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Grandmaster Huang and the USKSF,

Congratulations on 35 years of United States Koshu Federation Tournament! Your hard work and determination to succeed is reflected through the many generations of students and the growth of the USKSF.

We are honored to be part of your journey to success over the last 35 years. Thank you for continuing to promote your events for many students and organizations to come together to exchange martial arts skills and ideas through friendly competition and fellowship.

**Your Friends:
Wah Lum Kung Fu USA**



FROM THE USKSF PRESIDENT



美國國術總會 United States Kuo Shu Federation

President:
Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang

會長:
黃乾量

On behalf of the United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF), I extend a warm welcome to all of you attending the 2024 US International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament. This event, sanctioned by The World Kuo Shu Federation, sponsored by the United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF), and co-sponsored by the International Contact Weapon Sport Federation (ICWSF), marks the 35th year of this world-class tournament. I am grateful that so many people continue to choose to attend our event.

This year begins a new era for our tournament as we have moved closer to our nation's capital. Our new, modern location provides space for all of our events and ongoing growth in what promises to be a bright future. As we have done for many years, to provide the highest quality experience for our competitors, we continue to host a national judge certification program annually. Once again, this year, we are honored to receive greetings from the White House, as we have since 1994. I would also like to express my gratitude to the U.S. Congressmen and Senators for their citations and greetings this year, as well as Maryland Governor Wes Moore, Rockville County Executive Marc Elrich, and Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski's declarations of this week as "U.S. International Kuo Shu Week." As a federation, we sincerely appreciate your recognition and support.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks go to all of you: international teams, competitors, referees, judges, volunteers, and spectators, for your steadfast support for the last 35 years. Without your valuable contributions, this tournament could not be a success. It is because of your dedication to this competition that we are able to continue to provide the highest quality Kuo Shu tournament possible. I wish you all the best of luck, and thank you for your continued support in promoting peace and friendship through Kuo Shu.

Sincerely,

Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang
President, USKSF

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FROM THE USKSF TOURNAMENT GENERAL MANAGER



美國國術總會 United States Kuo Shu Federation

President:
Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang

會長:
黃乾量

July 12, 2024

Dear Competitors, Judges, and Esteemed Guests,

Welcome to the 35th Anniversary USKSF Tournament! We are thrilled and deeply grateful to have you join us for this significant milestone event. This year's tournament holds a special place in our hearts, not only because of its long-standing history, but also due to the incredible effort and dedication that went into making it a reality.

Over the past twelve months, we have experienced some of the most challenging moments since we started hosting tournaments 35 years ago. Last year, our longstanding venue shut down unexpectedly, forcing a last-minute scramble for a new location. Our team embarked on a monumental task, exploring over 100 properties across VA, MD, DC, and PA to find the ideal venue. After finding the venue, our volunteers demonstrated unparalleled commitment to overcome challenges we haven't faced in over three decades. Their perseverance and passion have been nothing short of inspiring. While there are too many people to mention, it is essential to highlight some of the leading players who worked tirelessly to make this event possible:

Shi Fu Nam Phamdo	Master Ian Chisholm
Shi Fu Ken Saunders	Shi Fu John Gafos
Ms. Alyssa Bryan	Shi Fu Gabriel Chang
Shi Fu Peck Mun Lee	Master John Green

If you see them, please extend your heartfelt thanks and appreciation. They helped make sure that this tournament not only meets but exceeds the standards we have all come to expect.

One more important thing: While our venue and logistical strategies may evolve, our core values and beliefs remain steadfast and true. Your continued support and enthusiasm drive us to push boundaries and create memorable experiences year after year.

As we celebrate this special occasion, I hope you immerse yourself in the spirit of camaraderie and competition that defines our kung fu family. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Enjoy the tournament, embrace the challenges, and let the spirit of martial arts inspire you to new heights.

Respectfully,

Michael Huang
USKSF General Manager
TWKSF Executive Member
ITSPA 8th Degree Black Sash



**FROM
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**



**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

July 13, 2024

I extend my best wishes to everyone gathered in Rockville, Maryland, for the 35th Annual United States International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament.

I hope each of you feels well-deserved pride in all it took to get to this moment. You worked hard. You dug deep. And you never gave up as you strove to compete at the highest levels of Kuo Shu. Your participation in this event is a reflection of your tenacity as well as your dedication to this time-honored martial art.

As you take part in this year's United States International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament, I hope you are inspired not only by the talents of your fellow competitors but also by the ability of Kuo Shu to unify people all around the world. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable competition.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden".



FROM
THE UNITED STATES SENATE



July 13, 2024

Dear Friends:


I would like to offer a warm welcome to the attendees of the 2024 United States International Kuo Shu (USKSF) Championship Tournament. This annual event, which draws thousands of competitors from around the nation and abroad, offers a great opportunity to promote intercultural cooperation while participating in friendly competition.

Kuo Shu has continued to inspire millions of practitioners worldwide through its values: peace, harmony, the health of the body and mind, and the benefits of physical fitness. The influence of Kuo Shu, a central component of China's rich history and culture, can be felt far beyond the nation's borders. Today's tournament will provide contenders the opportunity to honor the impressive heritage of Kuo Shu while competing, training, and partaking in Martial Arts. Participants will also be able to interact with their fellow Kuo Shu practitioners from around the world and build lasting relationships.

I would like to thank the United States Kuo Shu Foundation and USKSF President Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang for your dedicated support of Martial Arts in the United States, and for your cultural enrichment of our community.

Best wishes for a wonderful tournament.

Sincerely,


Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senate



FROM
THE UNITED STATES SENATE



Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator
July 13, 2024



Dear Grandmaster Huang,

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone gathered for the 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament.

I commend Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang for his remarkable dedication to promoting Kuo Shu for the past fifty-one years. His contributions to the martial arts community are truly remarkable, and I am honored to recognize his achievements.

I extend my best wishes for a successful and memorable tournament.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senate

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PROCLAMATION FROM THE MARYLAND GOVERNOR

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**U.S. INTERNATIONAL KUO SHU WEEK
JULY 13-20, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** *The 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu (Kung Fu) Championship Tournament will host competitors from around the world and across the United States; and*
- WHEREAS,** *This annual event brings competitors from great distances to participate in this important Tournament. The Tournament promotes friendship, physical fitness, peace, and supports the principles of Chinese Kuo Shu, also known as Kung Fu; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The success of this tournament has continued to grow under the leadership of Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is proud to honor and celebrate the efforts of the United States Chinese Kuo Shu Federation in welcoming all competitors and spectators who are participating in this important event.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JULY 13-20, 2024, as U.S. INTERNATIONAL KUO SHU WEEK in Maryland, and call upon the people of our state to join in supporting this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 15th day of July
Two Thousand and twenty-four

Wes Moore
Governor

Oruna Miller
Lt. Governor

Susan C. Lee
Secretary of State



FROM THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

July 13, 2024



Dear Friends:

Welcome to Montgomery County. I would like to congratulate the staff and volunteers of the 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament on putting together this grand display of martial arts.

The U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament will host competitors from across the U.S. and around the world. This tournament will be a showcase of physical ability, focus, discipline, spatial awareness, techniques and martial prowess. I want to wish all the competitors good luck in this tournament.

Montgomery County is home to a multitude of cultures from around the world. It is our rich diversity that makes our County strong. Our residents will undoubtedly have a large presence as spectators at the tournament. Thank you for providing a venue where our residents can view and learn about martial arts.

Once again, congratulations on the success of the tournament and I wish you success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Marc Elrich
County Executive

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FROM THE BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR.
County Executive



A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

On behalf of all our Baltimore County residents, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament!

Throughout this tournament, you'll have the opportunity to showcase your talents against competitors from around the world and make your families, your friends, and yourselves proud. This tournament is a tremendous resource for any martial artist that wants to test themselves and exceed their full potential. By participating, you are not only making yourselves stronger but you are also adding to a diverse, international community of Kuo Shu enthusiasts.

The lessons of this revered martial art go deeper than just blocks and strikes. Through your preparation for this competition, you've promoted sportsmanship, developed character, and cultivated peace and confidence. These are important qualities at any age and in every part of the world. Thanks to your Kuo Shu training, you're prepared to meet and overcome any challenge.

I am so proud of the work that the United States Chinese Kuo Shu Federation has done to organize this year's event and I invite all our competitors, families, and fans to meet our neighbors, explore our communities, and enjoy everything that Baltimore County has to offer.

To Dear Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang with best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Olszewski, Jr.".

John "Johnny O" Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive

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THE BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

Baltimore County Executive



Proclamation

*DESIGNATING July 8-14, 2024
U.S. INTERNATIONAL KUO SHU WEEK*

WHEREAS, we recognize the opening of this year's championship tournament; and

WHEREAS, the tournament draws competitors from around the world and across the United States, the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship is a storied event that brings together so many, building friendship, peace, and unity across international boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in addition to helping to strengthen the physical fitness and character of those who participate, this robust competition promotes the principles of Chinese Kuo Shu, as well as its physical, mental, and ethical benefits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Olszewski, Jr., Baltimore County Executive, have the distinct honor of proclaiming July 8-14 as "U.S. International Kuo Shu Week" throughout Baltimore County, and urge all our residents to support this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Baltimore County to be affixed to this second week of July in the year two thousand twenty-four.

John A. Olszewski, Jr.

*John A. Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive*



FROM THE USKSF SENIOR ADVISOR



UNITED STATES KUO SHU FEDERATION

MAY LAW
Senior Advisor

July 13, 2024

Grandmaster Chien-Liang Huang
President, United States Kuo Shu Federation
Chairman, The World Kuo Shu Federation

Dear Grandmaster Huang:

Congratulations on your 51-year milestone of promoting traditional Chinese martial arts and traveling extensively throughout the world to train many students in Kuo Shu. Your martial arts accomplishments, from consistent work and energy, have achieved worldwide renown. You have received numerous governmental declarations of the "U.S. International Kuo Shu Week" for all your Kuo Shu tournaments annually.

The tournament always provides the highest quality experience for our competitors and continues to host a national judge certification program annually. Despite your worldwide reputation, you have been a humble Grandmaster with a focus on martial arts ethics for many decades. You have always served as a model for all your students to follow. You and your Tournament staff are to be commended for the exemplary success of the 2024 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championships Tournament. Under your leadership, all your tournaments have always displayed precision and care.

Wishing the best to all the competitors!

Sincerely yours,

May Law



FROM THE USKSF GENERAL COUNSEL



UNITED STATES KUO SHU FEDERATION

TSIWEN LAW
General Counsel

July 13, 2024

Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang
President
United States Kuo Shu Federation
Chairman
The World Kuo Shu Federation

Dear Grandmaster Huang:

Congratulations on the enormous success of the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament on July 12-14, 2024, in Maryland. This annual Kuo Shu Federation Tournament confirms the timeless commitment to your vision of a competent refereed and competitor credentialed system.

2024 marks 51 years of your promoting traditional Chinese martial arts throughout the world. All your tournaments give the highest quality experience to our competitors while hosting an annual judge certification program.

All coaches, martial artists, volunteers, and spectators who come to compete or observe know that they can trust the qualifications of judges at this Tournament. Their continued attendance at the Kuo Shu Tournaments is testimony to your vision to assemble qualified judges for the highest quality competition. Judges and competitors come from all corners of the U.S.A. and other countries. They can be assured that this Tournament values their trust in the evaluation process.

Best wishes to all the competitors.

Very sincerely yours,

Tsiwen Law
Legal Advisor, USKSF





WELCOME TO KUO SHU

The following pages include a history of Kuo Shu and the USKSF, selected biographies, and lists of officials for the United States Kuo Shu Federation.



WHAT IS KUO SHU?

In 1928, the Nationalist government of China established a Central Martial Arts Academy called the Chung Yang Kuo Shu Kuan. This Academy, in Nanking, China, was created to promote the health and improve the strength of the people. The name “Kuo Shu” literally means “national art” and recognizes the unique cultural nature of Chinese martial arts. Some of the best martial artists in China attended this exclusive school as teachers or students. The academy operated in mainland China between 1928 and 1947, closing due to the civil war.

Today, when using the words Kuo Shu, it is synonymous with traditional Chinese martial arts, especially including self-defense and fighting. In the US today, Kuo Shu is also identified with a particular type of full-contact fighting contest. Kuo Shu fighting is derived from an old Chinese tradition of constructing a raised platform (a “Lei Tai”) and challenging anyone to step forward and fight. Contests were conducted on a Lei Tai and did not include protective gear, rounds, or weight limits. Recently, more emphasis has been placed on the safety of the competitors.

After the civil war in 1955, Taiwan reintroduced the traditional Kuo Shu Lei Tai full-contact fighting contests. In 1975, the Kuo Shu Federation of Taiwan, ROC sponsored the first World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament in Tainan City, Taiwan. In 1978, the Chinese Kuo Shu Worldwide Promotion Association, of which Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang was one of the founding members, was formed. In 1986, the name was changed to the International Chinese Kuo Shu Federation (ICKF). In 1988, Grandmaster Huang sponsored his first Kuo Shu tournament, including full-contact fighting in the United States. In 1991, he re-introduced the Lei Tai and created a standard 24 x 24-foot platform, raised 2-4 feet off the ground, without boxing-style ropes.

In 2002, Grandmaster Huang founded The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF) to continue to promote traditional Kuo Shu and its physical, mental, and ethical benefits, globally. The Federation is currently supported by over 80 different organizations, continues to provide International Referee Training, and has also established an International Kuo Shu ranking system to recognize the achievements of Chinese martial artists worldwide. The World Kuo Shu Federation sanctioned the 7th World Championship Tournament in Rome, Italy.

THE UNITED STATES KUO SHU FEDERATION

Kuo Shu, translated literally as “national art,” is part of Chinese cultural heritage promoting both a healthy body and a strong moral character. The United States Chinese Kuoshu Federation (USCKF), a non-profit organization, began sponsoring high-quality martial arts tournaments in 1991. In 2006, the name was changed to the United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF). Kuo Shu, also known as “Kung Fu,” is the trademark of traditional Chinese Wu Shu (martial arts) and promotes friendship, unity, physical fitness, harmony, martial ethics, and peace around the world. In this age of both mental and physical wellness, the organization continues to grow because Kuo Shu continues to appeal to individuals of all ages and cultures.

The Board of Directors of the USKSF represents martial arts organizations from around the United States. Through this national network, the international standards for judge, referee, and instructor certifications have been established, and a new ranking system was developed as well. As a member of The World Kuo Shu Federation, the USKSF ensures all standards are comparable in both organizations.

In the western hemisphere, the USKSF participates in the Pan-American Kuo Shu Federation, which holds tournaments throughout the Americas each year. These include the First Americas Cup International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament held in 1991, and the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournaments for the years 1994, 1996, 1998, and 2000 through 2018. The year 2000 marked a significant step forward for the USKSF when it established the Kuo Shu Hall of Fame (KHOF) as the cornerstone of the annual banquet which culminates each tournament. The KHOF is the USKSF’s most prestigious award because it recognizes individuals for a lifetime dedicated to promoting Kuo Shu and martial ethics. The KHOF nominee must obtain two thirds of the votes of the KHOF Committee in order to be inducted. Additionally, the USKSF confers awards for competitors and a judge of the year, and also recognizes Kuo Shu contributors who help provide special support to the federation at the KHOF banquet. The USKSF marked the momentous 30th anniversary of its prestigious US International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament in 2018 with special Tien Shan Pai demonstrations, renowned lion dance teams, and a host of dignitaries who attended the opening ceremonies of this elite competition.

The growth of Kuo Shu in this region and worldwide would not have been possible without the efforts of Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. He has devoted his professional life to Kuo Shu since his arrival in the United States in 1973. He founded and is currently President of the USKSF, and also founded and is the Chairman of The World Kuo Shu Federation. He promotes and supports the study of Kuo Shu and martial ethics by conducting seminars worldwide, and has worked tirelessly to elevate the standards of Kuo Shu instruction, demonstrations, and competitions. This dedication to the organization has been demonstrated by the expansion of the organization from an initial USKSF tournament of 102 competitors to approximately 500 international participants who now travel to the United States to compete annually. Grandmaster Huang’s commitment to humanity extends beyond the martial arts arena. He has organized demonstrations in order to raise funds for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and victims of September 11th, among others, to accumulate over \$7,000 in donations. In April 2008, the USKSF sponsored a charity demonstration to celebrate Grandmaster Huang’s 35 years of instruction in the U.S. and raised over \$4,000 for the Baltimore Children’s Home. In honor of this event, several government officials sent their congratulations and good wishes, including former Baltimore City Mayor Sheila Dixon, who proclaimed April 26, 2008 “Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang’s 35th Anniversary of Martial Arts Instruction in the U.S. Day” and former Baltimore County Executive James T. Smith, Jr., who proclaimed April 26, 2008 “Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang Day.” Former Mayor Sheila Dixon stated, “...based on his tireless efforts promoting Chinese martial arts within the local community and the world, we are proud to honor Grandmaster Huang on this special day....” Grandmaster Huang continued this tradition on his 40th anniversary of teaching Kuo Shu in the United States by hosting another charity demonstration. This special event raised over \$6,000 for the local “Sparks of Change” charity established in memory of Huang’s late student, Daniel Siegel.

Recognition for Kuo Shu and this annual tournament is unprecedented in the history of Chinese martial arts in the United States. In addition to proclamations from such well-known local leaders such as former Governor Martin O’Malley, and former Governor Robert Ehrlich, Maryland State Senator Andrew Harris has participated in the tournament’s Opening Ceremonies. In addition, since 1994, the White House has consistently sent an official representative to the tournament’s opening ceremonies. This clearly demonstrates the impact this form of martial arts has continued to make in this country and throughout the world.





THE USKSF HALL OF FAME

INAUGURAL 2000 INDUCTEE - GRANDMASTER HUANG, CHIEN-LIANG

2001 - 2022 INDUCTEES

Grandmaster Richard Lee, Master Joe Dunphy - **2001**

Grandmaster Steve L. Martin - **2002**

Grandmaster Chan Pui, Grandmaster Wai Hong Eng - **2003**

Master Henry Look, Master Kevin Preston - **2004**

Grandmaster Wai Lun Choi - **2005**

Master He, Wei Qi - **2006**

Grandmaster Jiang Jing Sung Baek - **2007**

Master Calvin Chin - **2009**

Master John Buckley - **2011**

Master Bob Rosen - **2013**

Shi Fu Richard Wheatley - **2014**

Master Judie Martin, Master John Ozuna - **2017**

Master Ian Chisholm - **2019**

Master Ralph Mitchell - **2021**

Master John Green - **2022**

GRANDMASTER HUANG, CHIEN-LIANG



- Head Coach of the United States National Kuo Shu Team, 1986 – 2000
- Grandmaster – 64th Generation, Tien Shan Pai, 1990
- Founder and President – United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF), 1991
- Director & Chief Arbitrator – 7th World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament (Taiwan, ROC), 1992
- Baltimore County Executive Ruppberger proclaimed April 26 “Huang, Chien-Liang Day”, 1998
- Maryland Governor Glendening proclaimed April 26 “Grandmaster Huang, Chien Liang Day”, 1998
- “One of the Most Impactful Martial Artists in the 20th Century” (Inside Kung Fu Magazine), 1999
- Inducted into the US Kuo Shu Hall of Fame, 2000
- Founder and Chairman – The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF), 2002
- “One of the Most Influential Chinese Martial Arts Masters of the Past 30 Years” (Inside Kung Fu Magazine), 2003 • Certified 10th Duan by TWKSF, 2004
- Certified 10th Duan by the World Traditional Martial Arts Union (WTMAU), 2005
- Inducted into the Dong Han Taoist Sect Lifetime Achievement for Excellence, 2006
- Baltimore City Mayor Sheila Dixon proclaimed April 26 “Grandmaster Huang, Chien Liang Day”, 2008
- Baltimore County Executive Kamenetz proclaimed April 26 “Huang, Chien-Liang Day”, 2013
- Certified 10th Duan by Federation International of Grandmasters, 2017
- Inducted into The World Kuo Shu Hall of Fame, 2018
- Sponsor - 6th TWKSF World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament (Hunt Valley, MD), 2018
- Doctor of Philosophy – College of Advanced Education and Martial Arts
- Honorary President – International Song’s Xing Yi Quan Association
- Honorary President – Hua Yue Xin Yi Liu He Ba Fa Yan Jiu Zong Hui
- Adjunct College Professor in Tai Ji Quan (for over 25 Years)

Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang, the 64th Generation Grandmaster of Tien Shan Pai, is a man of many talents, interests, and commitments. All of these focus on his devotion to the martial arts principles, philosophy, and technique. He is a humanitarian dedicated to sharing his gifts with his students, colleagues, and spectators. Inside Kung Fu Magazine named him “One of the Most Impactful Martial Artists in the 20th Century” in 1999 and “One of the Most Influential Chinese Martial Arts Masters of the Past 30 Years” in 2003.

Grandmaster Huang was born in Malaysia. As a young boy, he was physically weak and took herbal medicine for his severe asthma. He was given the opportunity to learn Kung Fu, with the hope of helping his weakness and asthma. Physically, he did get stronger, but his asthma still bothered him.

Grandmaster Huang completed his academics by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry from the National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan, ROC, in 1967. That year, a senior classmate introduced him to Supreme Master Wang Chueh-Jen, who began teaching him Tai Ji Quan, and later, Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu. Once he started practicing Tai Ji Quan, his health dramatically improved, and his asthma disappeared. In 1970, a few years later, he was given the opportunity to learn additional martial arts from Grandmaster Chen, Jin Bao and Dao Meditation from Grandmaster Liu, Pei Chung. However, his main focus remained on Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu, and he continued to learn from Supreme Master Wang, Chueh-Jen until Supreme Master Wang passed away in 1990.

When Grandmaster Huang received job offers from Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand, he was unsure of what to do and sought advice from classmates. One of his Kung Fu classmates shared an opportunity to move to the United States, where his brother, was looking for a Kung Fu instructor to help at his school. Grandmaster Huang decided to accept that offer and move to Maryland to teach.

In January 1975, with the help of a student, Grandmaster Huang opened his first school in Cincinnati Ohio, called Tien Shan Wushu School. In 1982, he moved back to Washington, D.C., and opened a school in Gaithersburg. The school later relocated to Baltimore, and is currently in Owings Mills under the name U.S. Kuo Shu Academy, where his son, Master Michael Huang, helps him run the school. Together, they teach Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu and other Northern styles, as well as Tai Ji Quan, Xing Yi Quan, and Ba Qua Zhang.

Since moving to the United States, Grandmaster Huang deepened his dedication to Kuo Shu. He has been training for over 55 years and teaching for 50 years. In his devotion to this doctrine, he founded and served as Chairman and first term President of The World Kuo Shu Federation in 2002, and, in 2006, was re-elected for a second term. He finished his second term in 2010 and currently serves as Chairman of the Board. He is also President and founder (1991) of the United States Kuo Shu Federation, and in 2000, he was the first inductee into the U.S. Kuo Shu Hall of Fame.

Since 1988, Grandmaster Huang has promoted and sponsored numerous national and international Kuo Shu championship tournaments, with competitors attending from Canada, Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Mexico, Paraguay, Chile, Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Spain, Russia, China, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore, and others.



From 1986 to 2000, he served as Head Coach of the United States Kuo Shu Team, which competed in the World Cup and other international tournaments. Grandmaster Huang has been called the “Maker of Champions” because of the many competitions his students have won in forms, weapons, two-man sets, internal arts, and full-contact Lei Tai fighting. He had two students who became Lei Tai World Champions in Taiwan at the International Chinese Kuo Shu Federation (ICKF) Tournament.

In addition to his students winning World Lei Tai Championships, at the 2nd World Kuo Shu Federation Tournament (Singapore, 2006) and the 3rd World Kuo Shu Federation Tournament (Germany, 2009), his students also won gold medals in Tai Ji Quan form, weapons, and Push Hands.

He was Director and Chief Arbitrator of the 7th World Cup Chinese Kuo Shu Championship in Taiwan. In July 2018, as Chairman of TWKSF, he sponsored the 6th TWKSF World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament at the Delta Marriott Hotel in Hunt Valley, Maryland. In addition to support and recognition from local, state, and national politicians, from 1994-2023, the White House consistently sent an official representative to the USKSF annual tournament’s opening ceremonies.

Grandmaster Huang is the only full heir to the 63rd generation Tien Shan Pai Supreme Master Wang Chueh-Jen, “the Double Broadsword King of China.” As the outstanding supporter of Tien Shan Pai in the world, Grandmaster Huang has students who have opened schools across the United States, Europe, and South America. He is known internationally as “Kuo Shu World Bao Qing Tian,” China’s most famous judge, and is an international Kuo Shu Coach/Instructor and international Kuo Shu Referee “A,” the highest rank, by the ICKF.

In 2004, Grandmaster Huang received his 10th Duan degree, the highest rank from TWKSF, and was certified at the 10th Duan level by the World Traditional Martial Arts Union. In 2006, he was inducted into the Dong Han Taoist Sect Lifetime Achievement for Excellence. He was named a Doctor of Philosophy from the College of Advanced Education and Martial Arts and named Honorary President of both the International Song’s Xing Yi Quan Association and Hua Yue Xin Yi Liu He Ba Fa Yan Jiu Zong Hui. He also received the Kuo Shu Medal A, Kuo Shu Medal B, and Honorary Kuo Shu Medal from the ICKF. In 2017, he was certified at the 10th Duan level by Federation International of Grandmaster, and in 2018, he was inducted into The World Kuo Shu Hall of Fame.

Grandmaster Huang has traveled to 30 countries promoting Kuo Shu and teaching seminars on a variety of topics, including Dao Meditation. He has produced videos on Tien Shan Pai, Qin Na, Tai Ji Quan, and Xing Yi Quan. He designs and implements instructor, judge, and referee certification programs, and has also introduced a new grading and ranking system for TWKSF. He has been an adjunct professor in Tai Ji Quan at the Community College of Baltimore County in Essex, Maryland, for over 25 years, and formerly taught Tai Ji Quan at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore. He has spent much time assisting in the training of Lei Tai full-contact fighters from the United States and other countries. These fighters have gone on to win full-contact competitions at national and international Kuo Shu tournaments, including the World Kuo Shu Tournament.

The list of accolades awarded to Grandmaster Huang is quite extensive. His accomplishments have been acknowledged by many notable politicians, martial arts associations, magazines, and television. He has been named “One of the Most Impactful Martial Artists in the 20th Century,” “Instructor of the Year,” and is among “Famous Chinese People in the World,” by Ren Mon Ri Bao, the Chinese People’s daily newspaper. Grandmaster Huang has had television interviews in the United States and Spain, as well as in Paraguay and Brazil. He was on the news show PM Magazine in a feature on “Maker of Champions, Builder of Character.” In addition, he has performed in the United States, Europe, China, and Taiwan.

Grandmaster Huang’s commitment and contributions to charity have continued to serve and benefit people far beyond the martial arts community. He has supported many charitable events for organizations, including the Muscular Dystrophy Walkathon, Pride of Baltimore II Rebuild, and The Johns Hopkins Children’s Center. In 1998, he performed Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu with his students to raise more than \$5,000 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. In November 2001, through a martial arts demonstration, Grandmaster Huang and his Kuo Shu team raised more than \$2,700 for victims of September 11, and in 2005, they conducted a fundraiser for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and raised more than \$4,000. In April 2008, the International Tien Shan Pai Association and the USKSF sponsored a charity demonstration to celebrate Grandmaster Huang’s 35 years of instruction in the U.S. and raised over \$4,000 for the Baltimore Children’s Home. In 2013, over \$6,000 was raised for the local charity, Sparks of Change, during a demonstration to celebrate Grandmaster Huang’s 40 years of teaching in the U.S., and Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz proclaimed April 26, 2013, as “Huang Chien Liang Day” to celebrate this achievement.

Locally, Grandmaster Huang has been invited to meet with many state and federal officials, including Robert L. Ehrlich (former Congressman and former Maryland Governor), C.A. Dutch Ruppensberger (former Baltimore County Executive and current U.S. Congressman), Andrew Harris (former State Senator and current U.S. Congressman), and Parris Glendening (former Maryland Governor). He has received Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition from former U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, U.S. Congressman Ruppensberger, and then-Congressman Ehrlich; a Citizen Citation from former Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke; County Executive Citations from Robert Hayden, Ruppensberger, James T. Smith, and Kamenetz; and Governor’s Citations from former Governors Glendening, Ehrlich, and Martin O’Malley. Grandmaster Huang was honored with a proclamation from then-County Executive Ruppensberger, proclaiming April 26, 1998, “Huang Chien Liang Day,” and a proclamation from then-Governor Glendening proclaiming April 26, 1998, as “Grandmaster Huang, Chien- Liang’s 25th Anniversary of Martial Arts Instruction in the U.S. Day,” for his unstinting promotion of Kuo Shu. Former Baltimore City Mayor Sheila Dixon said, “Based on his tireless efforts promoting Chinese martial arts within the local community and the world, we are proud to honor Grandmaster Huang on this special day.” Unquestionably, Grandmaster Huang’s commitment to excellence in the Chinese martial arts has earned him a place in the history of martial arts, not only for his innovations, but for his caring and devotion to all people.





Senior Grandmaster Richard Lee

Senior Vice President, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Grandmaster Richard Lee has been studying Oriental martial arts since 1953. 2018 marked his sixty-fifth year anniversary in the martial arts. He is the Founder of East West Kung Fu Schools and Chairman of the International Bok Fu Do Association. He was the first American born martial arts Master to travel to mainland China when it became legal to do so in the late 1970's. He has served as Senior Vice President of the USKSF since 1996 and was President of the TWKSF from 2010-2018. He was inducted into the prestigious USKSF Hall of Fame in 2001 and was an inaugural member of the TWKSF Hall of Fame in 2018. He has been a three-time United States Team Coach at the World Kuoshu Tournaments in 1975, 1992 and 1996. Grandmaster Lee is a 10th degree black belt in Chinese Kenpo, a 10th degree black sash through the World Kuo Shu Federation and now Senior Grandmaster of the Bok Fu Do system. In 2018 at the 6th TWKSF World

Kuo Shu Tournament in Baltimore, Grandmaster Lee publicly promoted Master Buckley to Grandmaster status with his 8th degree promotion in the Bok Fu Do System. This marked a first in the history of Bok Fu Do, as Buckley is the only student Grandmaster Lee has ever promoted to the rank of Grandmaster. For more information on Senior Grandmaster Lee and the Bok Fu Do system, please visit the website at www.BokFuDo.com



Grandmaster Calvin Chin

Vice President, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Grandmaster Chin was a black belt in Uechi Ryu before he started training in 1971 with the late Kwong TitFu, founder of Fu Hok Tai Hei Morn. This is a unique teaching approach incorporating the higher level theories of Hung Gar Tiger Crane, Wu style Tai Chi, and Mu Dong Yat Hei Ngm Hahng Morn. Each system is practiced individually, retaining its characteristics and integrity. In 1996, Grandmaster Chin established Calvin Chin's Martial Arts Academy in Newton, Massachusetts to continue his teacher's legacy. Grandmaster Chin was inducted into the US Kuo Shu Hall of Fame in 2009.



Grandmaster John Buckley

Vice President, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Grandmaster John Buckley is the first disciple of Senior Grandmaster Richard Lee and holds the rank of 8th degree black belt in Bok-Fu-Do. He is the President of East West Kung Fu Schools and the International Bok Fu Do Association, as well as the Vice President of the United States Chinese Kuo Shu Federation. He is a 8th Tuan and an International 'A' referee through The World Kuo Shu Federation. Grandmaster Buckley also studies Tien Shan Pai under Grandmaster Huang and holds the rank of 2nd Tuan. He has represented the United States in International and World competitions including: The 7th and 8th World Kuo Shu Championships held in the Republic of China (1992 and 1996), London (1996), Brazil (1995), and the 4th Asia Cup in Hong Kong (1991). Grandmaster Buckley has been selected as a seven-time United States team coach for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th TWKSF World Championships in Brazil (2003), Singapore (2006),

Germany (2009), Malaysia (2012), Argentina (2015), United States (2018), and Italy (2022). Grandmaster Buckley was inducted into the prestigious USKSF Hall of Fame in 2011. For more information on Grandmaster Buckley and the Bok-Fu-Do System visit our website at www.bokfudo.com.



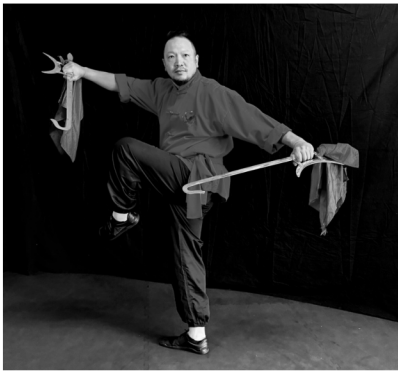
Master Ian Chisholm

Vice President, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Master Chisholm is a 65th Generation student of Tien Shan Pai and a direct disciple of Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. He started his training with Grandmaster Huang in 1989 and, under Grandmaster Huang's supervision, has studied traditional Tien Shan Pai, including lei tai fighting, Qi Gong, Nei Gong, tie sha zhang (iron palm), cao long zhuang (grass dragon pole), and Qin Na, as well as Yang Style Tai Ji Quan. Master Chisholm is a 6th degree Black Sash in Tien Shan Pai under Grandmaster Huang and a 6th degree Black Sash under the certification standards of The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF). He is also an internationally certified level A referee in accordance with TWKSF standards. Master Chisholm served as Director for the 2005 United States Chinese Kuo Shu Federation (USCKF) International Tournament

and as Assistant Director for the USCKF tournaments in 1999 and 2001 through 2004. He also served as Director of the United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF) International Championship Tournaments from 2012-2014. He was also the United States Kuo Shu Federation Secretary General from 2007-2015, and is now a USKSF Vice-President. In 2019, Master Chisholm was inducted into the USKSF Hall of Fame. Master Chisholm competed in USKSF events for many years and was a member of the United States national team at the 7th and 8th World Kuo Shu Championship tournaments, held in Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C. in 1992 and 1996, winning gold, silver, and bronze medals. Master Chisholm received the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame's "Outstanding Achievement of the Year" award with his induction into the hall in 1992 following his first world championship title in Taipei., Taiwan, R.O.C. and is an internationally certified level A referee and serves as TWKSF Referee General. He was also awarded Kuo Shu Medals A and B by the International Chinese Kuo Shu Federation. He has been a member of several Tien Shan Pai demonstration teams and has received numerous citations from dignitaries and government representatives for his contributions to the promotion of Kuo Shu. His first book, *Introduction to Tien Shan Pai*, which he co-authored with Grandmaster Huang, was released by Turtle Press in 2012. He feels privileged and honored to be a student of Grandmaster Huang and strives to propagate Tien Shan Pai and help pass the torch to the next generation at the US Kuo Shu Academy in Owings Mills, Maryland.





Master Michael Huang **USKSF Tournament General Manager / Assistant to the USKSF President /** **USKSF Director of Northern Style / TWKSF Executive Member**

Master Michael Huang is a distinguished martial artist, recognized globally for his expertise and contributions to Tien Shan Pai kung fu. As one of only three individuals honored by Grandmaster Huang as a Master in Tien Shan Pai, he holds the highest rank among Grandmaster Huang's students, boasting an 8th degree from the International Tien Shan Pai Association.

Master Huang's journey in martial arts began at the tender age of three and a half, laying a robust foundation for his future endeavors. His comprehensive knowledge spans Tai Ji Quan, Xing Yi Quan, Ba Gua Zhang, and Daoist meditation, making him a versatile and well-rounded martial artist. He holds a 7th-degree Black Sash under the World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF) ranking system and is an internationally certified TWKSF level A Referee.

Throughout his illustrious career, Master Huang has garnered numerous accolades in both national and international tournaments, securing multiple 1st place awards in empty hand forms, weapon forms, two-person forms, light contact, and Lei Tai fighting. Notably, he was honored as the USKSF Adult Male Competitor of the Year in 2001 and the USKSF Male Lei Tai Competitor of the Year in 2010.

Master Huang's prowess extends beyond individual achievements. As a vital member of the U.S. national team, he contributed to their success at the 2009 World Kuo Shu Championship tournament in Germany and the 2012 World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament in Malaysia, where he secured 4th and 2nd place in full-contact Lei Tai fighting, respectively. His leadership was instrumental in leading the U.S. team to gold at the 2015 World Tournament.

In addition to his competition success, Master Huang is dedicated to philanthropy, participating in martial arts demonstrations that have raised significant funds for esteemed organizations such as St Jude's Children's Research Center, the Maryland Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the September 11th Relief Efforts, among others. His efforts have earned him numerous citations from government officials for his unwavering promotion of Chinese Martial Arts.

Master Huang serves as the President of the International Tien Shan Pai Association and holds key positions on the USKSF Executive Committee and the TWKSF Executive Committee. As the Master Instructor at the U.S. Kuo Shu Academy, he brings over 30 years of teaching experience to the forefront, passionately training and coaching the next generation of martial arts practitioners. His students not only achieve world championship titles but also embody the values of discipline and character, becoming champions in life.

Master Huang has written several influential books, including *Legend of Red Cloud*, *Centuries Old Lost Secrets of Unleashing Your Full Potential*, and *Building Habits, Self-Discipline, and Character through Martial Arts*.



Grandmaster Steve L. Martin **Chief Arbitrator, United States Kuo Shu Federation**

Grandmaster Martin has studied the Martial Arts for 69 years. At 86 years of age, he holds Black Belt level rank in Judo, Master level rank in Okinawan Karate and Jiu-Jitsu, and has been the Disciple of White Crane Grandmaster W.S. Hung of Taiwan for more than 40 years. He is a retired serviceman, with more than 23 years of active service, two of which were spent in combat in Vietnam. He is also a certified New Jersey Educator, Chairman of the United Martial Arts Referees Association, President of the International Federation of Chinese Martial Arts, Member of the Executive Board of the US Chinese Kuo Shu Federation and has served as the President of The World Kuo Shu Federation for eight years. He lived in Taiwan with his teacher for nine years, and in 1995 was awarded the official license and banner of the Taichung White Crane organization. Master Martin was inducted as the "Instructor of the Year" and Hall of Fame recipient by Inside Kung Fu Magazine for the year 2000. He was also awarded the "A" Kuo Shu Medal. Grandmaster Martin was inducted into the International Kuo Shu Chinese Martial Arts Federation "Hall of Fame" for the year 2002. He has frequently been featured on CTV television in Taiwan, and has had numerous articles published about him in "Wu-Lin" Martial Arts magazine in Taiwan. Additionally, Grandmaster Martin was appointed "Chi-Kung Councilor" by the Taichung County Chi-Kung Association of Taichung, Taiwan in 2005, and in 2008 he was

officially proclaimed an "Honorary Citizen" of Taichung, Taiwan for his more than 40 years of dedication to his teacher and promotion of the culture and martial arts of Taiwan. Grandmaster Martin was inducted into The World Kuo Shu Federation Hall of Fame in 2018.





Master John R. Green **Secretary General, United States Kuo Shu Federation**

Master John Green is a 65th generation disciple of Tien Shan Pai Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. He has studied the internal arts of Tai Ji Quan, Xing Yi Quan, and Ba Qua Zhang for over 20 years under the supervision of Grandmaster Huang. Master Green has placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in empty hand forms, weapons forms, and pushing hands at national and international Chinese martial arts tournaments. In 2006, he was awarded seven medals (4 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze) and the title of World Champion at the 2nd World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament, held in Singapore. He has received numerous awards and citations for martial arts excellence, including twice being recognized as the US Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF) Internal Arts Competitor of the Year (2002 and 2007) and Action Martial Arts Competitor of the Year in 2006. Master Green is a 6th degree Black Sash, a Certified Instructor 'A', and an Internationally Certified Level 'A' Referee under the standards of The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF). He has assisted in the organization of USKSF Tournaments since 1996, and has held various positions including Master of Ceremonies, Security

Coordinator, Transportation Coordinator, Internal Floor Coordinator, and Assistant Tournament Director in 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012-2014 and 2018. He was the Tournament Director for the 2011, 2015 and 2016 USKSF International Kuo Shu Championship Tournaments. In 2009, he also served as the Chief Judge for Tai Ji Quan Form and Push Hands at the 3rd TWKSF World Tournament in Ulm, Germany. Master Green was also Assistant Tournament Director for the 6th TWKSF World Championship Tournament in Maryland, USA in 2018. He is currently the Secretary General for the USKSF and also published the 40th Anniversary Book, *Treasure of Kuo Shu*, for his Shi Ye, Grandmaster Huang, in 2013. Currently, Master Green is a Senior Instructor at Grandmaster Huang's US Kuo Shu Academy, Maryland (www.uskuoshuacademy.com).



Alyssa Bryan **Deputy Secretary General, United States Kuo Shu Federation**

Mrs. Bryan holds the Executive Committee position of Deputy Secretary General for both The United States Kuo Shu Federation, and The World Kuo Shu Federation and has been a key staff member and organizer of the USKSF International Kuo Shu Championship Tournaments since 1997. She has studied both internal and external martial arts directly with Grandmaster Huang, and was a Teaching Assistant at the US Kuo Shu Academy, in Owings Mills, MD. She was Program Director at US Martial Arts Academy, in Timonium, MD for 2 years and co-owned Freedom Martial Arts & Wellness Center for 5 years. In recognition of her contributions to the Kuo Shu Federation, Alyssa received a citation from the Mayor of Baltimore, several

citations from Baltimore County Executives, and is a recipient of the "Kuo Shu B" medal for service and promotion of Kuo Shu. In 2023, Alyssa received the Kuo Shu Contributor Award for her promotion of the USKSF and Grandmaster Huang. She assisted the organizers for the 2nd World Kuo Shu World Tournament in Singapore in 2006 and the 3rd World Kuo Shu World Tournament in Germany in 2009. When she's not working on the tournament or sleeping, she trains people how to use and troubleshoot QuickBooks at QuickBooksTraining.com.





Shi Fu Nam Phamdo

Tournament Director, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Nam Phamdo is a 65th generation disciple of Tien Shan Pai Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. He has been studying directly under Grandmaster Huang on a consistent weekly basis since May 2010. His study includes the internal arts of Tai Ji Quan, Xing Yi Quan, Ba Gua Zhang and Tao Meditation. Throughout the years, Shi Fu Phamdo has supported his teacher in various capacities. He has been involved with the USKSF International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament as Director of Transportation, webmaster, volunteer, competitor, judge, and international referee. He has represented the United States of America as a competitor at the 4th, 5th, and 6th TWKSF World Tournaments -- earning a total of 9 gold medals and 3 silver medals in form, weapon, and two-person set. He has participated in numerous martial arts demonstrations to promote Tien Shan Pai and to support charitable causes. In 2013, he served as the facility coordinator for Grandmaster Huang's 40th

Anniversary Demonstration. In 2015, he served as the registration coordinator for the US National Team at the 5th TWKSF World Tournament in Mendoza, Argentina. For his contributions to Kuo Shu, Shi Fu Phamdo has received citations from Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, US Congressman C. A. Dutch Ruppberger, US Senator Benjamin L. Cardin, and TWKSF Chairman Huang, Chien-Liang. He is currently the head instructor of the APL Tai Chi Club at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and is a senior instructor at the US Kuo Shu Academy.



Shi Fu Peck Mun Lee

Assistant Tournament Director, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Shi Fu Lee is a 65th generation disciple of Tien Shan Pai Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang. She has been studying the internal arts of Tai Chi, Xing Yi and Ba Qua under Grandmaster Huang since 2009 and is currently a Senior Instructor at the US Kuo Shu Academy in Maryland. Over the past decade, Shi Fu Lee has competed in multiple national and international Chinese martial arts tournaments and won 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings in Tai Chi, Xing Yi, Ba Qua and Pushing Hands events. She was awarded the USKSF Internal Competitor of the Year award 4 times. Shi Fu Lee also competed in 4 TWKSF World Kuo Shu Championship Tournaments and is a World Champion in the internal arts. She is a USKSF National Judge Level A and International Referee 'B'. Shi Fu Lee is currently a 3rd degree Black Sash under the certification standards of The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF) and has assisted in the organization of USKSF Tournaments since 2015 as Transportation Coordinator.

Shi Fu Ken Saunders

Special Assistant to the USKSF President / USKSF Chief Coordinator

Shu Fu Saunders is a 65th Generation student of Tien Shan Pai and a direct disciple of Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. He has studied Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu, Tai Ji Quan, and XingYi Quan under Grandmaster Huang for more than 32 years. Shi Fu Saunders holds the rank of 3rd degree Black Sash in Tien Shan Pai under Grandmaster Huang. Shi-Fu Saunders is an TWKSF International Referee 'A'. In 2013, Shi-Fu Saunders achieved 6th degree Black Sash ranking under the certification standards of The World Kuoshu Federation (TWKSF). As a TWKSF International Referee, Shi-Fu Saunders has performed the duties of Scoring Judge and Executive Referee at USKSF International Tournaments and the TWKSF 3rd World Tournament held in Ulm, Germany in 2009. Shi-Fu Saunders has assisted in organizing USKSF tournaments since 1994. He served as the Tournament Director for the 2008 and 2010 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournaments and has also held the positions of Assistant Director (2006, 2012 and 2013), External Coordinator, Transportation Director, and Hospitality Director. Shi-Fu Saunders is a current USKSF Executive Committee member, Special Assistant to the USKSF President, and has assisted in running USKSF operations for more than 20 years. Shi-Fu Saunders was a Senior Instructor at Grandmaster Huang's U.S. Kuoshu Academy, and served as the Program Director from 2006-2010. He is an accomplished competitor having placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in various forms and two-person set events at National and International Chinese Martial Arts tournaments. Shi-Fu Saunders has also performed in several Charity Demonstrations including a special benefit to support the families of victims of the September 11, 2001 relief efforts, and Demonstrations to support the Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the St. Jude's Children's Research Center, and the Children's Home of Baltimore.

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THE LEGEND OF TIEN SHAN PAI



Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu originated in Xinjiang Province (新疆省) in Northwestern China. Legend has it that it was practiced by monks who lived in a temple nestled among the snow-capped peaks of the Tien Shan (天山) mountains. As the story goes, a young herdsman who was searching for lost animals wandered too far from home. The grasslands he knew so well suddenly looked unfamiliar and he realized he was lost. Noticing an old monk with a long white beard approaching nearby, the boy stopped him and asked for directions. When he returned to his village, the boy told his mother about the old monk. She replied he had met “Tien Shan Lao Ren” (天山老人), a monk who was noted for his martial arts skills. The mother encouraged her son to find the monk and learn his Kung Fu secret.

The young boy set out to find the old monk. His quest carried him deep into the mountains. He searched for mile after mile, but could not find the old monk. At the point of physical exhaustion, the young boy stopped at a nearby stream to quench his thirst. While kneeling by the stream, he saw the reflection of a beautiful temple nestled in a snow-capped mountain. Sensing he was close, the young boy hastened onward.

After a long trek into the mountains, the boy finally arrived at the temple. However, his hopes were dashed when the monk refused to accept him as a disciple. They were not permitted to teach outsiders, the monk explained. But instead of going home as they suggested, the boy knelt in the snow outside the temple doors, refusing to leave until the old monk would agree to teach him. On the second morning, he was discovered lying unconscious from the cold and was taken into the temple.

Seeing his determination, the old monk reconsidered. Tien Shan Lao Ren decided to teach the boy, whom he nicknamed “Hong Yun” (紅雲), or “Red Cloud,” because of the mist that rose from his bleeding knees when he was discovered outside of the temple. He stayed in the temple until he grew to manhood, and when he left, he eagerly passed on his skill to other dedicated students. Hong Yun Zu Shi (紅雲祖師), as the first to teach the monks martial artistry to the outside world, is regarded as the founder of Tien Shan Pai (天山派).



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Gabriel Amorim - has been training Praying Mantis Seven Star since 1980 and teaches this style for more than 38 years. He is the owner of the TSKF Academia de Artes Marciais, which consists of 6 schools with more than 500 students in Brazil. He has organized the Brazil International Kung Fu Championship Tournament for more than ten years. Has been participating as referee and team leader of the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament since 2004. He has been participating as referee and team leader in The World Kuo Shu Championship in 2003 Brazil, 2006 Singapore, 2009 Germany and Argentina 2015. In addition to Kung Fu Master is also an entrepreneur, writer and speaker. He was honored by São Paulo City Hall in 2003 and 2004. He has two million followers on social media such as TikTok, Instagram, Threads, Facebook and Youtube.

Sharif Anael-Bey - began his martial arts training at age 5. He absorbed the Kuntao teachings of GGM Willem Reeders as taught by Ed Sealy, through his representative, Randy Elliott. Sifu Bey was introduced to and began informal training in Hung Ga in 1983, and finally meeting and following Grandmaster Frank Yee Chi Wai in 1989. Sifu Bey, through Syracuse Kung Fu, is the Upstate NY representative of Grandmaster Yee. His school also offers Gang Intervention, Court Advocacy and Conflict Resolution services to youth, Gang Intelligence training for youth professionals, and hand-to-hand combatives training for Law Enforcement. Accepted as an Inner Room disciple and inducted into the Governing Board of Yee's Hung Ga International Kung Fu Association in 2008, Sifu Bey continues to train, develop, teach, and lead the next generation of Hung Ga Kung Fu practitioners.



David Block - began his Martial Arts training in 1999 under Master Eric Sbarge at The Peaceful Dragon in Charlotte NC. Included in his training is Tai Chi, Ba Gua, Hsing I, Kenpo, Shuai Jiao and Shaolin Kung Fu. He has competed in many tournaments, including the Kuo Shu tournament in Baltimore, where he has gained much knowledge and many friends. As a certified instructor in the disciplines noted above, he has been teaching students at his school, The Phoenix and Dragon in Weddington, NC since 2010. In the year 2024, he was promoted to Master level by his Sifu, Eric Sbarge.

Joseph Brendemuehl - started training in wing chun in 2004 in North Wales, PA. I moved down to North Carolina and continue to train at Thundering Wave Kung Fu. After years of training my sifu moved to Washington state and turned the class over to me. Have continued to train with the Lai Tung Pai standing in Chi Sao Na close range fighting ever since.



J.R. Brown - is a 66th generation Tien Shan Pai disciple and senior student of the late Master Joe Dunphy. Shi Fu J.R. Brown started his journey in Tien Shan Pai in 1986 under his teacher Master Joe Dunphy and obtained the rank of 3rd degree Black sash. Currently, Shi-fu J.R. Brown resides on the Board of Director, Assistant program director and instructor at the Tien Shan Pai Iron Fist Chinese Martial Arts & Fitness (IFC Martial Arts). Shi Fu J.R. Brown helped establish IFC Martial Arts as a nonprofit organization and is instrumental to IFC's Operations and martial arts programs. He has been a practitioner of the martial arts for over 30 years. He supported the international Kuo Shu Tournament as a volunteer and competitor since 1994. Shi Fu J.R. Brown earned numerous medals in open hand forms, two person sets and light contact fighting. Has coached both the US Martial Arts competition and Lei - Tai.

He is also well known in the International Chinese Martial Arts community for his many years of, judging and refereeing at the International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament Since 1999. He is USKSF Level B Certified Judge, and TWKSF Certified Level B Referee.



Aimee Buckley - began studying Bok Fu Do in 1996 under Grandmaster Richard Lee. She is a third-degree black belt in Bok Fu Do and holds her 3rd Tuan with the World Kuo Shu Federation. She is the current Deputy Referee General of the TWKSF, a certified International Referee A & is a four-time World Tournament Executive Referee (2006, 2009, 2012 & 2015). She was a United States National team member for the full contact Lei Tai competition and represented the US at the World Tournament in 2003 in Brazil. Mrs. Buckley credits her success when working with special education students, as a credentialed special education teacher, with lessons she has learned through kung fu. "Kung Fu has enriched my life and made me a part of a very caring and respectful international community. For this, I will always be indebted and grateful."



Clarence Chan - began the study of martial arts at the age of 15 with Seido Karate and Choy Lay Fut Kung Fu. Later, under the tutelage of SiFu Ralph Mitchell at the Universal Defense System, Dr. Chan earned full instructorship in 1997. He continues to train and teach the UDS-JKD curriculum and training concepts including Jook Lum Praying Mantis Kung Fu, Muay Thai kick-boxing, Western Boxing, Doce Pares, Tai Chi, and Savate at the Universal Defense System-NYC Chinatown. As a physiotherapist with expertise in pain management and movement science, Dr. Chan integrates both the Eastern and Western healing arts into his clinical practice. "Treat like you Train & Train like you Treat", Therapy is Self Defense.



Gabe Chang - the first disciple of Master Joe Dunphy and 66th generation of Tien Shan Pai. Shi-Fu Chang has been training in the style since 1997, and holds a 3rd degree black sash under Master Dunphy, and a 4th Tuan with The World Kuo Shu Federation. He is a multiple medalist in Xing Yi Quan in international competition, studied and reached skillful proficiency in external kung fu styles - Tien Shan Pai, Northern Shaolin, Ba Chi, Praying Mantis, Sun Pin and internal styles - Xing Yi, Ba Qua, Tai Chi, meditation. Shi Fu Chang has received the Tien Shan Pai Spirit Award, Tien Shan Pai Instructor of the Year Award (2018), multiple certificates of Official Citation from the Senate of the State of Maryland for Kuo Shu, as well as certification of Senior Instructor from International Tien Shan Pai Association. Shi-Fu Chang is a Certified Judge - Level A, and Certified International Referee - Level A at the United States Kuo Shu Federation.





Joanne Chang - has been studying Cheng Man-Ch'ing Tai Chi Chuan since 1994. Her teachers include her late husband, David C. Chen, as well as Dr. Arnold Lee and Grand Master Benjamin Lo. She is the Director of the Wu Wei Tai Chi School, located in Garrett Park, Maryland, with additional classes in Bethesda, MD. She is the Director of The David Chen Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, development, research, and promotion of the art of Tai Chi Chuan. She was the chairperson of the Committee that partnered with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission that built the first Tai Chi court in east coast; a four year community effort. The court is open to the public and is dedicated to her late husband David C. Chen. Joanne has been hosting the quarterly Greater Washington Area Sensing-Hands Get-Together for over 25 years; a chance for players from different schools to meet and share their love of Tai Chi in a friendly exchange. She is the editor of the Tai Chi Events Bulletin that is emailed each month to nearly 1000 participants, providing information about Tai Chi events throughout the region. Joanne brings Tai Chi Masters to visit the greater Washington DC area to hold workshops and promote Tai Chi Chuan. She is also active in event promotion for charitable causes. Joanne Chang joanne@wuweitaichi.com www.wuweitaichi.com



Joe Conway - got his black belt in full contact Nippon Kenpo Karate from Sensei Gogi Kinuya who brought the art from Japan to the U.S. He then transitioned to Wing Chun under Sifu Eddie Chong in San Francisco during 1970s. Shi Fu Conway has consistently trained in Wing Chun for the past 20 years, and became a judge over 11 years ago. Shi Fu Conway has judged in 22 Kung Fu tournaments including as a corner judge in Exhibition Lei Tai in five of those tournaments and is a referee in Continuous Light Sparring. Other events I've judged include Chi Sao, Northern forms, Southern forms as well as weapons forms.

Dug Corpolongo - is a Senior Student and Adopted Disciple of Grandmaster Henry Look. He has been studying Chinese Martial Arts since 1979 and teaching since 1990. Sifu Dug was on the National Executive Board of the United States Amateur Athletic Union/Chinese Martial Arts Division from 1999 to 2010 where he served as the National Chairman, Vice Chairman and National Head Coach. His professional background also includes positions on the faculty the International Institute of Chinese Medicine, Southwest Acupuncture College, San Juan Community College, University of New Mexico, New Mexico Technical Institute, New Mexico School of Natural Therapeutics and the New England Institute of Buddhist Studies. He was inducted into the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2002 and Action Martial Arts Magazine Hall of Honors in 2010 and 2022.



Bobby Cusack - is a 1st generation disciple of Grandmaster Richard Lee and holds the rank of 1st degree black belt in Bok-Fu-Do. He is a 1st Tuan and an International 'A' referee through The World Kuo Shu Federation. He competed in full contact fighting and represented the US in the 2003 World Tournament in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He is the Deputy Referee General of the International Bok Fu Do Association. He has been serving as a TWKSF Referee since 2012 at the World Tournament in Kuala Lumpur, 2015 World Tournament in Mendoza, Argentina 2015, World Tournament at Baltimore 2018, and World Tournament in Rome 2022. For more information on Bobby Cusack and the Bok-Fu-Do System visit our website at www.bokfudo.com.

Edward Dallas - has studied under Grand Master S.L. Martin since 2000. He has been a top ranked competitor in forms, weapons and sparring. He has been named outstanding competitor of the year for the International Federation of Chinese Martial Arts. He has won multiple Triple Crown Awards in United Martial Arts Referees tournaments. He has competed at The U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournaments, for seven years, where he has medaled in forms, weapons, and point sparring. Master Dallas is an A ranked referee in the United States Kuo Shu Federation and The United Martial Arts Referees Association. He has assisted Grand Master Martin in the Kuoshu Referee Training clinics since 2006. He has been a member of the Green Dragon Chinese Martial Arts Exhibition Team. He is a member of the Green Dragon Taiwan Lion Dance Team. In 2010, he traveled to Taiwan with Grand Master S.L. Martin and was a member of the Green Dragon International Exhibition Team.

Joilson Alves De Souza - has trained for 50 years in Kung Fu.



Mai Du - is 8th generation of the Wah Lum Tam Tui Northern Praying Mantis Kung Fu Style, and has been practicing kung fu for 35 years and teaching for more than 25 years under the instruction and guidance of Sifu Bob Rosen, Chief Instructor of the Wah Lum New England Headquarters in Boston and Grandmaster Chan Pui, founder of the Wah Lum System in the US. Sifu Du is one of the few female certified Wah Lum instructors and kung fu instructors in the Greater Boston Area. She owns and serves as the Chief Instructor for Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy Malden & Quincy, MA. She competed locally, nationally, and internationally, winning a gold medal in 1994 and silver and bronze medals in 1994 and 2001 in China. She has also judged at various international kung fu tournaments, including the International Kuo Shu Tournaments since 2003. Many of her students have competed nationally and internationally, having won numerous individual and team championships and awards. In 2022, she was humbled by the USKSF Judge of the Year Award.

Mehran Ebrahimi - is a 5th Generation Jow Ga Kung Fu and 8th Generation Shaolin Mizong Kung Fu lineage holder, Sifu Ebrahimi started his training in these styles nearly 25 years ago under the tutelage of Master Hon Lee and Master Reza Momenan. His study of the martial arts began at a much younger age, when he achieved a black belt in Tae Kwon Do while a PhD candidate in nuclear engineering in the U.S., and trained in hand to hand combat in the military. In later years, Sifu Ebrahimi began a successful career as a business owner and realtor in Northern Virginia. Under the guidance of Master Lee and Master Momenan, he began studying Kung Fu, and also learned Yang style Tai Chi, Qing Ping swordsmanship and some other martial arts styles, such as Cha style. Sifu Ebrahimi has been a regular competitor in a great number of tournaments and has been awarded top national and international rankings. He has been teaching in different capacities at Jow Ga Shaolin Institute in Herndon, Virginia since 2002.



Christopher Facente - has studied martial arts for nearly 40 years. Starting at the age of 14 in Kempo, he went on to achieve ranks in Judo and Shorin Ryu also. In 1990 Sifu Facente started with Master Chi Li Keung in the art of Lai Tung Pai. Master Facente has also had the honor of training with Master Li's teacher, Grandmaster Kong Hoi in Hong Kong, where he became a closed door student of the Grandmaster.

Jason Field - started studying Kung Fu under Master Eric Sbarge in 2007. Jason has studied Kung Fu, Taiji, Ba Gua and Shuai Jiao. He currently works in the IT field designing and managing communication systems around the Microsoft ecosystem. Outside of studying Kung Fu he enjoys spending time in his wood shop making anything from pens to desks.

Bill Fong - began his formal training under Master Yee Chee Wai, Frank Yee, of the Tang Fung Hung Ga System. Currently Sifu Fong is pursuing his practice and research in traditional Hung Kuen as well as promoting the Chinese Martial Arts. He has been Deputy Secretary General, and 1st and 2nd Vice President of the United Kung Fu Federation, former East Region Director for the USKSF In 1998, the Eastern USA International Martial Arts Federation honored Shi-Fu Fong as National Instructor of the Year, as well as inducting him into their Hall of Fame. Honorary president of the Chow Wing Tak Hung Ga Kuen Association - Hong Kong.



Norma Futini Saunders - began her training at Richard Lee's East West Kung Fu in 1988 and earned her Black Belt in 1992, being the first woman of the Bok-Fu-Do system to be personally certified by Sr. Grandmaster Richard Lee, and is a 1st Generation Disciple of Sr. Grandmaster Lee. She holds the rank of 5th Degree Black Belt in Bok-Fu-Do and the rank of 5th Tuan under The World Kuo Shu Federation. Master Futini has competed in four World Kuo Shu Tournaments, and was a member of the full-contact Lei Tai team representing the United States at the 7th and 8th World Kuo Shu Championships in Taiwan (1992 & 1996). Master Futini was one of the first two women to earn her International Certified Referee 'A' level through the World Kuo Shu Federation in Brazil (2003). She was an Executive Referee at the 1st TWKSF World Kuo Shu Tournament and has served the TWKSF as an International Referee and judge since 2002. Master Futini has been a tournament director for regional, national, and international Kuo Shu tournaments over the years, and was awarded the Kuo Shu Medal A for her dedication to the advancement of Kuo Shu. She has promoted and directed tournaments, fundraisers, seminars, and events for Richard Lee's East West Kung Fu since 1989, and is on the Board of Directors and the Ranking Committee of the International Bok Fu Do Association.



John Gafos - is a 65th Generation student of Tien Shan Pai and a direct disciple of Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang, with whom he has studied Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu and Tai Ji Quan for over 20 years. He started his direct training under Grandmaster Huang in 2002, after previously studying under Shi Fu Robert Anderson, a direct disciple of Grandmaster Huang. He is a 4th degree Black Sash in Tien Shan Pai and a 5th degree Black Sash under the certification standards of The World Kuo Shu Federation. As a TWKSF International Referee 'A', Shi Fu Gafos has performed the duties of Scoring Judge and Executive Referee at USKSF International Tournaments and the TWKSF World Tournaments. Shi Fu Gafos has assisted in organizing USKSF tournaments and served as Tournament Director 2019-2021, Assistant Director in 2015, Lei Tai Coordinator, Chief Coordinator, Floor Coordinator and Judge. As a member of the 2009 US National Team, Shi Fu Gafos competed at the TWKSF 3rd World Tournament in Ulm, Germany. He was awarded 1st and 3rd in empty hand and weapon forms, respectively, as well as being awarded Best Male Competitor for Internal Styles. In addition, Shi Fu Gafos has assisted and trained with the Forms and Lei Tai Team for national, international and world tournaments. He has earned a bachelor's degree from Towson University, Maryland. He currently works as a Data Analyst Manager for a global provider in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Shi Fu Gafos is currently a Senior Instructor at Grandmaster Huang's US Kuo Shu Academy in Owings Mills, Maryland, where he teaches the next generation of Tien Shan Pai students.



Theodore Giantini Jr - is a 1st generation disciple under Master Kevin Preston in Hung Gar Kung Fu. He began his martial arts training in 1989 in Freestyle Karate after years of competing in scholastic wrestling. In 1991, after earning his black belt in Freestyle Karate, he began his training with Master Preston in Hung Gar. Since beginning his training in Hung Gar, Shifu Giantini has competed and medaled in Lei Tai Fighting and Shuai Jiao. Shifu Giantini has earned the rank of 3rd Tuan under Master Preston and his International Referee "B" from The World Kuo Shu Federation. In recent years, Ted has worked as both an amateur MMA referee and professional MMA judge for various organizations and Commissions up and down the East Coast.

Jeremy Hansen - is a 1st degree black sash in Tien Shan Pai having studied under Grandmaster Huang for 13 years. While his favorite part of the style is working with a jian, he's never met an element of the style he hasn't loved. In his professional life he's a computational physicist and is developing an interest in applying machine learning techniques to his work.

George Harris - started his Martial Arts Career at Wu Shen Tao Health and Martial Arts in Silver Spring, MD, in 1986. His main area of focus are the Internal Chinese Martial Arts of TaiChi, XingYi, BaGua and LiuHe BaFa. He also has a strong foundation in Northern Shaolin Kung Fu. His area of specialty is TaiChi Pushhands. Sifu Harris has won many tournaments through the 1990s and 2000s, including gold and other medals in TaiChi, BaGua, XingYi and Pushhands at many tournaments including the following: Taste of China KuShou International Championships NACMAF Tournament ICMAC Tournament US Chinese Martial Arts National Tournament USWKF National Tournament Sifu Harris continues to teach at Wu Shen Tao Health and Martial Arts and currently trains under Master Liu XiaoLing in Silver Spring, MD and is a 19th generation disciple of the WuDang LongMen school.





Vincent Hawley - has been practicing martial arts since 2006. He has studied in Kempo, Northern Kung Fu, Southern Kung Fu and various other arts. He has spent most of his tenure studying Hung Ga under Master Bill Fong. He is the lead instructor with Fong's Hung Ga under Grand Master Bill Fong and the head instructor of Fong's Hung Ga Lambertville, NJ.

James Hesser - is honored to be a 65th generation disciple of Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. A multidisciplinary artist / martial artist and educator, Hesser primarily focuses his training on the internal arts. He began his training in Tai Ji Quan in 1995 with one of his Shi Ye's senior disciples, Shi Fu Richard Wheatley. Hesser later also trained with Shi Fu Jim Scarbrough, who helped connect him with Grandmaster Huang at his school in Owings Mills. He spent years at U.S. Kuo Shu Academy, eventually becoming an instructor, and expanded his studies to Ba Gua Zhang, Xing Yi Quan, and Dao Meditation. Along the way he spent more than a decade competing at the national and international levels and won many medals in empty hand and weapons forms, 2-person sets, and push hands. Hesser was twice nominated for "Male Internal Competitor of the Year" at USKSF tournaments and won the award in 2009. In addition to competing, Shi Fu Hesser has long supported USKSF tournaments as a judge and volunteer, and for many years served as the volunteer coordinator for the tournament. He also continues to serve as co-director of the Tien Shan Pai Legacy Tournament. Shi Fu Hesser currently holds a third-degree black sash under The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF) ranking system.



Paul Jakubowski - has been studying Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu for the past 28 years, first under the direction of Diane Spoor and, since 1998, under Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. Shi-Fu Jakubowski is a 65th generation disciple of Grandmaster Huang, and currently holds a 4th degree black sash in that discipline. He is the co-owner and Head Instructor of U.S. Martial Arts Academy, Ltd in Cockeysville, MD which he operates with his wife, Maricar Jakubowski, the school's co-owner and Director. Shi-Fu Jakubowski began teaching as an Assistant Instructor in 1998 and became the Head Instructor in 2004. He has been involved in the running of the USKSF tournaments since 1997 in a variety of capacities including Floor Coordinator, Adult Prep Area Coordinator, Security Coordinator, and Assistant Director. Shi-Fu Jakubowski has been ranked as a 5th Tuan by The World Kuoshu Federation and is a TWKSF Certified International Referee B.

Robert Johnson - a student and disciple of the late Sifu Joe Dunphy specializes in the internal side of the Tien Shan Pai system. He studies Ba Gua, Xing Yi Chuan and both Chen and Yang styles of tai chi. On the external side Rob has a special affinity for Ba Ji and especially Sun Pin. Rob has studied under Sifu Dunphy for two decades and became a disciple on 6 August 2008. He is a Level "A" judge with USKSF. Sifu Dunphy, a true gentleman and exemplary Sifu, is sorely missed.



Alexander King - was born in Washington, DC and began his study of Yang style Taiji Chuan in 1995. In the year 2000, Alexander became a 19th generation disciple of Wudang Longmen master, Liu Xiaoling. He has studied many styles of Gong Fu with Master Liu over the past 25 years including Taiji, Xingyi, Bagua, Liu He Ba Fa, Wudang Chuan and Qigong, Xin Yi and Shaolin Liu He Chuan. Significant training also occurred in Shua Jiao, Tong Bei and weapons. Alexander is a multi-year Grand Champion at tournaments across the U.S. including the ICMAC in Florida and D.C., US Kuoshu Federation Championships in Maryland, and the National Martial Arts Championships in Texas. He also received numerous gold medals competing in China in 2019. He holds a 6th Duan ranking issued by the Chinese Wushu Association and is a member of the Chinese Folk Wushu Exchange Association. He established DragonGateD.C. School of Kung Fu and Taiji in 2010 and continues to teach youth and adult students.



Eric Kolaczyk - has trained continuously in Asian martial arts for over 30 years, beginning with aikido in 1992 and then transitioning from that to the Chinese martial arts in 2005. He studies Hung-Gar kung fu and Wu style tai chi under Grand Master Calvin Chin, as a disciple in the Fu Hok Tai He Morn system. In addition to reaping health/wellness benefits from this training, he spent ten years as a competitor, medaling at various (inter)national tournaments (including at the USKSF tournament in Baltimore and the World Hung Kuen tournament in Guangzhou, China) in empty hand and weapons forms, and in tai chi pushing ("sticking") hands. While continuing to train with Grand Master Chin, he now teaches tai chi and kung fu in Montreal, Quebec.



Mary Ann Leonard - began her training under Grand Master Dr. Steve L. Sun of the Siul Lum Studio, Martial Arts Academy in Havertown, PA. She learned of his training in Yang Tai Chi while registering her children for his training in Kung Fu. Soon it became a family affair as all 3 members of the family were receiving training in their preferred art. Mary Ann expanded her training by attending seminars and workshops with the encouragement of Dr. Sun. She has attended such training with Yang Jwing Ming, Yang Jun, Shou-Yu Liang and others. After his untimely passing, Mary Ann and fellow student of Dr. Sun's, Frank Wolek, continued the school. Currently she is receiving training under the guidance of Sifu W.C. Bey.

Kenneth Lew - has been training with Iron Fist Chinese Martial Arts (IFC) since 2000 and currently holds a 2nd degree black sash belt under Shi-Ye Joe Dunphy. Shi-Fu Kenny has studied and reached skillful proficiency in external Kung Fu styles that include Northern Kung Fu and Praying Mantis. He is the lead instructor for IFC's external Kung Fu and Kickboxing programs. Shi-Fu Kenny also provides training and guidance for IFC's Lei Tai Fighter and has coached IFC fighters for the USKSF International tournament. He has met the standards and qualifications by ITPSA Ranking Committee and is recognized rights and privileges of certified instructor. Shi-Fu Kenny is an officer for the IFC Board and is responsible community outreach and growing the IFC organization. Prior to his training under the Tien Shen Pai system, Mr. Lew spent over 5 years practicing KENPO and kickboxing for Maximum Martial Arts. Shi-Fu Kenny has served various roles at the USKSF international tournament that includes communications director and head judge. Shi-Fu Kenny is also a certified judge specializing in external Kung Fu at USKSF International tournaments and the Legacy tournaments.



Sam Luna - has studied Martial Arts from high school. Sam did his senior thesis on Lai Tung Pai Kung Fu and has studied the art extensively under Sifu Chris Facente and Master Li Keung. Sam traveled to Hong Kong in 2008 to study with Grandmaster Kong Hoi and teaches in the Charlotte area.

Meghan Mannion Gray - is a first-generation disciple of Senior Grandmaster Richard Lee and holds the rank of second degree black belt in the Bok Fu Do system. She is a 2nd Tuan and International Referee A through the World Kuo Shu Federation. She has represented the USA as a member of the lei tai team at two world tournaments (2006, 2009), winning first place at the 3rd TWKSF World Kuo Shu Championships in Germany in 2009. She has been serving as a TWKSF a Referee since 2011 and Executive Referee since 2014 at national and international tournaments including the World Tournaments in Malaysia in 2012 and Argentina in 2015. She is currently the Director of Tournament Operations for the International Bok Fu Do Association. For more information on Meghan Mannion Gray and the Bok-Fu-Do System visit our website at www.bokfudo.com.



Judie Martin - has studied Fukien White Crane Chinese martial arts directly under the tutelage of Grandmaster S. L. Martin since 1988. She was the outstanding female competitor for the International Federation of Chinese Martial Arts organization for 21 consecutive years and was the reigning top rated forms and weapons competitor in the United Martial Arts Referees Association sanctioned events from 1992 to 2008. Additional studies include Yang style Tai Chi Chuan, Southern Shaolin, Seven Star Praying Mantis and White Crane Chi Kung. Master Martin has also accompanied her teacher on nine trips to Taiwan, R.O.C. for personal study with White Crane grandmasters. She is also one of the leading talents on the prestigious Green Dragon Chinese martial arts school's international exhibition team. She is the director of the Green Dragon Exhibition Team, and a member and performer of the Taiwan Lion Dance team. Master Martin was appointed "martial arts coach" for the Taichung Tang Shou - Dao Shyue Dao Kwang Association, by Grandmaster Hung Wen Hsueh in July 2006. Master Martin is the Senior White Crane Disciple to Grandmaster S L Martin. In 2009, she received the United States Kuo Shu Federation Judge of the Year award and in 2011 was appointed Director of Light Contact and Southern Shaolin. In July 2017 Master Martin was inducted into the United States Kuo Shu Hall of Fame. A

graduate of the College of New Jersey, formally Trenton State College, she is certified in elementary education, special education and preschool handicapped. She was a special education teacher for 35 years before retiring in 2020. She is the recipient of the NJ Governor's Teacher of the Year award for Bordentown 2013.



Devlin McConagly - began his martial arts training at the age of 7 under the instruction Grand Master S.L. Martin in the study of Taiwan Chung Kuo Chuan Kuoshu and has over 25 years of active training in the art. He holds the rank of 5th degree master level instructor at the Green Dragon Martial Arts School in Bordentown, NJ and has made 5 cultural trips to Taiwan, R.O.C. representing his teacher and country. In 2015, Master McConagly was a member of the United States National Team for the World Kuo Shu Championships in Argentina, earning gold and silver medals in light contact sparring, open weapons and southern long-fist forms; helping the National Team take top overall honors. Master McConagly was a United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKFS) male competitor of the year nominee in 2016. Master McConagly is a National 'A' USKSF and International 'B' TWSKF referee and was honored in 2023 as the 'Judge of the Year'. He is the Assistant NJ Director for the United Martial Arts Referee's Association, a multi-disciplinary organization dedicated to advancement of traditional martial arts through open competition and the exchange of information and was honored as the UMARA 'A' rated referee of the year in 2014 and 2018. As a TWKSF Executive Committee member, Master McConagly works to promote the virtues of the martial arts on a global stage and helps to lead TWKSF as the preeminent organization for Chinese Martial Arts worldwide and as the premier competitive platform for those who dedicate their lives to Kuo Shu.

Mitchell Mckay - is a 1st generation disciple of Grandmaster Richard Lee and holds the rank of 3rd degree black belt in Bok-FuDo. He is a 4th Tuan and an International 'A' referee through The World Kuo Shu Federation. He has competed in full contact fighting and advanced forms divisions beginning in 1999. He is the Referee General of the International Bok Fu Do Association. He has been serving as a TWKSF Referee since 2008 and Executive Referee since 2011 at national and international tournaments including the World Tournament in Argentina (2015), USA (2019) and Italy (2022) For more information on Mitch Mckay and the Bok-Fu-Do System visit our website at www.bokfudo.com.



Jennie Mitchell - is a 1st generation disciple of Senior Grandmaster Richard Lee and holds the rank of 2nd Degree Black Belt in Bokfudo. She is a 2nd Tuan and an International "A" Referee through The World Kuo Shu Federation. She started competing at the USKSF in 1999 and competed in full contact fighting and advanced forms divisions. She is the Secretary General of the International Bok Fu Do Association. She has been serving as a TWKSF Referee since 2012 and Executive Referee since 2015 at national and international tournaments. For more information on Jennie Mitchell and the Bokfudo system visit our website at www.bokfudo.com.

Ralph Mitchell - a practitioner of the martial arts for over 58 years, is a decorated Viet Nam combat veteran. He is a World rated Full Contact Fighter, having fought nationally and internationally in Taiwan. Master Mitchell is a direct disciple of Grand Master Gin Foon Mark of the Jooklum Southern Praying Mantis System. His martial arts background includes Vee Jitsu, Judo, Western Boxing, Savate, the Philipino art of Kali, in which he earned a black belt in the Doce Pares System, and is a Senior Full Instructor of the Progressive Fighting System. Master Mitchell is an experienced judge and referee. His system incorporates the concept of cross training and provides a "trainer" for tournament competitions. This is in keeping with systems used in other disciplines and sports to maximize performance and minimize injury. He focuses on street survival techniques utilizing both eastern and western styles. His students are consistent winners in Kung-Fu, stick and knife, and mixed martial arts competitions. He has trained amateurs and professional fighters including UFC level competitors such as the current Middle weight Champion Randy Brown. Master Mitchell is a rare combination of teacher, healer, trainer, and coach who helps to build students into champions. Discipline, and respect are the foundations of the Universal Defense System. In 2021, after the many years of dedication to the United States Kuoshu Federation, Master Mitchell was honored by being inducted into the U.S.K.S.F.Hall of Fame.





Shannon Moore - has been training in the martial arts for over 33 years and began his studies at the age of ten in Detroit, Michigan. Shi-fu Moore has achieved several advanced levels in various combat disciplines. His studies have continued throughout the years to include: Tai Kwan Do, Judo, Jujitsu, Western boxing, Okinawan Shoryn Ryu under Sensei Don Bitanga, Shaolin T'ien Shan P'ai under Grand Master Tony Lin and for over 22 years, has studied Grand Master William Cheung's Traditional Wing Chun Kung Fu. Shi-fu Moore is one of TWC top fighting Shi-fu's and has also competed successfully in regional and national full contact competitions. On January 16th 2004, Shi-fu Moore was inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame for Outstanding Achievements in the Martial Arts . While on tour of China in 2004, Shi-fu Moore had the great fortune to be trained directly by the head warrior Monk of Shaolin inside the Shaolin Temple in northern China. Shi-fu Moore was trained in a internal special program of Chan Wu (Zen & Wushu) and received his official certification of attachment to Shaolin Temple directly from the most Venerable Head Abbott Shi Yongxin. Shi-fu Moore

has also been recognized by his peers in and out of the Wing Chun community. On March 6th 2010 Shi-fu Moore was awarded the Silver Lifetime Achievement Award for 30 years of Martial excellence from the United Fellowship of Martial Artists. This recognition is valued by Martial Artists because it is based on legitimate experience, ability and dedication to the true essence of all Martial Arts. In May 2011 he was voted Wing Chun Master of the Year. And in August of 2011, Shi-Fu Moore was appointed Director of Yong Chun (Wing Chun) for the United States Kuo-Shu Federation by Grand Master Huang, Chien-Liang. Shi-fu Moore's philosophy supports the concept that the primary function.

Derek Nester - has been studying Lai Tung Pai Kung Fu with Master Chris Facente for 20 years. He had the privilege to study with Master Li Keung in Charlotte NC and was a disciple of Master Li. Derek was accepted to study with Grandmaster Kong Hoi in Hong Kong and has made the trip several times, gaining instructor status in 2008. Sifu Derek is and Advisor and Senior Instructor at Mint Hill Kung Fu School in Charlotte, NC.



Morgan Newman - is a first-generation disciple of Senior Grandmaster Richard Lee and holds the rank of 5th degree black belt in Bok-Fu-Do. She is a 6th Tuan and an International 'A' referee through The World Kuoshu Federation, as well as serving as the TWKSF Secretary General. She is the Vice President of East West Kung Fu Schools and the International Bok Fu Do Association. Master Newman is a three-time World Champion, placing 1st in the full contact lei tai division at the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd TWKSF World Championships held in Brazil (2003), Singapore (2006), and Germany (2009). She has also been selected four times as USA Team Coach for the World Championships in Malaysia (2012), Argentina (2015), United States (2018) and Italy (2022). She was selected as the United States Chinese Kuoshu Federation's Female Competitor of the Year in 2000. For more information on Master Newman and the Bok-Fu-Do System visit our website at www.bokfudo.com.



Grandmaster Augustin Ngu - is a highly respected leader and teacher in the Chinese Kung Fu community of North America. He has more than 47 years of teaching experience and over fifty-seven years of experience in Chinese Martial Arts. He has specialized in three styles of Kung Fu: Fujian Shaolin White Crane, Wing Chun, and Northern Shaolin (Cha Chuan). GM Ngu is the first instructor to introduce Fujian White Crane Kung Fu to Canada and presently is the highest ranking master of the Fujian Fly Crane System in North America. He started the Concordia University Kung Fu Club in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and first Kung Fu School in Old Montreal in 1977. This would eventually lead him to open his current school in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada in 1994. Grandmaster Ngu has many credentials. Currently, he holds the Grandmaster 10th degree as conferred by the World Kuo Shu Federation in 2018. He was conferred to 9th Duan from

Wushu Canada Federation in 2012. He was inducted into Wing Chun Kung Fu Gold Sash Hall of Fame in 2021 and International Kung Fu Hall of Fame in 2023. He is an International Certified Class A Sanshou Judge since 2001 under IWUF. He served as Assistant Chief Referee in the 2009 World Wushu Championships and Chief Referee in 2010. Grandmaster Ngu has attended and supported USKSF for over 25 years. All Master Martial Arts Centre had performed Lion Dance, Drumming and Master Demo at past International US Kuoshu Championships. Positions in TWKSF are: Director of Wing Chun, Ranking Committee Member, Arbitrator. Moreover, he has received Ten, Forty Years Volunteer and Service Award from the Ontario Government.



Terence Nicholson - studied Tien Shan Pai under Master CC Liu at the Wah Shing Kung Fu and Tai Chi school in Chinatown Washington DC from 1994 until Liu's Retirement from Kung Fu instruction in 2004. In 2004, With CC Liu's blessing, Nicholson became a 19th Generation Disciple of the Wudang Longmen lineage under Grandmaster Xiaoling Liu. Under Xiaoling Liu, Nicholson has been and is presently training in Xingyi, Xin Yi Liu He Quan, Taiji, Liu He Ba Fa, Bagua, Tongbei, and Wudang forms and weapons. He has competed in several tournaments and teaches children and adults. In July of 2018 Terence won the World Champion in Xingyiquan and the 6th Annual World Kungfu Competition held in Hunt Valley, MD.

April Nordman - has studied Tien Shan Pai kung-fu for over 25 years. She is the Highest Ranking and 1st disciple of Master Martin Ware of Cincinnati, Ohio. As a competitor Shi-fu Nordman competed in many National, International and World tournaments. She fought Lei-Tai and Shuai Jiao for over a decade, dominating in whichever weight class she was in after her first year in 1999. Eventually, at 40 years of age Shi-fu Nordman retired from full contact fighting. Since that time she has focused her energies on promoting the Tien Shan Pai way of life. Passing on knowledge to the next generation and judging at tournaments. In 2011, Shi-fu Nordman became a TWSKF International Referee and has judged in multiple events throughout the years.



John Ozuna - is a first generation disciple of Senior Grandmaster Richard Lee and is a Master Black Belt in Bok Fu Do with over 40 years of experience. He is the owner KO Kung Fu - Karate in San Jose, CA since 1989. He is the Deputy Referee General of the TWKSF, an Executive Committee member with the USKSF, and the Executive Vice President of the International Bok Fu Do Association. He holds a 6th Tuan Red Sash and is an International Referee 'A' through the TWKSF. Master Ozuna has represented the United States in international and world competition in Spain at the European Cup in 1992, and at the 7th World Kuo Shu Championships in the R.O.C. in 1992. He is also a two-time Guinness World Record holder, for the Most Martial Arts Punches in 1 minute (713), and the Fastest Martial Arts Punch (43.3 MPH). Master Ozuna was inducted into the Kenpo International Hall of Fame in 2011 and the United States Kuo Shu Federation Hall of Fame in 2017. In 2010 he was the USKSF Judge of the Year.

Gideon Padgett - began his martial arts journey in 1997 while serving in the USMC. He started out learning the kung fu style of LaiTung Pai from the Mint Hill Kung Fu School, where he competed in local, regional, and national competitions. When he was promoted to 7th generation Sifu in 2014, he was permitted to become the final closed-door student of Master Li Chi Keung. Gideon, was a dedicated disciple until Master Li's passing. Gideon also became a lifetime member of the Hong Kong Martial Arts and Lion Dance Association in 2015. He currently teaches publicly and privately at several venues in the Charlotte area.

Arthur Panella - began his journey into martial arts in 1991 when he first began taking lessons at Richard Lee's East West Bok Fu Do. An Endodontist by profession, Dr. Panella earned his Black Belt in 2004. He is a first-generation disciple of Grandmaster Richard Lee. Dr. Panella holds the rank of 2nd Degree Black Belt in the Bok Fu Do system, and a 2nd Tuan (black sash) in Chinese Kuo Shu. He is also a certified International Referee "A" by the World Kuo Shu Federation. Dr. Panella represented the United States in forms and weapons competition at the 1st T.W.K.S.F. World Kuo Shu Tournament in Brazil (2003), the 2nd T.W.K.S.F. World Tournament in Singapore (2006), the 4th T.W.K.S.F. World Tournament in Malaysia (2012). At the 2012 World Tournament in Malaysia, and the 5th T.W.K.S.F. World Tournament in Argentina (2015), Dr. Panella also represented the United States as an Executive Referee. Currently, he acts as Medical Advisor to the IBFDA.

Jeffrey Peezick - currently hold the rank of 4th degree Black Stipe in Yang Style Taiji Quan and 1st degree Black Stipe in Bagua Zhang/ Yin Fu. Have medaled in national and international tournaments, hand & weapon forms and was a member of the 2018 Kuo Shu National Team, receiving a Silver Medal in Bagua Zhang. A senior student at SiuLum Martial Arts Academy, Havertown PA, where I teach weapons classes as well as general study at the school.



Jorge Perez - was a five-time medalist in the Traditional Wushu World Championships 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2017. (3 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 3 bronze medals). Also Panamerican, Southamerican, International and National Champion in Traditional Wushu - Kung Fu.



Grant Pfeiffer - is a certified instructor in Traditional Wing Chun Kung Fu under Master Ismail Agcicek and Master John Clayton. With thirteen years of experience in Wing Chun and five years of experience teaching, Sifu Grant was appointed the head instructor of Wing Chun Kung Fu Close Range Combat martial arts school in Abingdon, Maryland by Master Agcicek in 2023. Sifu Grant focuses on modern expressions in Wing Chun while preserving its traditional origins.

Pascal Pluess- started Referee training in Neu Ulm, Germany in 2004, and, in 2009 became an International Referee B and Judge at the TWKSF World Championship in Neu Ulm, Germany 2009. In 2011, he became an International Referee A in Baltimore, and judged at the International Kuoshu Cup in Baltimore in 2011, 2014, and 2016. In 2018 he judged at the TWKSF World Championship in Baltimore, and, in 2019, he was assigned Referee General of THE SWISS KUOSHU FEDERATION.



Kevin Preston - is an 8th Tuan Higher 4th Generation under the Late Buck Sam Kong in the Lum Jo Lineage, a 5th generation disciple under the late Josephus Colvin (under Grandmaster Wan Chi Ming and Lee Mat Ying) . He received his Gold Sash in Hung Gar Kung Fu under the late Barry Brown. Grandmaster Preston also holds ranked certification in (5th Dan) in Kyo-ku-shin-kai under the late Barry Brown. Grandmaster Preston has earned his Kuoshu Medals B (1995) and Kuoshu Medal A (2002) He has served the Kuoshu Federation since 1994 serving in various board positions since then. Grandmaster Preston is head of family for Siu Lum Pai on the East Coast and has branches throughout Pennsylvania. He is also a Kuoshu Champion (Gold Medal, Senior Men's Hands Form Division, 1st World Kuoshu Kung Fu Championship, Sao Paolo, Brazil, 2003.). Grandmaster Preston also holds the following accolades: Central PA Full Contact Kickboxing Champion (1989), Assistant US Coach for Lei Tai (1996), Eastern USA International Martial Arts Association International Black Belt Hall of Fame Instructor of the Year (2001), US martial Arts Hall of Fame for Karate (2002), Koushu Hall of Fame (2003), and Philadelphia Martial Hall of Fame (2021). Grandmaster Preston has dedicated his career to further Traditional Chinese Kung Fu (Hung Gar-both Cantonese and Hay Say Fut). He continues to this day to serve Kuoshu and traditional Chinese Martial through his teachings at Kevin Preston's Siu Lum Pai Chinese Boxing Academy and its branches.

Michael Quach - started studying martial arts in 1973. and was the Ohio States Amateur PKA Full contact Bantamweight Champion in 1981. In 1985, he was the World Shorin Ryu forms Grand champion and is a TWKSF International Certified Referee "B". In 1996, he became a 66th generation Tien Shan Pai disciple.





Paul Ramos - began his martial art training in 1971 studying Shoryn Ryu Karate. By 1974 he added Olympic Swordplay and Tomiki Aikido to his training regimen. He was introduced to Tai Chi and Pushing Hands in 1979 and predominately trained in Shaolin Kung Fu, Tai Chi and swordplay for the next 14 years. During this time, he was 3-time Push Hands National Champion through the USCSMA Nationals as well as Push Hands Champion at the Kuo Shu Championships, NACMAF Championships, the USWKF Championships and other regional and National events. In 1993, Paul traveled to China where he became part of the traditional lineage from the Wudang Long Men Pai system. Under the supervision of GM Pei Xi Rong and ongoing training from Masters Liu Xiao Ling and Gao Tie Niao. Paul intensely studied Tai Chi Chuan, Xing-I Chuan, Bagua Zhang, and Liu He Ba Fa (Water Boxing). He started judging at regional, National and World Championship in 1992 and continues to judge in the US and abroad to this day. In 2010, Paul was honored as the first American to earn Master Status within the Wudang Long Men official traditional lineage. His Students have earned over 60 US National Championship titles as well as several World titles. He continues his training in internal Martial arts and Chinese Medicine.

Eric Reiss - was introduced to martial arts training in 1967 with the practice of Judo. In 1973, he began studying Tai Chi Chuan under noted martial arts master, Dr. Marshall Ho'o. Shifu Reiss apprenticed and instructed under Dr. Ho'o's guidance for twelve years. In 1989, he was certified as First Rank Instructor by the National Tai Chi Chuan Association, Los Angeles, CA. In 1996, he was certified Sho-Dan (Black Belt, First Degree) in Neko Ryu Goshin Jitsu by Sensei Ernest Cates. Shifu Reiss has instructed in the Piedmont Region of North Carolina since 1989, and in 1999 founded the Silk Tiger School of Tai Chi Chuan.

Alexander Reznikov - started practicing Chinese Martial Art in 2010 under Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang in Owings Mills, MD. After moving to Texas, he continues to practice and study different styles of Chinese Martial Arts, which has become a large and irreplaceable part of his life.



Bob Rosen - has been instructing in the Martial Arts since 1972. He is the Chief Instructor of the Wah Lum Kung Fu Athletic Association, New England Headquarters, established in 1984, in Boston's Chinatown. Master Rosen is certified as a 7th generation instructor in the Wah Lum System and has helped propagate the style in conjunction with Grandmaster Chan Pui since 1979. He traveled to China many times between 1986 and 2004 to demonstrate, compete and research other martial arts. In 1994 he won a Gold Medal in the Open Weapons division at the Beijing International Tournament and in 2001 he was the Senior Coach for the Wah Lum Team at the Shaolin Wushu competition in Zhengzhou, China, which won numerous awards. In 2013 Master Rosen was inducted into the Kuo Shu Hall of Fame for his contributions in promoting Chinese Martial Arts. He continues to coach many students who have been successful in fighting, forms, and weapons at local, national and international events, and has been a positive influence for individuals to be successful in their careers.

Avi Schneier - is a senior student of William C. Phillips, one of the last people endorsed by Cheng Man-Ching to teach form and push hands. An accomplished international competitor, Avi has won over 40 gold medals in empty hand form, straight sword, and push hands under various rule sets. Besides Sifu Phillips, Avi has studied Chen style with the late Master Zhang Lu Ping and Gianfanco Pace, Traditional Family Yang Style under Yang Zhen Duo, and Sun Style Tai Chi and Hsing-Yi under Masters Jeffrey Yuen and Chih-Young Lin.



Michael Shaffer - has been under Shi Fu Kevin Preston Siu Lum Pai for 28 Year and also Has been a Member of the United State Kou Shu Federation Since 1996. He received his 5th degree Black Belt 2022 Received his 4th Tai Chi Tuan at the International Kou Shu Championship tournament in front of peer in 2016 . He Has Competed at the national and International level and also judged numerous tournaments including at international Kou Shu Championship. Besides Judging he also volunteered as Security at International Kou Shu Championship He has Traveled abroad to train with other Instructor. He Has Teaching Hung Gar Kung FU for the 18 Years.



Allie Shaw (忠虎, 邵艾儷) - started her Kung Fu training in April 2000 at Spring Hill Recreation Center. Under the guidance of both Master Reza Momenan and Sifu Hon Lee she started in the Jow Ga system and later added the Shaolin Mizong system to her studies. Having prior training in Tai Chi, she quickly became one of the advanced students. One of the first members of the JGSI Demo Team performing Martial Arts and Lion/Dragon Dances, she is now one of the Demo Coaches for the performances. A regular competitor in tournaments, she has achieved top national rankings. She was formally promoted to Assistant Instructor in 2005 and to Instructor Level I in 2013. In December of 2017, after nearly 20 years of dedication, Sifu Shaw became a disciple of Master Momenan and therefore is a 5th Generation Jow Ga and 8th Generation Shaolin Mizong lineage holder.



Glenn Sheridan - has studied Ching Lung Kuoshu exclusively with Grandmaster S.L.Martin. His martial arts training with Grandmaster Martin has afforded him the opportunity to study Chung Kuo Chuan Kuoshu (National Martial Art of China) System of the Tiger, Crane, and Dragon, Pai Hur Chuan Chi-Kung (Internal White Crane Kung Fu) and Tiger Family Iaido. He is the Chief Instructor of the Winged Dragon Chinese Martial Arts School and Associate Member of the International Federation of Chinese Martial Arts. Master Sheridan is retired from the United States Coast Guard and United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Steven Smith - started his Martial Arts training at Mint Hill Kung Fu School under Sifu Chris Facente and Master Li Keung. Steve has also studied Judo and Chi Kung for health. Steve has taken full advantage of the opportunity to study with Grandmaster Kong Hoi in Hong Kong on two separate trips. Steve also worked with local charities teaching disabled children in the Charlotte Area.

Andrea So - has studied martial arts for over 20 years. She is 9th generation of Wah Lum Tam Tui Northern Praying Mantis Kung Fu Style, and studies under Sifu Mai Du, and has competed locally, nationally, and internationally.



Gabrael StClair - is a disciple of the Double Dragon Alliance (DDA) based in Shanghai, with Master Wang Ming Bo and Master Rose Oliver. Sifu Gabe is a USKSF National Judge. She has judged at CACMA and KuoShu. She teaches Grandmaster Dong Bin's Yang Taiji, Xing Yi Saber, and Qigong in Durham, NC. <https://sites.google.com/view/gabeteachestaiji/home>



Anthony Stephenson - has over 38 years of experience in the martial arts, 36 in Lai Tung Pai. In Charlotte, NC in 1987, he started his training in Lai Tung Pai kung fu (Pühn Kyühn is the Síu Lähm name given the style) and there, in the eastern suburbs in 1991, he co-founded Mint Hill Kung Fu School under the direction of the late Master Li Chi Keung. By 1993, he became one of the first Black Sash students and instructors in the USA and became a closed-door disciple under Master Li. At this time, he was promoted to the rank of Senior US Instructor (one of the first in the US) and was added to the lineage of Lai Tung Pai. In June 2004, Sifu Stephenson was sent to Hong Kong to study Lai Tung Pai in depth with Si Gung Kong Chui Hoi (江海). There, he received a certification awarding him the rank of International Instructor and continued his status of closed-door disciple which now also included instruction by Kong Chui Hoi. In 2008, Sifu Stephenson returned to Hong Kong to further train with Kong Hoi, where he was awarded, as one of the only two Sifu, the task of carrying on the lineage of the Lai Tung Pai style. In 2005, Sifu Stephenson was inducted into the US Martial Arts Hall of Fame and later held the Director position in NC for the International Martial Art Counsel. He is a Co-Founder and the current President of the Carolinas Association of Chinese Martial Arts Association (CACMA). He currently resides in Troy,

OH and, in 2015, opened the current location of Kong Hoi Kung Fu Association – Troy. He continues his dedication to Lai Tung Pai, with much gratitude honoring Kong Chui Hoi and the late Li Chi Keung.



Dr. Gary S. Torres - most senior of Grandmaster Peter Kwok's students, Grandmaster Torres was both Kwok's most advanced and most dedicated, serving as Director of Peter Kwok's Kung Fu Academy for over 7 years, and as Chief Instructor for another 7. In 1982 Torres earned the ranking of 8th degree black belt, the only student to ever be ranked that high by Grandmaster Kwok. Dr. Torres is recognized by 10 different Who's Who and 8 Hall of Fames. The World Head of Family Sokeship Council recognizes Torres as the head of the Peter Kwok lineage as the highest-ranking official of this lineage. Sigong Torres has been recognized for his mastery of Shao Lin Quan, Tai Ji Quan, Xing Yi Quan, Ba Gua Zhang, and Qi Gong, from his knowledge and experience in Chinese Martial Arts amassed over the past 58 years. He has been teaching for over 53 years and has students at the Master and Shifu level. He's won numerous Championships, is a

USKSF International Tournament Referee A, International Chinese Martial Arts Championships Judge and coaches World Title Champion Fighters. Is director of the Phoenix-Dragon Kung Fu Academy established 1982, a guest lecturer at major universities, and teaches workshops and seminars across the country. He is a U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award GOLD recipient.



Gary Vita - is a Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist based in Towson, Maryland. He earned a Black Belt in Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu at US Martial Arts Academy (Timonium, MD). Dr. Vita is a "B" level internationally certified referee under TWKSF. He has been a USKSF tournament judge for 21 years and – for over a decade – he has served as USKSF medical advisor and Lei Tai pre-fight physician. His passions outside of medicine include martial arts, healthy living through lifestyle practices, and recently, learning to play the piano.



Rengang Wang - holds the rank of gold sash in Chinese Kung Fu. He studied under and is the successor to Wang Xuanjie, the second-generation grandmaster of Da Cheng Quan (great achievement fist) under Wang Xiang Zhai. Wang Rengang is also the fifth-generation successor of Hao Tai Ji Mei Hua Tang Lang Quan (Hao style northern plum blossom praying mantis). He learned mantis first from Wang Yue and then from Yue's teacher, Hao Wei Zhi, the fourth-generation successor of the northern mantis system. Wang Rengang has participated in and won numerous gold medals in martial arts tournaments worldwide, and currently travels extensively to teach seminars and judge tournaments. He currently lives in Queens, NY and can be reached at: dachengdao@yahoo.com.



Martin Ware - began his study in the Chinese Martial Arts in 1978 under Grandmaster Huang, Chien Liang, the 64th generation heir of Tien Shan. On July 5, 1981, Mr. Ware became a 65th Generation Tien Shan Pai Disciple under Grandmaster Huang, in the presence of the Supreme Master Wang Chueh-Jen. Mr. Ware was one of the first Americans to be awarded this honor and was the youngest disciple by age in the class. Between 1986 to 1995, he taught Kung Fu at another Kung Fu school, on June 3, 1995 Martin Ware opened the Western Hills Kung fu Center now known as Academy of Kung Fu & Tai Chi in Cincinnati Ohio, which was accepted as a group member by the USCKF in 1997. Mr. Ware was awarded by the International Chinese Kuo Shu Federation a Certification "B" Kuo Shu Medal, and, in July 2012 was awarded Judge of the Year at the U.S International Kuo Shu Tournament. In 2022, Shi Fu become South Regional Director for the USKSF. Shi-Fu Ware has had student compete at all level of Kung Fu and Tai

and Tai Chi. In 1998 he trained his first of many Lei Tai competitor. In 2015, he was a National Team Coach in Mendoza Argentina. Shi Fu Ware's student have competed in several World Cup Tournament 2003, 2006, 2009, 2015 and 2018. Shi Fu Martin Ware has taught Kung Fu in elementary school programs since 2001.



Kwokwai Wu - is a current student of Grandmaster Augustin Ngu and started training in Northern Shaolin Fist at the All Masters Martial Arts Centre located in Mississauga, ON, Canada in 2007. Interested in traditional kung fu since young and has exposure to Tai Chi, Qigong, Wing Chun, White Crane, and Tae Kwon Do. Currently an assistant instructor at the head school.



Kiyoshi Yamamoto (靈龍, 山本 淳) - has started his Kung Fu training in both Jow Ga and Shaolin Mizong in January 2003. Under the guidance of both Master Reza Momenan and Sifu Hon K. Lee, he added Yang Style Tai Chi to his training three years later. He has been very active in the Jow Ga Shaolin Institute Demo Team performing Martial Arts and Lion/Dragon Dances, he is now one of the Demo Coaches for the performances. In December of 2017, after nearly 15 years of dedication Sifu Yamamoto became a disciple of Master Momenan and therefore is a 5th Generation Jow Ga and 8th Generation Shaolin Mizong lineage holder.

Kaitlyn Yong - started training in 2003 and has been practicing martial arts for 21 years at Calvin Chin's Martial Arts Academy (CCMAA). She holds a black belt ranking and has won 15 championships. She has competed in elite tournaments nationally and internationally, winning 12 national championships and 3 international championships. She was a member of and has graduated from the CCMAA Performance team. She has taught classes for the past 9 years at CCMAA and has worked teaching martial arts with outside clients of CCMAA as well. She is an instructor in Traditional Martial Arts, Contemporary Wushu, and Chinese Lion Dance. Kaitlyn as been learning under Grandmaster Sifu Calvin Chin studying Hung Kuen, Contemporary Wushu, and Tai Chi.



Lucien Zoll - began martial arts studies with Grandmaster Kwong Tit-Fu in Boston's Chinatown in 1986. In 1996, Lucien assisted Kwong Tit-Fu's senior disciple and his present Shi-Fu, Calvin Chin, in opening Calvin Chin's Martial Arts Academy in Newton, MA. Under Calvin Chin's guidance and teaching, he has competed and won numerous medals in Southern empty hands, Southern Weapons, tai chi hand, weapon forms, and push hands in international competitions throughout the country. After 37 years of studying Hung-Gar and Wu style Tai Chi, Lucien Zoll enjoys judging at various tournaments where he once competed. He is also a TWKSF International Referee level A.

ADDITIONAL JUDGES

Richard Benassi, Dustin Buxrude, Carrie Chun, Sean Gray, Zachary Iwatsuki, Guy Prentice, Edward Quach, Charles Shannon, Elisabete Souza, Philippe Thomas, Arthur Jeffrey Zukor

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