloupe

#### **DAVID AMES**

David Ames was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete Kyoshi KwanMuKan International
Chairman Referee Council USAKF
Former coach adult and Junior USAKF World Team Coach
1988 Japan Goodwill tour Athletes Representative USAKF
1984 Pan American Kata Gold Medalist

#### **GEORGE ANDERSON**

George Anderson was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator Beloved Grandfather of us all.

### **LESLEY KAY ANDERSON**

Lesley Kay Anderson was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Referee. Lesley Kay Anderson also accepted on behalf of her father George E. Anderson.

### **JOANY ANDERSON AQUILA**

Joany Anderson Aguila accepted on behalf of her father

I'm the youngest of George & Joan Anderson's five children.

I'm a Senior Tech @ AGMC and a student at Lakeland Community College.

I have three sons, two daughters in law and five very beautiful grandchildren.

I enjoy life love learning and staying active.

### MICHAEL ANTONIDES

Michael Antonides was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Referee. Michael Antonides was also inducted into the Hall of Fame and the United States Jujitsu Federation Hall of Fame.

National USAKF Official

National Director of Jujitsu for USA Sports Jujitsu Alliance National Level Official USJJF

#### RICHARD ARTER

Richard Arter was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Referee. Richard Arter. Richard Arter, Retired

Aspiring author learning how difficult it is to write every day USAKF referee to 2 WUKF Pan American Championships 1 WUKF World Junior Championships

### **R. BRENT BIAS**

R. Brent Bias was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator
I retired from American Electric Power Co. in 2010 with 40 years of service. I now work part time for the Cabell County Sheriff as a courthouse security officer. I traveled many times with the USAKF team internationally including 5 world championships. I served in several capacities on these travels including team manager asst. head coach

### **BO BLANN**

Bo Blann was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

### **JIMMY BLANN**

Jimmy Blann was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

- 1. Has been teaching karate since 1980 began his training in 1975
- 2. Has competed on the USAKF National Team and Coached the National Team 1991-94
- 3. His dojo teams won the USAKF Team Championship in 1992 93 and 94.
- 4. His home dojo has produced; 320 black belts 200 second degree
- 5. Currently holds a 8th degree black belt with International Kwanmukan

### VICKI BLANN

Vicki Blann was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator.

- 1. The back bone of Blann's Martial Arts (Jimmy Blann)
- 2. Help organize the state and regional tournaments (USAKF 1990-1994)
- 3. Currently holds an 6th dan with International Kwanmukan
- 4. Has been teaching karate for 26 years.
- 5. Co-owner of Blann's Martial Arts

### JOSEPH BONACCI

Joseph Bonacci was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

- 1. Member of USKA and one time director of PSDI studied under Hanshi George Anderson
- 2. Founded the American Institute of Martial Arts
- 3. 1969 All Okinawan Karate Champion 1970 All Japanese Karate Champion
- 4. 8 gold medals in the Police Olympics
- 5. Devoted Husband Father

### RYAN BONACCI

Ryan Bonacci was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

- 1. Studied under Hanshi Joseph Bonacci
- 2. Obtained 5th degree black from American Institute of Martial Arts/ Hanshi Joe Gabriel
- 3. Chief of Police Lowellville Police Department
- 4. Certified Defense Tactics Instructor/ Krav Maga Instructor
- 5. Wife Kathy and son Ryan

### PATRICIA H. BOOTH-O'NEILL

Patty Booth O'Neill was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Coach and as National Athlete.

Patty Booth O'Neill - Owner/Publisher of The LINK News, a local weekly newspaper in its 15th year. Prior to that I was owner of The Atlantic Karate in Long Branch, New Jersey for 30 years. I have two amazing kids, Shay, 29 and Rachel, 27. Two beautiful granddaughters, Charlotte, 3 and Kennedy 10 months - the loves of my life, like any grandma.

I loved competing on the USA Team. It was a big part of my life and who I am today. Karate in general was where I realized what inner strength I possessed. I've met some amazing people along the way, many I'm excited to meet again at this banquet. I'm sorry George Anderson is not around to enjoy the evening. I remember him as a tall, distinguished man with a shock of white hair, who led the way whenever we went out of the country. He was well respected internationally and we always knew we were well represented. I found out later in my karate career, when I was out on my own without an instructor, that he took care of me behind the scenes and never asked for anything in return. He was a rare find. Traveling all over the world with the USA Team created some amazing memories. If I remember correctly I was a member of the first female kumite team. Prior to that women were only allowed to perform in kata. I have fond memories of traveling around the world, but one of my favorite experiences was on a local level, fighting on the New Jersey team. Five girls, depending on each other on whether they won or lost. A lot of cheering, a lot of camaraderie and we took the gold. Another incredible memory was standing on the podium and having the National Anthem playing for me over the loudspeaker at the World Games in California. While still on the USA Team someone in an interview someone asked me when I was going to retire. I told them as soon as I could train students to take my place. I did that ten times over, some of them here tonight. I am incredibly proud of my students and the time I spent in karate.

One of my favorite quotes: "If you have to tell someone how good you are, you probably aren't. Patty Booth O'Neill

#### **SUELLEN BREON**

Suellen Breon was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

I was a member on the USA National Team

Member of NJ Karate Team and an All American in Kumite.

I am married to Olivier Elgue. I am a Personal trainer Realtor

### **MELVIN BROWN**

Melvin Brown was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

# MICHAEL BUKALA

Michael Bukala was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

### ROBERT BUTLER

Robert Butler was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

- 1: Member of the Kwanmukan for 29 years holding black belts in Karate (4th)
- 2. Police officer for the city of Cleveland Heights since 2008 K9 unit since 2012
- 3. Teaches at the Cleveland Heights Police academy for over 3 years instructor for Subject Control and Drunk Driving
- 4. Awarded Top Cop honors and Dedication above the line of duty for DUI enforcement the last 2 years by MADD

#### **PATRICK BYRNES**

Patrick Byrnes was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator and National Referee. Patrick Byrnes was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

Began martial arts training over 60 years ago

Holds rank in Karate Judo

Former USAKF Coach of the Year

Had at least one student on the US National team continuously from 1984-2013

Medals won by his students in National and International competitions number in the thousands.

#### JOHN CALUDA

John Caluda was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

### **GRANT CAMPBELL**

Grant Campbell was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Grant Campbell was a USA National Team member of various JKA, USAKF and other organizations. He has been a world class competitor throughout the 1980's retiring from competition in 2003.

Grant had the opportunity to live in Japan for a total of over 7 years. He was tutored in Karate by Tsuguo Sakumoto the 7 time world champion and won a silver medal in the 2003 World Championships held in Okinawa. He holds a degree in Oriental Medicine now lives and teaches martial arts in Florida.

#### FRANK CARRI

Frank Carri accepted on behalf of his three children.

Competing 1983 to 1995 siblings Jason Carri As members of the Jr. National Team they collectively represented USAKF in 7 International Competitions.

### **JASON CARRI**

Jason Carri was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Competing 1983 to 1995 siblings Jason Carri As members of the Jr. National Team they collectively represented USAKF in 7 International Competitions.

### SABINA CARRI McGUIRL

Sabina Carri McGuirl was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Competing 1983 to 1995 siblings Jason Carri As members of the Jr. National Team they collectively represented USAKF in 7 International Competitions.

#### **NICOLE CARRI RAGAINS**

Nicole Carri Ragains was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Competing 1983 to 1995 siblings Jason Carri As members of the Jr. National Team they collectively represented USAKF in 7 International Competitions.

### **DAVID CHANCE**

David Chance was also inducted into the United States Jujitsu Federation Hall of Fame.

#### **DAVID CHISOLM**

David Chisolm was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Student of Kyoshi Jimmy Blann

Competed Nationally and Internationally (Pan Am Games, Junior World Cup

Resides in Nashville TN

Married with 3 Children (His current karateka student base)

Vice President of Marketing at A. O. Smith Corporation

Max Ciscell

Max Ciscell was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

#### **KEITH COLLINS**

Keith Collins was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

#### JIM COTTRELL

Jim Cottrell was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

#### VICKI COTTRELL

Vicki Cottrell was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator.

#### **MARK CRAMER**

Mark Cramer was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete

- 1. Seiwa Kai Goju Ryu Karatedo USA Director and Great Lakes Chief Instructor
- 2. National Champion: Kata Kumite
- 3. Seiwa Kai Goju Ryu Karatedo: 3rd place Kata Rokudan and above division (Omagari Japan)
- 4. Editor Pan-American Seiwa Kai Newsletter
- 5. Toledo Public Schools Teacher 35+ years (Retired)

#### **DYRON DABNEY**

Dyron Dabney was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete. National Team 1985-1986

Dyron Dabney began karate in 1979 under the instruction of Jerry Lemon and Richard Dixon. Dabney was an AAU Virginia State champion (kumite and kata) from 1981 for 5 consecutive years. He competed in the AAU National championships in 1981-1986 and the Atlantic League championships in 1986. He was a national kumite champion in 1982 (Advanced 14-15 year age category) and 1985 (65kg division). Dabney secured membership on both the AAU Virginia State and the U.S. Jr. Karate teams in 1985 and competed in the 1986 Junior International Karatedo Championships in Taipei. Currently Dabney is a faculty member of the Political Science department at Albion College

#### **TRACEY DAY-SMITH**

Tracey Day-Smith was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete. National Competitor and member of USA Karate Teams

#### RICHARD DIXON

Richard Dixon was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- 1. Richard E. Dixon Sr.
- 2. I am a retired electrician. Married to Brenda Dixon for 32 years and we are the proud parents of 4 children 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.
- 3. I was a member of the 1981 United States Olympic Karate Team.
- 4. I participated in international competition as a first degree black belt in Caracas Venezuela.
- 5. I am presently a third degree black belt and of all the honors awards and medals I have received

#### **JEFF ELLIS**

Jeff Ellis was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator 8th Dan Shihan Kwanmukan International
Chairman USAKF National Junior Program
Chairman USAKF Travel Committee
USAKF National Team Coach
USAKF National Referee
Head of Delegation for Several International Trips 1990's

#### LARRY R. FELDMAN

Larry R. Feldman was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Referee. Larry R. Feldman was also inducted into the Hall of Fame and the United States Jujitsu Federation Hall of Fame.

- 1. Retired teacher from Cleveland Public Schools currently teaching Self-defense & Karate at Lakeland CC
- 2. President of Cleveland Kwanmukan Academy & Past Chairperson of Jujitsu for Lake Erie Association AAU
- 3. Holds the title of Grandmaster of Taiho-Jitsu
- 4. Board of Directors and founding member of the US JU-JUJITSU Federation Hall of Fame
- 5. Jujitsu National and International referee

#### **KEN FERGUSON**

Ken Ferguson was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete Long standing athlete on the USA Karate Team National Coach

### **RICK FIKE**

Rick Fike was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

Respected PSDI Instructor

#### **GERALD FUNELLI**

Gerald Funelli was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Referee. Gerald Funelli was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

Family: 1 Daughter Doctor of Pharmacy at Hillcrest Hospital Mayfield Heights Ohio.

Occupation: Ohio State Highway Patrol Retired after 30 years as a Sergeant.

Trained: Under Master Anderson and Joe Bonacci

USA Karate: Was an official, competed regionally and nationally.

Joseph M. Gabriel Jr.

Past President/Vice President of PSDI. International PSDI license. Instructed police for U. N. throughout Europe. While in Europe I taught Delta members on advanced D. T.

Licensed to teach officers in Ohio and acted as guest instructor in many of ours states. Testified as expert witness for officers throughout the U.S. on excessive force cases.

#### **CHRISTOPHER GANT**

Christopher Gant was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

### **MICHAEL GRAVES**

Michael Graves was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

Michael Ray Graves, DE Athletes - National Team

Michael Ray Graves, DE Coaches

Michael Ray Graves, DE Administrators

Michael Ray Graves, DE Officials

Michael lives in Delaware with Terri, his fiancé (wedding on July 10th) and his two daughters Josette, and Ciara. Michael is Shihan of the USA Mahato Karate Association and has created these national programs, Karate Box, KoBu Power and the Kidini Bully Prevention Child Safety program.

#### JOHN HAMMOCK

John Hammock was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

#### JOHN L. HARTMAN JR.

- 1. Was a member of the 1st USA Jr National Team -1984 -also (85-86) coached by Sam Justice and Jim Hadley and traveled throughout the U.S.
- 2. in 1985 picked by Sam Justice and Jim Hadley
- 3. Over 35 years of training was a 8X VA State Champion
- 4. Works as a Master Sheriff's Deputy and Chief Bailiff in Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court for Gloucester County Va.
- 5. Lives in Wake VA. Married to Lynda

### **KEVIN HEARD**

Kevin Heard was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete. USA Karate Team Member

#### PAMELA HICKEY

Pamela Hickey was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator National A Official
National Team Pool
National Registration Chairman

### **PATRICK HICKEY**

Patrick Hickey was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator National Treasurer
National Secretary
National President
National Tournament Administration
Referee Certification Chairman
Lake Erie Association Chairman
Certified PSDI since 1977

#### **BRIAN HOBSON**

Brian Hobson was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Owner of the Brian Hobson Karate Studio, Hampton, VA (since 1999)

Adjunct Professor of Martial Arts, Thomas Nelson Community College

So Honbu Cho (Main Association Chairman) of the Okinawan Kiyobukan Karate Association

Remembered: member of the first AAU Jr. National Team 1984

Competed in both the first domestic and foreign Jr. Team competitions (1985 & 1986)

Went on to compete on the adult team through 1995 with 20 National Championships and 21 All-American Awards (long & short weapons, kata, and kumite) (AAU, USAKF and USANKF).

Personal highlight was 1992 Mexican Olympic Festival: Silver in kata, Bronze in kumite

#### CAROL HOFFR

Carol Hofer was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator National All American many times over National Administrative Secretary to George Anderson

#### **BRETT HOMANN**

Brett Homann was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Brett Homann would like to thank you for the honor of being inducted into the USA Karate Federation Hall of Fame. The award will be accepted by Brett's father Bill Homann who has been his instructor since the age of four. Brett could not be here this evening because he and his wife Kim have just welcomed their first child. Their daughter Brooklyn

### **CORINNE KAY HOUSLEY**

I am a Founding Life Member of the International Kwanmukan Society, a Life Member and Board of Directors of the USJJF. I am the World Kwanmukan Ambassador. I am the Kwanmukan International Communications Advisor, and the USA Karate Federation International Representative. I am a Lifetime Member of the USA Karate Federation. I am a 5th degree black belt. I have a Paralegal Degree, a Master of Public Administration (MPA) Degree, and I am currently pursuing a second degree, the Master of Education (M. Ed) in Disability Services. I will graduate spring 2016. I live in Florida, but I grew-up in Akron, Ohio. I have two adult sons. I am here tonight with my best friend Larry Mullins.

USA Karate Federation International Representative and Life Member Founding Life Member of the Kwan Mu Kan International Society World Kwan Mu Kan Ambassador Kwan Mu Kan International Communications Advisor United States Jujitsu Federation Board of Directors and Life Member

#### **ROGER JARRETT**

Roger Jarrett was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

#### MICHAEL JUSTICE

Michael Justice was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

#### **SAM D JUSTICE**

Sam D Justice was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator He was a national administrator and coach
VA representative for kwanmukan international society
Active in karate 46 years, 9th degree BB
Great wife, three kids. All kids are national gold medalist
Our family won 16 gold medals
I was national administration, National coach, National official, and National team 1979-80
Plus the above for Virginia

#### MILLIE KATTAWAR

Millie Kattawar was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator Millie Kattawar: Past national Champion and holder of a JKA 4th dress black and the mother of two past national champions: Jerry Jr and Rachel Kattawar the current JKA national champion

#### JERRY KATTAWAR JR

Jerry Kattawar Jr was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Jerry Kattawar JR. a 32 year veteran with UPS and Past USA champion and USA team member and just passed his test in Japan for his JKA 7th degree black belt

### **JERRY KATTAWAR SR**

Jerry Kattawar SR was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

Jerry Kattawar SR., the COO and partner/owner of Power Express transportation and past Coach and instructor for the JKA (his entire family are past and current national JKA champions).

### **JEFFREY KOHN**

Jeffrey Kohn was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Coach and National Official.

#### **N**ATASHA KUDELYA

Natasha Kudelya was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as Athlete of the Year 2015. Current USA Karate National Team

#### **EDWARD KURAS**

Edward Kuras was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Coach

- 1. U. S. Karate Team member for kumite in the AAU.
- 2. U. S. Team Karate coach and coaching staff the first staff invited for Karate to the US Olympic training center in Colorado.
- 3. U. S. Jujitsu head coach and coaching staff USJJF.
- 4. Hobbies are: fishing shooting
- 5. Thankful to God for my wife Karen over 40yrs and my daughters Angela

# **THOMAS LAPUPPET**

Thomas LaPuppet was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

### **MOLLY LARGENT**

Molly Largent was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as Athlete of the Year 2013.

Molly Largent age 12 - 7th grade

Member of US Team that traveled to Serbia in 2012 for World Championships - Won Bronze in sparring Only US Competitor at Pan-American Games in Brazil 2013 - Won Bronze in kata and Gold in Sparring

#### **RONALD LAYTON**

Ronald Layton was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

- 1. Ron Layton 29 yrs. law enforcement
- 42 years martial arts
- 2. Tactical architect and commander for the Republican National Convention

  Democratic National Convention
- 3. Counter Assault Team Commander for more than 100 Presidential Trips
- 4. Trained several thousand law enforcement personnel and martial arts students
- 5. 8th Dan Karate/8th Dan Jiu-Jitsu

### MARTALIGIA LOPEZ-CANTERA

Martaligia Lopez-Cantera was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Referee.

#### **PETER LYN**

Peter Lyn was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- 1) My name is Peter Lyn and I live and work in Miami, Florida. I am currently employed In the Information Technology Dept. of Miami Dade County (local government) as a Computer Network Designer.
- 2) Married to Anette, my wife of 17 years who has supported me through my years of training.
- 3) My introduction to Karate started as a physical education class at Miami Dade College, Miami Florida. Graduated from Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida with a Master of Science in Education.
- 4) I have been attending the Shotokan Kenkojuko Dojo (Miami, Florida) with Shihan Koji Sugimoto my coach and teacher for the last 32 years.
- 5) I am delighted and honored to be a part of this once in a life time event.

### **TERRY MACCARRONE**

Terry Maccarrone was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service to the Martial Arts.

#### **DONALD MADDEN**

Donald Madden was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

#### **ROBERT MAGNUSON**

Robert Magnuson was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

#### **BILL MARCUM**

Bill Marcum was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete, National Coach, and National Referee.

Bill participated in the USAKF as an athlete, an official and a national coach. He competed in the 1st World Cup in Hungary, the PUCO Championships in Honduras and several other international competitions. He officiated as a National Referee and also as an International official. After retiring from competition Bill became a National Coach. He had the privilege to coach events for the both the junior and the senior teams. He was the coach for the North American Cup, the 1994 World Championship and the PUCO Jr. Championships to mention a few. Bill continues to stay certified and officiate in the USANKF and serves on the Senior Masters Caucus.

#### **ROXANNE MARCUM**

Roxanne Marcum was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete and National Referee. Roxanne was a pioneer for women in karate competition. She successfully competed and medaled in local and national levels of competition in Kobudo, Kata, and Kumite. She was awarded the All American Award after winning the AAU Nationals in weapons. She was one of the first female members of the United States Karate Team Pool. She was also one of the first people in the area to be certified as an AAU official in the 1970s and had the honor of serving as chief referee for the Junior Olympics competition in New Jersey. She retired from refereeing and competing for a period of time to raise her family. Roxanne however, continued to teach in the Karate school and is recognized for developing many fine students who have done well in competition, and she is again attending tournaments to officiate.

# JIM MATHER

Jim Mather was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

### THURL R McCLANAHAN

Thurl R McClanahan was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

#### BENJAMIN McCully

Benjamin McCully was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

### MICHAEL McCURRY

Michael McCurry was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

I am currently teaching Shotokan Kenkojuku in Ocala

Florida and have over the past 3 decades.

I am currently a Yondan under Shihan Kogi Sugimoto.

I am a Florida Official.

I became a National Competitor in early 1980's (prior to USAKF)

I continued to compete for many years nationally and internationally. I competed in Japan and also competed and officiated in Central and South America through the 90's.

# **REGAN MCNAMARA**

Regan McNamara was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as Athlete of the Year 2014.

I am eighteen years old. I have gone to Serbia in 2012 and Poland in 2014 for the World Championships. I have placed nationally in both USAKF and USANKF organizations. Likewise

I have also placed internationally through the WKF organization in Las Vegas for the U.S. Open. I am a senior at North Olmsted High School and am in the top 2% of my graduating class. I will be attending the University of Akron on a full tuition scholarship for the biomedical engineering program in the fall. I also have lettered all four years for sprints and long jump.

### JOE MINNEY

Joe Minney was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- 1. Married, Nancy, for 22yrs.
- 2. 5th place 1986 World Championship, Gold & Silver 1987 N. Am. Cup
- 3. US Army Trained and Served as a Green Beret Special Forces Medic.
- 4. Probably, the only Team member to be Held, Searched, and Interrogated by the KGB!!
- 5. Operate Training Co. Survival Skills, Hand to Hand, Escape and Evasion, Prepper Life Skills.

#### CHIMENE MONTIVERO-COLE

Chimene Montivero-Cole was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete. Occupation: physical therapist who co-owns The Pilates Room & AntiGravity Studio in Ithaca NY Married since 2003 to Jeff Cole and they have 3 beautiful daughters...Gabrielle age 10, Reese age 7 Member of the National Team both as a junior and adult.

#### **ELODIE MONTIVERO-SANTUCCI**

Elodie Montivero-Santucci was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete. NJ State Karate Champion in 3 categories (fighting forms and weapons) for 4 consecutive years

- All American and 5 Time National Champion

Hungary (1992) set a World Record by winning 3 gold medals Isabella (7) and Luke (6)

### **CONNIE MORGAN**

Connie Morgan was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Started training in 1984 under the instructions of Mr. James Cottrell and Mr. Brent Bias in Milton WV USA and WV Team Member since 1986

Life Member of Ko Sutemi Seiei Kan and (PUKO) Pan American Union of Karate Do Org. Coach for WV Jr. Women Team

#### **GREG MORTON**

Greg Morton was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Lt. Greg Morton Metro Dade Fire Rescue

### **JOHN MORTON**

John Morton was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

#### **BARRY MOYER**

Barry Moyer was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

#### **DARREN MYERS**

Darren Myers was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator and National Referee.

- 1. A direct student under Soke Shogo Kuniba while he lived in the United States.
- 2. An active competitor until the passing of his instructor in 1992 and became the USA Director for Seishin Kai Martial Arts and currently Kuniba Kai International.
- 3. Joined the Referee pool and quickly moved up the ranks of Referees.
- 4. Became instrumental in the development of the RSO of Virginia and later helped with administration locally and nationally. He is currently a senior staff member of the National Governing Body for Karate.
- 5. Owned and operated Virginia Martial Arts Center for over 35 years.

#### VINCENT NAPOLETANO

Vincent Napoletano was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- 4 Time NJ State Champion
- 4 time Regional Champion
- 2 Time International Champion Greece 1994 and Venezuela 1995

National Title Insurance Company.

-Would like to thank my 2 Sensei's Sensei Patty Booth-O'Neill and Sensei Walter J. O'Neill Jr. of the Atlantic Karate Academy in NJ. Not only did they teach me the art for always pushing me and keeping me on the path of greatness-Thank you to the USA Karate Federation for this honor and award!

#### MICHAEL NEWMAN

Michael Newman was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

### WALTER J. O'NEILL JR

Walter J. O'Neill, Jr. 6th Degree, and proud student of Patricia Booth-O'Neill, my beautiful and kick ass wife of 30-years.

- 1. Responsible:
- a. Two people are responsible for me receiving this award today. No, it's not my parents for giving birth to me, although I'm very thankful for that, it's my beautiful wife and instructor for over 30-years, Patricia H. Booth-O'Neill and the late George Anderson.
- 2. Favorite Team Memory
- a. It was the late 1980's and we were on some God forsaken island in South American, Bob Saal was our coach. As it turned out that was my last trip as an athlete as I suffered a career ending knee injury not long after. However, it was Tracey Day's first time on the adult team. The South American teams were beating us up pretty good and Mr. Anderson took us to the side and said someone get tough. Since I was the heavyweight I volunteered to take one for the team. I hit my challenger so hard in his mouth, that his teeth went flying and Tracey said it looked like he was spitting "chicklets" The TV station down their called me the American bully, but it worked as our team got fired up and we won.
- 3. Family
- a. Since the last time I was here in Ohio, Patty and I are proud grandparents of two beautiful little girls, one soon to be 3-year old and the other, a very soon to be 1-year old. Our children are both grown and successful adult.
- 4. Why I was involved
- a. When I was a blue belt competing at a state event it was obvious that the organizer and head official were allowing their students to win. When I complained to my instructor (who was not my wife at the time) she said "If you feel that way, get involved and make a difference." I did get involved starting as a score keeper and working my way up to the USAKF-NJ state president. Mr. Anderson also noted what was happening in our state, as we had many different styles, instructors and egos, but we came together as one united USA Karate Federation of New Jersey. I was appointed a national vice-president and also became part of the national coaching and referee program. I hope during my time in the USAKF I made a positive impact on the lives of all the athletes, coaches and administrators I came in contact with, as they all played a major part of my adult life.
- 5. Quote. "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." Mark Twain

For Law Enforcement

- 1. Retired police officer with extensive training in SWAT and Anti-Terrorism
- 2. Currently the Public Safety Liaison for City of Long Branch Public School system
- 3. Also a member of the Regional Intelligence Academy (ROIC) for NJ
- 4. And an active Intelligence Analyst for the Department of Homeland Security
- a. Was part of the team that worked intelligence for the Super Bowl in NJ.
- b. And the winter Olympic Games in Russia.
- 5. Currently two classes away from receiving my Master from Texas A&M in Public Safety and Homeland Protection: Critical Asset Risk Management Walter J. O'Neill, Jr. 6th Degree, and proud student of Patricia Booth-O'Neill, my beautiful and kick ass wife of 30-years.

#### **DEREK OCHIAI**

Derek Ochiai was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete. USA Karate National Champion 1989 & 1990 Graduate of Cornell University & Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Orthopaedic Surgeon specializing in Hip Arthroscopy & Sports Medicine Sports Medicine Consultant to Inside Lacrosse Magazine and The Washington Ballet

### **HIDY OCHIAI**

Hidy Ochiai was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

#### **ADAM OLDER**

Adam Older was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Member USA Karate National Team 1994-2013

10-time National Karate Champion in 5 different weight classes

2-time National Jujitsu Champion

2005 World Shotokan Champion; 3-time World Shotokan Finalist

Currently married with 3 sons

### **LARRY OVERHOLT**

Larry Overholt was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Referee. Larry Overholt was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

#### **ALBERT PECORARO**

Albert Pecoraro was into the United States Jujitsu Federation Hall of Fame.

### **BRIAN PENDLETON**

Brian Pendleton was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator and National Referee. Brian Pendleton was also inducted into the Hall of Fame and the United States Jujitsu Federation Hall of Fame.

Married 36 years to Marcie-2 kids and 4 grandchildren

- -retired University and Medical School Professor; still President of Pendleton Consulting and Investments
- -former ATA and USKA competitor (retired in 1976)
- -USA Karate administrator, referee and tournament promoter; current Executive Director for the USAKF and USA Karate Foundation.

#### **JEFFREY RHODES**

Jeffrey Rhodes was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete. Jeffrey Rhodes was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

### **DANIEL RUBIN**

Daniel Rubin was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

He is currently working in New York city as a financial analyst 2. Is happily married for 10 years with two daughters and a son 3. Daniel started in karate at age five and competed nationally and internationally.

- 4. He would like to also thank his parents for all the support and motivation they gave him.
- 5. Also to thank his sensei's Patty and Walter O'neill for being amazing coaches.

### **KENNETH RUBIN**

Kenneth Rubin was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a Team Physician.

Dr. Kenneth Rubin was the team doctor on several international trips his son Daniel and daughter Lauren were athletes on the team.

#### **LAUREN RUBIN**

Lauren Rubin was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- 1. Lauren trained marine mammals for eight years in Florida and is currently living back in New Jersey working as a dog trainer.
- 2. Lauren was able to travel and compete in Greece, Venezuela
- 3. It was truly amazing to be able to share that experience with the team she traveled with as well as her coaches.
- 4. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting and encouraging her not just in karate but in life as well
- 5. She would also like to thank her karate instructors Sensei Patty and Walter O'neill for being great role models and brilliant coaches.

#### **PHIL RUSHING**

Phil Rushing was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

### **ROBERT SAAL**

Robert Saal was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Coach

### **BRIAN K SANDERS SR**

Brian K Sanders Sr was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

#### **ALMERICO SANTUCCI**

Almerico Santucci was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

#### **ANITA SANTUCCI**

Anita Santucci was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

#### MICHAEL SLEDGE

Michael Sledge was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

Kyoshi- Mychal Sledge- 48 yrs. in the martial arts.

- 1 National and International Champion
- 2- Five National Championships in AAU- 1979-1983-member of National AAU Team (same years)
- 3- 2 Gold medals in Pan American Games- 1981- AAU Outstanding Athlete of the Year--1981
- 4- I am a servant of God, loving husband and father. I am a community activist, motivational speaker changed agent, a published writer.

Executive for the USPS -Co founder of The Sledge Group, Inc, (community based non-profit in New York)

### **CURTIS SMITH**

Curtis Smith was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

### **TRAYLON SMITH**

Traylon Smith was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete. Grand Master Traylon G. Smith 2015:

Traylon Gordon Smith has been in the Martial Arts for over 45 years coaching, competing, managing tournaments nationally and internationally. Traylon lives in Gahanna, Ohio with his wife Crystal and youngest daughter Raven Smith. Traylon teaches martial arts at Woodward Park City of Columbus Recreation Center. He has taught for Department of Recreation Center for over 25 Years. He is a retired Executive from Kohl's Department Store.

He holds the rank of Grand Master in the Martial Arts (8th Degree in Karate and 3rd Degree in Jujitsu). In November of 2010, he received his Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in Martial Arts Studies through the Eastern United States International Martial Arts Association Inc. He has been training with Soke Don Madden for over 40 years and considers Don a father, brother and friend. Traylon was on the United States Karate Team. He won the Gold in fighting in the Open Weight Division at the 1983 Pan American Championships in Guatemala. Traylon is a Coach/Competitor/Administrator of the AKJU Team America (American Karate Jujitsu Union). This Team travels internationally to compete in the Irish Cup for Karate and Jujitsu Championships held in Dublin, Ireland every Year in June. He states it is an honor to be attending this Hall of Fame Event.

### **ANDREW P. STANKUS**

- While enjoying competing in the '93 World Cup in Algeria, the '94 Pan-American championships, and the '94 World championships in Malaysia, Andy enjoyed the most competing and medaling during kilo and especially team kumite in the various other international championships in Hungary, Puerto Rico, Greece and Canada, representing the USA as the team aspect brought a level of excitement and comradery that he will never forget. - Andy has leveraged the almost 30 years of training, competing and teaching, and his love of the Japanese culture, to advance in his career in healthcare to a point where he is the head of business operations in Asia-Pacific and Japan for his company and often travels, lives and trains in Japan with his family. - Andy still enjoys teaching and training at his original Dojo (BUSHI) and making a positive impact on karatekas from ages 2 to 92. - Andy is here with his most precious accomplishment, his extended always supportive family and his dedicated immediate family - his wife (Carrie) and 3 kids (Ayden, Madeline and Samantha).

### **ALEX STERNBERG**

- 1-Training 52 years (Sensei George Cofield) 7th Dan JKA Shotokan
- 2- Listed among the Top 10 USA Champions (73 and 74) after winning over 75 Championships
- 3-Coached numerous USA Teams in International Competition (World Championships Sr. and JR., PKF, and World Maccabiah Games)
- 4- Received special recognition from WKF for 25 years of Excellent Refereeing (one of 4 men to ever receive Golden Whistle Award)
- 5- Author, Lecturer, Researcher and Professor of Exercise Physiology recently retired after 28 years of Clinical Practice as the Director of the Pediatric Pulmonary Function and Exercise Testing Laboratory at Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn.

Did my very best during my career to improving the status of USA Karate! Dr. Alex Sternberg Dr PH, MPH, Sc.D., M.Sc.

President: Alex Sternberg's Health and Fitness Consultants LLC

Assoc. Prof: Division of Athletic Training, Health and Exercise Science -Long Island Univ. (adj.)

Director: Pediatric Pulmonary Function and Exercise Testing Laboratory (ret.) Clinical Instructor: Dep't Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation Medicine

**Downstate Medical Center** 

### **CHRISTOPHER STRATIS**

Christopher Stratis was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- -Husband and father of 3
- -7 time National Team member (1990-1997)
- -Jr. Pan American Champion
- -NJ Karate Athlete of the Year

#### **ELIA AND MARY STRATIS**

Elia and Mary Stratis were inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service to the USA Karate Movement.

# LIA STRATIS CLARK

Lia Stratis Clark was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- Wife and mother of three
- 12 Time National Champion
- International Bronze-, Silver-, and Gold-Medalist
- National Team Member 1990-1995

### SONIA STRATIS TEDESCHI

Wife and mother of 2 boys

- -5 time Member of Team USA to Hungary, Greece, Australia, and Venezuela
- -Multiyear National Champion in Kata

### **KOJI SUGIMOTO**

Koji Sugimoto was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator WKF International Referee and Controller Pan American Referee Council United States Referee Council Florida Chairman

### **DARRELL SULLENS**

Darrell Sullens was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

### **GINNY TRENT**

Ginny Trent was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

(1) 13 National Titles with USAKF. Undefeated in kata division from 1990-1995.

- (2) USA Team member to the Jr. World Cup Championship held in Budapest Hungary in 1992. Placed 5th in Kata Division.
- (3) USA Team member to the Jr. World Cup Championship held in Johannesburg South Africa in 1996. Earned a bronze medal in Kata division.
- (4) Married to Todd Trent a combat war veteran with the United States Marine Corp
- (5) Still training with Blann's Martial Arts in Southaven MS.

#### **ROBERT UTSEY**

Robert Utsey was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Referee. Robert Utsey was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

- 1) Investigative Lieutenant in New York City Police Department's Organized Crime Control Bureau Narcotics Division.
- 2) International Police Olympics Gold Medalist.
- 3) 8 time New York State Police Olympic Gold Medalist.
- 4) Pan American Karate Federation A Referee.

#### **TUAN VO**

Tuan Vo was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

- 1. I am a third Dan and have been training with Shihan Sugimoto since 1986.
- 2. I have competed at state national
- 3. I have been married for 20 years to my beautiful wife Ana and I have two kids Nicholas and Carina.
- 4. I consider my fellow karatekas my extended family. We travel and have outings together and can always count on each other.
- 5. Professionally I am the Quality Assurance Manager for Quest Diagnostics Southeast Region.

### **BRIAN WALSH**

Brian Walsh was inducted into the United States Jujitsu Federation Hall of Fame.

# **STEPHANIE WALTMAN**

Stephanie Waltman was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame with the 2014 Centurion Award. Current USA Karate National Athlete.

#### SEAN WARD

Sean Ward was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

### PHILLIP WARREN

Phillip Warren was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

#### **ROBERT F WATSON**

Robert F Watson was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator 48 Years Martial arts USKA Coach Kumite and Kata National Champion UTAH Chairman for USA Karate

Referee and Judge Introduced Karate into the Utah Summer Games Licensed PSDI Instructor since 1981

#### CARL WILCOX

Carl Wilcox was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Administrator

#### VICTORIA WILLIAMS-BOOK

Victoria Williams-Book was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete. Victoria Williams-Book Was on the National Karate Team

Has a black belt title

Works at Shawnee State University as an Assistant Coach Softball.

#### **C D WILLIAMSON**

C D Williamson was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

C.D. Williamson Kyoshi Hachidan

Okinawan Shorin Ryu Shorinkan Karate Do

Member of the 1984 Pan American Team

C.D. is formerly from Hampton VA where he trained with Sensei Frank Hargrove but now resides in Destin

#### **GREG WILLIAMSON**

Greg Williamson was inducted into the 2015 USA Karate Hall of Fame as a National Athlete.

In 1986 Greg Williamson started his training with the Southern West Virginia Karate Club under the instruction of Mr. Jim Cottrell & Mr. Brent Bias. He won the high kicks point championship the same year. He has won multiple WV State Qualifier & Atlantic League Regional Championships

#### **MICKEY YURCO**

Mickey Yurco was inducted into the Police Self Defense Institute Hall of Fame.

I retired as a Sergeant from the Mahoning County Sherriff's Department after 33 years of service. Most of my years were in the patrol division, but I also worked Corrections and SWAT. I helped form our Department's SRT (Special Response Team) in 1995. I was also a member of the FBI based Mahoning Valley Violent Crimes Task Force. I served as an operator, Team Leader and Instructor. I have been involved in the Martial Arts since 1973. My instructor's include Ted Rubbo, Joseph Gabriel and Robert Magnuson. My martial art training has been an asset in the field of Law Enforcement.

Since 1993, I have been an instructor for Law Enforcement. I was a use of force, Subject control, and firearm's instructor for the Sheriff's office. I am currently an instructor for the Police Academies at Kent State University and Youngstown State University. My wife (Joanne) and I reside in Canfield. We have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. I retired as a Sergeant from the Mahoning County Sherriff's Department after 33 years of service. Most of my years were in the patrol division, but I also worked Corrections and SWAT. I helped form our Department's SRT (Special Response Team) in 1995. I was also a member of the FBI based Mahoning Valley Violent Crimes Task Force. I served as an operator, Team Leader and Instructor.