

UNITED STATES MARTIAL ARTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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16th Annual Hall of Fame Awards Banquet

August 2014

July 14, 2014, Frederick Maryland was the place to be. The United States Martial Artist Association celebrated it's 16th Annual International Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Participants came from all over the United States and as far away as Japan.

The event was held at the FSK Holiday Inn Conference Center to record breaking crowd. Everyone was extremely pleased with the overall event.



Witnessing of the promotion examination process of 4 martial artists and participation in seminars presented by some of the best masters in the world. We all cried, cheered, laughed and was delighted to see many martial artists and non-martial artists receive their induction awards.

The testing process was held Friday evening, July 11, 2014 with USMAA N.E. VA Director Bradford Frayser,



TKD practitioner of the TKD Academy located in Burke VA. USMAA NE Oklahoma Director Bryan Boles, Guy Harrison and David Bohnstedt Pokdok Suri Martial Arts practitioners from Oklahoma, found themselves in a promotion examination like no other they have ever encountered. Each candidate had issues. They were put under extreme conditions that most martial art school do

not cover. All 4 got a new perspective of the martial arts needed in today's cruel world.

Bradford tested for 5th degree, Bryan tested for 4th degree, Guy and David tested for 2nd degree. All were successful with a hard lesson given by SGM William Rankin.

Saturday morning: 8:00 seminars began and continued to about 2:00 p.m. Guests were encouraged to participate and learn a great deal and how to handle certain situations that could turn deadly.

Instructors and their specialties

Mr. Tom Nee - Fitness and nutrition, Supreme Grandmaster William Rankin - Lethal Hands, Supreme Master Amy Reed - Lethal Hand combinations, The TRIAD team - Executive protection, Master Matthew Antkowiak - Edged Weapons, Grandmaster Clarence Murray - The Nunchaku what you do not know, Supreme Grandmaster Timothy Lynch Special take downs (Foot/leg), Grandmaster Eddie Thomas - American Freestyle Karate, Master Mark Kelley - Evasion Tactics and Lock Flow Drills, Grandmaster Paul Dyer - Mukan Da-Nei San He (Breath Strikes in Movement), Grandmaster Bob Maxwell - Bando Multi Attacks, Grandmaster Darryl King - Sanuces Ryu Jujitsu

The evening festivities was no less than unforgettable. Guests began to arrive 4:00 p.m. to the large ballroom with the group "The Triple Lindee" playing tunes from the era of 60's, 70's, 80 and 90's.

The evening started out with a moment of silence for the loss of our comrade and brother Supreme Grandmaster John Ruberto followed by a special version of the song Hallelujah leaving our guests in tears. It was only fitting to follow up with the National Anthem by Branford Maralis / Bruce Hornsby.

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Other entertainment, The Pacific Rhythm gave the audience a taste of the South Pacific in dance culture from Samoa, Tahiti and the Hawaiian Islands. Everyone was totally involved with The Pacific Rhythm and was disappointed that their routine had come to an



end. The Chin Hamaya Daiko drummers came onto the stage performing song and dance of the Okinawan Culture. The audience was moved with both of these two performing groups and requested they return for future events.



Dinner provided by FSK catering was delicious. Supreme Grandmaster William Rankin personally visited every table to make sure all the guests were taken care of. Everyone was so delighted with everything. Visiting the tables has become a tradition which Master Rankin started 16 years ago.

The awards ceremony began with the introduction of the States Directors present followed up by certificates of appreciation to the instructors of the seminar session.



Awarding of belts in an honor that Supreme Grandmaster William Rankin enjoys immensely. Special honors to Master Richard Kluck – TRIAD and Master Matthew Antkowiak of Pokdok Suri Martial Arts both received 6th degree Black Belt promotions for outstanding performance and dedication to the martial arts for many years.

The promotion of rank was awarded to Master Bradford Frayser, Tae kwon Do to 5th Degree Black Belt, Apprentice Master Bryan Boles Pokdok Suri Martial Arts to 4th Degree Black Belt and Guy Harrison and David Bohnstedt both Pokdok Suri Martial Arts were promoted to 2nd degree Black Belt.



A special dedication to our fallen brother Supreme Grandmaster John Ruberto of the Hakuryu Bushido – Jiu Tien Zhi Dao style of martial arts. John was born February 29, 1946,

joined the U.S. Army and became a member of the Special Forces. Served in South Vietnam and came close to losing his life from a 122mm rocket. Had issues from Agent Orange the rest of his life. He made a great deal of friends from every walk of life. Volunteered at the local Veterans Administration clinic in Michigan. John left a daughter, Michaleen who resides in Massachusetts. Before John passed he called to his side his best student. SGM Ruberto presented to Master Mark Kelley his mantle of the martial arts style and upon the death of John, Mark was to be promoted to Grandmaster, 8th Degree Black Belt. Supreme Grandmaster John Ruberto, Jun 26, 2014 had gone to the thrown of our Lord. He is missed by a number of friends, family and fellow martial artists.

Master Mark Kelley was promoted to the rank of 8th



Degree Black Belt to honor the request of SGM John Ruberto. This special presentation was received with a standing ovation from everyone present. It was a very emotional moment.

Special Congratulations to all of the newest inductees of 2014:

Inspiration of the Year

The TRIAD Family, Grandmaster Clarence Murray
Supreme Master Amy Reed

Pioneer of the Year

Grandmaster Robert Maxwell

Platinum Life Achievement

Allen Gore, Lee Smith, Steven Jackson
Charles Brown, Darryl King

Gold Life Achievement

Michelle Burrus, Carol Shepard, Adolph Pearson III
Christopher Williams, Jason Kenny

Silver Life Achievement

Matthew Antkowiak, Christopher Lambert
Noel Cottrell, Kevin Davis

Bronze Life Achievement

Bryan Boles

Grandmaster of the Year

James Willis

Master of the Year

Mark Camillo, Khalil Abdulla, Carl E. Johnoff

Apprentice Master of the Year

Freda Renee Henry

Woman of the Year

Susan Everetts

Man of the Year

Jeffrey Everetts

William Coleman, Jr

Instructor of the Year

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Noah Bayer, Richard Ohm
David Bohnstedt, Tanesha King
Associate Instructor of the Year
Mikhail Vargas, Darryl M. Holiday, Sr., Nancy Brennecke

Student of the Year

Boyd Mathias, Zachary D. Johnson, Matthew Gelles
Kevin Blakey, Ryan C. Matlack, Tucker Dueitt
Toron Motte, Timothy Meaux, Michael Nyman

Most Improved Student of the Year

John Little, Greg Schmidt, John David Dixon
Edward Owen, Susan Anderson

All-Around Practitioner of the Year

Michael Jampol

All-Around Competitor of the Year

Leah Frohm, Leah Mark

Weapons Practitioner of the Year

Aaron McFarland

Self-Defense Practitioner of the Year

Ernest L.T. Peterson, Sr., Mariam Harper
Michaels Wiles, Darin Lovings

Forms Practitioner of the Year

Anna Persons

Most Dedicated Black Belt of the Year

Margaret Clough, John Thomas Hickey III
Teddy Jordan

Most Dedicated Under Black Belt of the Year

Abdula Rahman

Outstanding Martial Artist of the Year

Chris Kesterson, Argelio Palacios

Outstanding Contribution to the Martial Arts

Virginia King, Linda Shrider, Peter Hill, Debra Taylor
Nawab Mir Khutubuddin Khan

Special Martial Arts Appreciation

Cedric Capestany, Juan Alberto
Michelle Jampol, James C. Adkins

Special Individual Achievement of the Year

Joe Haydu

Public Servant of the Year-Executive Protection

Kent Wilson

Public Servant of the Year-Public Safety Trainer

Will A. Curtis Jr., David Deanovich
Timothy Lynch

School of the Year

TKD Academy – Bradford Frayser
White Dragon Martial Arts Academy – Mark Kelly

Finally the announcement of Melburn West as interim State Director of Colorado to Full State Directorship.

The "Triple Lindee Band" played until 11:00 as guests danced and celebrated the occasion.

To see all the photos of the event visit our website:
www.rankinmartialarts.com, The United States Martial Artist Association, menu selection Hall Photo Gallery Δ

It's Not About the Belt By Dale L. June

"When you are not (training), remember, someone somewhere is (training), and when you meet him he will win" - Basketball Hall of Famer Ed Macauley

Kiaaaaa! The scream, the thrust of the hand or the kick of the leg, a pine board or a cement block is shattered. A martial artist receives his belt as recognition of his achievement. Students congratulate the achievement and spectators applaud. The new belt holder displays it with pride believing he is now in possession of skill and knowledge to beat back any nefarious attack.

Years of aerobic exercise and strengthening with practice in technique against a rubber knife or gun on a padded surface in a controlled environment has prepared him for this, the moment he receives his new belt. What he is not prepared for is the fifteen seconds when he is surprisingly attacked on a public street, or when he is the "super hero" coming to the rescue of someone else who is being attacked by a "street wise or prison hardened thug" who is attacking with a real knife or gun and hard fists and steel toed shoes.

I have been involved in some form of martial arts of one kind or another since I was eighteen years old. There was judo, (in combat boots and fatigues in sawdust pits at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Georgia in hot, humid summer time afternoons; with sweat pouring from every pore, the sawdust sticking to every piece of wet sweaty clothing and exposed flesh, even getting under the clothing), bayonet fighting (hand to hand and bayonets on a rifle), combat fighting, and unarmed defense, personal fighting (use anything that works) techniques for survival and military police "come-alongs" in the Army; boxing, free-form fighting, more judo, and defensive tactics in college; and various other forms of "restraining holds", defensive maneuvers and take downs including hybrid forms of karate during my law enforcement career. I also trained in the art of Tae Kwon Do for just under seven years. My most recent martial art training is in traditional Wing Chun Kung Fu. They are all similar in one very important aspect- the philosophy of the longer a fight lasts, the greater the chances of getting injured or killed. The emphasis is on ending the fight as quickly and efficiently as possible (measured in seconds, or hundredths of a second.), The training I received accentuated a mental attitude toward quick delivery of a disabling blow, strike or hold.

An important, yet mostly forgotten, overlooked, or simply ignored ingredient is the mental phase of martial arts training and learning to overcome the "fight or flight" reflex of the adrenalin "dump" when confronted in a threatening circumstance. This is where importance of the spiritual characteristic is partially found; having belief in self, judgment of courage and strength of principles to confront the immediate danger. The remaining portion

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of martial art spirituality is finding peace or “The Way of the Peaceful Warrior”. Spirituality of martial arts breathes within you as calm surety and perfect peace. Thus I have found or developed a few inspirational sayings that seem to sum up the notion of responding to the initial fear brought on by sudden threats while also bringing tranquility and peace:

A martial artist remembers to relax and breath, summoning up internal forces and gathering energy from the Earth, Air, Wood and Water.

You can't be neutral in combat range

Fear makes men forget, and skill that cannot fight is useless – Brasidas of Sparta

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles – Ralph Waldo Emerson

If one seeks peace and can be fiercely honest with oneself and the reality of life, one will undoubtedly find the place of strength, courage, and wisdom to live the life one seeks –Leslie Moses, Student of Psychology, National University (Los Angeles)

The candle that gives the light must endure the burning

During my first year in college (which coincided with my rookie year as a city police officer) I had a very wise mentor. He told me “Too soon old, too late smart”. That’s the time in my life when I foolishly rushed to combat and to fight any lawbreaker or drunk who felt like he wanted to challenge me. I didn’t really care for the spiritual side of martial arts, only the mental and physical parts. I was young, fresh out of the Army, and looked like I was sixteen years old. “Give power to a man with an ego or something to prove and trouble will ensue”.

My ego (or self-image of trying to be “hard boiled” or to prove to myself and others how “tough” I was) was such that I never hesitated to use a kick, punch, or strike with anyone who thought he wanted to test “that baby-faced kid”. As a police officer I was in a powerful position but yet had to learn the wisdom of using my power wisely, carefully, and “with heart”. I was in a physical fight at least once or twice a week. I had not learned the meaning of what *Spider Man’s* Peter Parker’s Uncle Charlie told Peter, “With great power comes great responsibility”. Former president George H.W. Bush said, “Use power to help people. For we are given power not to advance our own purposes, nor to make a great show in the world, nor a name. There is but one just use of power, and it is to serve people.”^[1] Power must be used wisely, responsibly, and often in ways far removed from physical domination. I was to learn my lessons the hard way.

One night (after I had taken some serious lumps) I thought to myself, “There must be a better way than having to fight all the time.” I also recalled my father’s words given me when I was a boy, “No matter how strong or big someone is, there is always someone stronger and bigger” (and of course quicker, faster.)

Of course, now I see the spiritual side as being the most important part of finding a “more peaceful way”. As I got “too soon old”, the wisdom of my mentor’s words have come back to me and I try to follow this path of spirituality while trying to maintain my “combat readiness” of mind and aging body. Δ

Kyoshi Prince Mark Sagoe USMAA Ghana Director

It will be very exciting to see USMAA branches in our newsletter sharing martial arts events, ideas, and news in our Association. Our newsletter will be quarterly due to grading, belt promotions, black belt workshops, Hall of Fame, tournaments, etc.

Our newsletter will incorporate instructor and student profiles, along with service history in martial arts, etc.

It will be an avenue to promote and encourage USMAA branches to train seriously to get STUDENT OF THE MONTH.

Every month, a student at USMAA get selected as the student of the month. Some of the criteria that will be looked at is: Attendance, Attitude, Effort, Enthusiasm, Performance, Scholastic results and so on. These students are be in contention for the Annual Awards.

This is my first newsletter I want to share with USMAA something to think about.

THE WINNER &THE LOSER

The winner is always part of the answer.
The loser is part of the problem.

The winner has a challenge.
The loser has a problem.

The winner sees an answer for every problem.
The loser sees a problem in every answer.

The winner always has a plan.
The loser always has an excuse.

The winner says it may be difficult, but possible.
The loser says it may be possible, but too difficult.

CONFIDENCE:

Believe you can do it,
Act as if you can do it,
And in no time you will be doing. Δ

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Additional News:

2015 Hall of Fame scheduled July 25, 2015

The Bannon Institute is affiliated with The World Protection Group (WPG) located in Beverly Hills, California which provides consulting, training and services relative to Executive and Dignitary Protection for both individuals, law enforcement, security teams and corporations, as well as the development of security and protection programs and other related security issues.

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Many of the concepts and philosophies practiced in the art of Executive Protection are derived directly from the

code and philosophy of the Japanese Samurai; one of the most noble groups of protectors and warriors to ever have existed.

Joseph Bannon, (Founder and CEO) is a retired government special agent who was formerly assigned as a supervisory allied agency task force agent to the United States Secret Service Presidential Protection Detail out of Washington DC, and was responsible for the protection of the President of the United States and many other foreign and domestic dignitaries.

Special Agent Bannon has also served as Tactical Commander, Chief Defensive Tactics Instructor, Training Coordinator, and Academy Instructor at Beale Air Force Base for the Department of Justice - Office of the Attorney General in both the State Capitol of Sacramento, and Los Angeles, California.

Below is a protective profile list of dignitaries whose lives have been personally entrusted to Special Agent Bannon over the years for their protection and safety:

Government Official Sector:

- President George Bush Jr.
- President Bill Clinton
- Governor Bill Clinton
- President George Bush Sr.
- President Mikhail Gorbachev (Russia)
- Pope John Paul II (Vatican)
- Vice President Al Gore
- First Lady Hillary Clinton
- First Lady Barbara Bush
- Second First Lady Tipper Gore
- Jerry Adams, I.R.A. (Ireland)
- Minister of Finances (Argentina)
- Senator Ted Kennedy
- Governor Pete Wilson (California)
- Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy (California)
- Senator Dianne Feinstein (California)
- Mayor Willie Brown (San Francisco)
- Mayor Frank Jordan (San Francisco)
- Mayor Art Agnos (San Francisco)
- Former Mayor Joe Alioto (San Francisco)
- City Supervisor Tom Ammiano (San Francisco)
- City Supervisor Carole Migden (San Francisco)
- City Supervisor Angela Alioto (San Francisco)
- Presidential Appointee Roberta Achtenberg (Washington D.C.)
- Police Commissioner Wayne Friday (San Francisco)
- Police Chief Richard Hongisto (San Francisco)
- Reverend Troy Perry (M.C.C. Church)
- Attorney General (Mexico)
- Attorney General (California)
- Prince William and First Lady Kate

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Private Security Sector:

- B-52s Musical Band
- Los Lobos
- Bruce Hornsby
- Taj Mahal
- Nickel Creek Band
- Little Feet Band
- 18 Wheeler Band
- The Erica Brown Band
- Love 45 Band
- Mama's Cookin'
- The Motet
- Flobots
- The Subdudes
- Poquito Maz
- Henry Butler & The Game Band
- Caleb Riley Funk Orchestra
- Rubber Planet Band
- Halden Wofford & The High Beams Band
- Head for the Hills Band
- Drew Emmitt Band

Please contact [The World Protection Group](#) for an evaluation of your specific needs and pricing for training or services. Use Promo Code - **BANNON** for a registration discount on our upcoming EP Training Class in September 2014 presented in Santa Monica California. Δ

New membership Requests: None this period

Tournament News: No submissions

Promotions: No submissions

Seminars: No submission