

Letter from the Cleveland Martial Arts Hall of Fame (CMAHOF) absorbing the International Karate & Kickboxing Hall of Fame (IKKHOF). It should be noted that the IKKHOF was one of the very first martial arts hall of fame in the country. You will see a long list of names in the Induction's names. This link is the original IKKHOF website, archived.
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International Karate & Kickboxing Hall of Fame



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Kickboxing Hall of
Fame**



March 2025 – Johnny K. Wu, Richard J. McClain and Don DeVries have resurrected this Hall of Fame and added the original inductees into a section of The Cleveland Martial Arts Hall of Fame to continue to Honor the deserving Martial Artists that have been inducted and we will induct a few worthy individuals in the future.

It was over 50 years ago when Dan Soward thought of the idea that there were a lot of individuals who had dedicated part of their lives to the Martial Arts to help other people; children, police officers, to have a safer life with the knowledge of the Martial Arts, and knowing this information was given unselfishly, he wanted some way for them to be recognized.

This idea, his dream had become a reality in the form of a Hall of Fame for those unsung heroes, that were ordinary individuals who rose above the rest to give a part of their lives to help others learn the power of the Martial Arts, for the benefits of not only the physical, but the mental and spiritual aspects. To be a good leader, you must be a good server and to date just over 120 Black Belt instructors have earned the honor of induction into the *International Karate & Kickboxing Hall of Fame*, all who have lived by the Karate Creed - "I COME TO YOU WITH ONLY KARATE, EMPTY HANDS"!

The Hall of Fame remains as an enshrinement to the many individuals who have attained the recognition for their accomplishments in the area of all of the Martial Arts.. Bruce Lee, Chuck Norris, Ed Parker, Bill "Superfoot" Wallace and many others have earned the recognition for their 'Good Hearts! Nominations are now being accepted for induction into the *International Karate & Kickboxing Hall of Fame*.

PROCESS FOR INDUCTION: You must be nominated by a current member of the Hall of Fame. An application with a list of accomplishments, achievements, along with a picture is to be sent to the *Hall of Fame*. The application will be vetted, reviewed and screened by the Board of Directors. A letter of Acceptance/Congratulations will be sent upon acceptance into the *Hall of Fame*. A date for the induction would be set for proper presentation of the Hall of Fame Award.

REQUIREMENTS- You must have a minimum of 15 years in the Martial Arts, Karate, Kung Fu, Tae Kwan Do, Kickboxing/MMA. Your training must be at an instructor level or above and these requirements and application will be updated as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors and sent on a separate form.



Names with a red arrow next to their names in the following list of inductees are Ohio Ji Do Kwan and American Ji Do Kwan Black Belts.

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Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame Inductees

Ed Parker
Benny Urquidez
Joe Lewis
Bruce Lee
Chuck Norris
Bill Wallace
Danny Lane
Bob Wall
Ernie Reyes Sr.
Ernie Reyes Jr.
Jim Harrison
Tim McGuire 
Charles Pennington
Dearwood (Dee) Daniels
Ginny Di Carlo
Herman Gonzalez
Bill Di Carlo
Jan Lee Paepeghem
Curtis Harrington 
Ben Motten
James Cook
Mike Jones
Frank Rositano
Jeff Gibson
Steve Sapp
Raymond Szuch
Ronald Russell
Morris Kennedy
Robert Wheatley
Al Fuzy 
George Baker
Graig Clinton
Dale Janovyak
Bruce Ledger
Benny Rivera
Dennis Janes
Dave Ard
Peter Bonnell
Darlene Ard
John K. Barton
Charles Brown
Brian L. Gates
Phillip Kelly

Johnny K. Wu
Richard J McClain
Don DeVries
Michael DePasquale Sr.
Michael DePasquale Jr.
Gary Yano
Don Roberts
Reggie McKissick
Thomas Perry
Frank Kovacs
Albert Mad
Chris Canning (Posthumously)
James Kodysh
Frank Wagoner
Matt Zanoskar
Don Mathews
Aaron Brown
Ed Powers
Terry Reid
Patrick Mays
Gilbert Houseaux
James Culpepper
Marcellus Gunn
Micheal Wilson
Melissa Powers
Paul J. Ornowski 
Steve Kovacs
Michael Cacolici
Bill Carlin
Warren Cook
Vincent Dalessandro
Charles Fazio
Denis Lynch
Kevin Weiss
Jeffrey Vennetti
Edward Mathna 
Alyxzander Bear
Curtis Stock
William Roy
Carlito Lanada
Michael Harding
Larry Young
Ike Aka

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Hall of Fame Inductees

Lixim Wu
Dennis Warner
Tony Marcial
John A. Hart III
Shirley Bendell
Dan Medina
John Jelks
Hee Il Cho
Frank Ruiz
Bong Soo Han
Seung Ryul Yang
Raymond Berrera
Dong Sup Kim
Leo Gaje, Jr.
Eric O'Neal
Ferdinand Bigard
Richard Morris
Allen Wheeler
Cheryl Michael
Don Bendell
Del Saito
Mayor Gary Starr
Mary Kay Fuzy
Joe Panaccione
Jan Wellendorf
Guy Lee Fields
Artis Simmons
Jim LaRocco
John Natividad
Harry Acklin
Chien-Liang Huang
Al Conaway
Tokey Hill
Mike Bukala
Joe Hess
Sonny Breach
Angi Uezu
Brian L. Gates
Danny Jackson
T. E. Belle
Jack Kuklis
Wade E. Newell
Howard Y. Kang
Larry Hartsell
Bung Choon Ahn

Marcus Fort
John Nichols
Riandard Jackson
Ken Ferguson
Fred Destolfo
Bill Solano
Bob Davis
Lewis Lizotte
Steve Davis
C. E. Sereff
Louis Radicioni
Pat Burleson
Carlos Bonamy
Richard Sinclair
James A. Dussault
John Clayton, Sr.
Keith Kirk
Vincent A. Marchetti
Gerald Finot
Chung E. Kim
Al Leong
Jackie Kwon
Lawrence Chin-Albert
David Blunt
Greg Micciochero
Al Smith
Christopher Chase
Willie Adams
Robert Buchannan Jr.
Richard Fike
Robert 'Bucky' Buchannan
Norman Albon Lacaden
Peter Oien
Mark S. Harrell
Eric Shane Williams.
Frank Koxacks

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