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**Grandmaster Huang and the USKSF,**

**Congratulations on 36 years of United States  
Kuo Shu Federation Tournament! We are  
honored to be part of your journey to success  
over the last 36 years. Thank you for  
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# 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 2025 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 36th year of this world-class tournament. I am grateful that so many people continue to choose to attend our event.

This year is one of several special events. This weekend's tournament serves as the qualifying competition for those seeking a spot on the US National Kuo Shu Team. Those who qualify will travel to Brazil to compete in the 8th World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament this October 23-26. This year, the World Kuo Shu Federation also provided International Referee Training in conjunction with our tournament. 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 as well. This year, I would like to express my gratitude to Montgomery County Executive, Marc Elrich and Baltimore County Executive Katherine Klausmeier's declaration of this week as "U.S. International Kuo Shu Week." As a federation, we sincerely appreciate your recognition and support.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to all of you: international teams, competitors, referees, judges, volunteers, and spectators, for your steadfast support for the last 36 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

Greetings competitors, judges, volunteers, and guests!

Once again, we are excited to see all of you, our Kung Fu family, at this year's U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament! This year, we celebrate our 36th anniversary of bringing together people from all walks of life who share a common passion for Chinese martial arts.

This year's event also serves as a qualifying tournament for those hoping to represent the U.S. team at the upcoming World Tournament in Brazil, taking place October 23 to 26. In addition, an international tournament will be held concurrently for those who wish to participate but are not on the U.S. team. I encourage you to visit [TWKSF.org](http://TWKSF.org) to learn more about the event.

As we celebrate another year of hosting our annual tournament, it's important to pause and reflect on what this gathering has nurtured over the years: lasting relationships. Today, we are proud to welcome organizations that are now bringing their second and third generation of students and continuing a tradition that began with their teacher's first attendance. Some of the schools and styles that come to mind include Bok Fu Do, Fight Team, Green Dragon School, Hung Ga, Jow Ga, Lai Tung Pai, Siu Lum Pai, Tien Shan Pai, Wah Lum, and many more.

I believe one of the key reasons for our continued success and strong community lies in the values set forth by Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. Throughout his travels to more than 30 countries promoting Chinese martial arts, he became known for hosting fair, high-quality tournaments and upholding a standard that earned the respect of teachers and schools around the world. Those same values remain at the heart of how we run this tournament today. It's one of the main reasons we've seen lasting support from schools across generations, with many now sending students whose teacher—and even their teacher's teacher—once stood on these same floors. That same spirit is also why so many volunteers, even those no longer actively involved in martial arts or a school, continue to return and support this event year after year.

That said, no matter how strong the relationship, what lasts over time often reminds us just how fleeting our moments together can be and why they must be treasured. Since our last tournament, we have lost two vital members of our Kung Fu family: Senior Advisor May Law and Grandmaster Richard Lee. Both will be irreplaceable and will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Today, we are thankful to have Ms. Law's husband, Tsiwen Law, and son, along with Grandmaster Lee's students with us at this year's event.

As we honor their memory, let this moment also remind us of what continues to bring us together—our shared values, our community, and the lasting legacy of those who came before us. May this tournament not only celebrate competition and skill but also the bonds that we've built and the spirit we pass on to future generations.

I wish you all a wonderful time at this year's event, and thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Master Michael Huang  
USKSF General Manager  
ITSPA 8th Degree Black Sash



# FROM THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE



## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich  
County Executive

July 25, 2025



Dear Friends:

Welcome to Montgomery County. I am delighted to extend my congratulations to the dedicated staff and volunteers of the 2025 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament. Your hard work and commitment have once again brought together an extraordinary display of martial arts excellence.

This prestigious tournament continues to attract competitors from across the United States and around the world, showcasing not only physical strength but also discipline, focus, and technical mastery. Martial arts embody principles that transcend competition – perseverance, respect, and a deep connection to culture and tradition. I commend all participants for their dedication and wish them success in their matches.

Montgomery County is home to a richly diverse community, and events like this tournament further strengthen our appreciation for global traditions. Our residents are sure to enjoy the skill and artistry on display, and I thank you for providing a venue where they can engage with and learn more about martial arts.

Once again, congratulations on another successful tournament, best wishes for continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Marc Elrich  
County Executive

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# PROCLAMATION FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARC ELRICH



## Proclamation Montgomery County Maryland

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

the tournament attracts competitors from across the United States and around the world to the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship, a storied event that brings together so many, building friendships, peace, and unity across international borders; and

WHEREAS,

the success of this tournament has continued to grow under the leadership of Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang; and

WHEREAS,

in addition to helping strengthen the physical fitness and character of those who participate, this robust competition promotes the principles of Chinese Kuo Shu (Kung Fu).

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I,

Marc Elrich as County Executive hereby recognize

### U.S. INTERNATIONAL KUO SHU WEEK



honoring the enduring spirit of sportsmanship, cultural exchange, and excellence. May this week continue to inspire unity, discipline, and mutual respect among all participants and spectators alike.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 2025

MARC ELRICH  
County Executive





# Thank You

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARC ELRICH



For your continued support of the United States Kuo Shu Federation and its efforts to promote Chinese Martial Arts through the spirit of competition with outstanding schools, competitors, and volunteers, and its efforts to promote peace and friendship throughout the world by recognizing the U.S.

International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament and declaring this week as the U.S. Kuo Shu International Week here in Montgomery County, Maryland.



# PROCLAMATION FROM BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE KATHERINE A. KLAUSMEIER

Baltimore County Executive



## Proclamation

*DESIGNATING July 25-26, 2025  
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, Katherine A. Klausmeier, Baltimore County Executive, have the distinct honor of proclaiming July 25-26 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 this twenty-fifth day of July in the year two thousand twenty-five.

*Katherine A. Klausmeier*

Katherine A. Klausmeier  
County Executive



# FROM MASSACHUSETTS STATE REPRESENTATIVE DONALD H. WONG



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July 26, 2025

Dear Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang,

I want to thank you and your son Master Michael Huang and everyone here for inviting me. It is my honor to be here. You have achieved what others have only just dreamed of.

You have brought many styles of martial arts together and treated them all as equal. For every style has something to offer.

If only the world could do the same and bring all the countries together in peace.

Wishing you many years of continued success.

Your friend,  
State Representative

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald H. Wong'.

Donald H. Wong



FROM  
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July 25, 2025

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

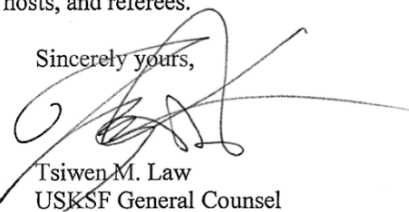
Dear Grandmaster Huang:

My sincere congratulations on the great success of the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament on July 25-27, 2025, in Bethesda, Maryland. Once again, you have presented a remarkable event in the annals of Kuo Shu with expert refereed competitions and participant credentialing. The continuing commitment of referees to upgrade their training assures the highest quality experience to our competitors, masters, spectators, and participants.

The continued growth in the attendance is testimony to the respect accorded to the U.S. International Kuo Shu Tournaments worldwide. Although the judges and competitors come from all corners of the world, they can be assured that their trust in this Tournament is well rewarded by the quality of evaluation accorded to the events. Your unwavering dedication and hard work to assure the premier competitions has been the model for the world of Kuo Shu.

My best wishes go to all the competitors, hosts, and referees.

Sincerely yours,

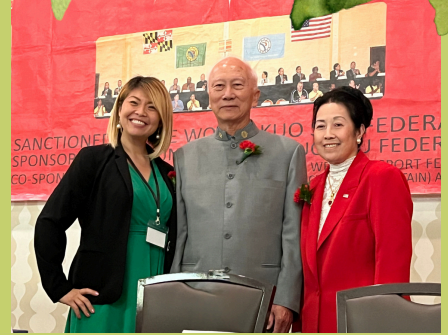


Tsiwen M. Law  
USKSF General Counsel



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MAY YOU REST IN PEACE AND BE  
SURROUNDED BY THE LOVE AND LIGHT OF  
THOSE WHO REMEMBER YOU FONDLY.





# 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



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

Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang 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. Grandmaster Huang completed his academics by completing his college education, earning a B.S. degree from the National Chung Shing University, Taiwan, ROC. Since then, he developed his dedication for Kuo Shu and has trained in it for over 55 years and taught for more than 45 years. In his devotion to this doctrine, he founded and served as Chairman and first term President of the World Kuo Shu Federation, 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 of the United States Kuo Shu Federation, and in 2000, he was the first inductee into the Kuo Shu Hall of Fame.

Since 1988, Grandmaster Huang has promoted and sponsored numerous national and international Kuo Shu championship tournaments; 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, and full-contact Lei Tai fighting. 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. Grandmaster Huang founded the US Kuo Shu Academy in Owings Mills, Maryland, USA, and teaches Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu, along with other Northern styles, as well as Tai Ji Quan, Xing Yi Quan, and Ba Qua Zhang. 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, since 1994, President Bill Clinton, President George W. Bush, President Barack Obama, President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden sent formal representation to attend the 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 concentrated his efforts in the arena of 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 ranks, by the International Chinese Kuo Shu Federation (ICKF). In 2004, Grandmaster Huang received his 10th Tuan degree, the highest rank from TWKSF and was certified at the 10th Tuan level by the World Traditional Martial Arts Union.

Grandmaster Huang travels around the world teaching seminars on a variety of topics, including Dao Meditation, and 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, Maryland. 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 Grandmaster Huang is quite extensive. His accomplishments have been acknowledged by many notable politicians, martial arts associations, magazines, and television. He was named "One of the Most Influential Chinese Martial Arts Masters of the Past 30 Years" by Inside Kung Fu magazine, and was inducted into several different martial arts organization's Halls of Fame. He has been named "One of the Greatest Impact Martial Artists of the 20th Century," "Instructor of the Year," and 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, and 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 work 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 US and raised over \$4,000 for the Baltimore Children's Home. Most recently, 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 US. 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 Governor), C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (former Baltimore County Executive and current US Congressman), Andrew Harris (former State Senator and current US Congressman), and Parris Glendening (former Governor). He has received Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition from former US Senator Barbara Mikulski, US Congressman Ruppersberger, and then-Congressman Ehrlich; a Citizen Citation from former Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke; County Executive Citations from Hayden, C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, James T. Smith and Kevin Kamenetz; and Governor's Citations from former Governors Glendening, Ehrlich, and O'Malley. Grandmaster Huang was honored with a proclamation from the then-County Executive Ruppersberger, proclaiming "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 US 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 his caring and devotion to all people.





## 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](http://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. In 1992, at the 7th World Kuo Shu Championships, he won 1st place in empty hand two person sets and 3rd place in weapon two person sets. In 1996, at the 8th World Kuo Shu Championships, he won 1st place in empty hand two person sets and 2nd place in weapon two person sets. 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.





## Grandmaster Li, Wing Kay

### President, The World Kuo Shu Federation

Master Li Wing Kay is one of the early martial arts teachers to teach Chinese martial arts in Brazil. His other well-known title is that of a grandmaster of the Northern Shaolin martial arts, and in 2019, he was awarded the honor of Grand Master by the Federation of Chinese Martial Arts of the Republic of China for his outstanding contribution to the promotion and inheritance of Chinese martial arts in the Americas. He has also been given the title of "Knight Grand Master" in recognition of his long-term dedication to the martial arts world, and for his preservation of traditional Chinese culture. This commendation came at the invitation of the International Lions Club in his capacity as Honorary Chairman, where he shared his rich experience of decades of studying and teaching martial arts. Li Wing Kay is not only a pioneer in the world of martial arts in the West, but he is also a diligent student who has continued to teach, research, and promote the essence of martial arts culture. His dedication began in the 1950s when he began studying martial arts. His initial foray into the field began under Master Lam and included study of various systems such as the Shaolin Temple fist, Tanglang (Praying Mantis) fist, Baji, Wing Chun, and Tai Chi. Li Wing Kay's influence extends beyond the martial arts community. In 2003, he was appointed as the honorary president of the American Martial Arts Federation and received recognition from the mayor of São Paulo for his contributions to martial arts education. In 2004, he published **History of Chinese Martial Arts: Its Origins and Philosophy**, which was highly regarded in academic circles. In 2010, he was awarded the title of "Outstanding Cultural Contributor" by the Brazilian government for his long-standing efforts to promote martial arts and Chinese culture. In 2011, he published **The Essence of Martial Arts**, a book covering Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Wing Chun, and other traditional martial arts.



## Master Michael Huang

### TWKSF Executive Vice President / Assistant to the USKSF President / USKSF Director of Northern Style / USKSF General Manager

Master Michael Huang is one of only three people in the world to be recognized by Grandmaster Huang as a Master in Tien Shan Pai kung fu. He is the highest-ranking student under Grandmaster Huang and holds an 8th degree from the International Tien Shan Pai Association. Master Huang began his martial arts studies at three-and-a-half. In addition to Tien Shan Pai, he has studied fighting techniques, traditional weapons, qi gong, nei gong, iron palm, grass dragon pole, and qin na. He has also extensively studied Tai Ji Quan, Xing Yi Quan, Ba Gua Zhang, and Daoist meditation. He is a 7th-degree Black Sash under The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF) ranking system and an internationally certified TWKSF level A Referee. At national and international tournaments, Master Huang has won numerous 1st place awards in empty hand forms, weapon forms, two-person forms, light contact, and Lei Tai fighting. In 2001, Master Huang was awarded the USKSF Adult Male Competitor of the Year.

and, in 2010, was recognized as the USKSF Male Lei Tai Competitor of the Year. Master Huang was a member of the US national team for the 2009 World Kuo Shu Championship tournament (in Germany) and 2012 World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament (in Malaysia), where he placed 4th and 2nd, respectively, in full-contact Lei Tai fighting. He has also helped lead the U.S. team to win gold in the 2015 World Tournament. Master Huang has participated in martial arts demonstrations, which raised funds for St Jude's Children's Research Center, the Maryland Chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society, September 11th Relief Efforts and many others. He has received several citations from government officials for his promotion of the Chinese Martial Arts. Currently, Master Huang is the President of International Tien Shan Pai Association and a member of the USKSF Executive Committee and TWKSF Executive Committee. He is the Master Instructor at U.S. Kuo Shu Academy. With over 30 years of teaching experience, Master Huang focuses on training and coaching the next generation of Chinese martial arts practitioners. His students have gone on to become world champions, but more importantly, champions in life. Master Huang has published the following books: Legend of Red Cloud, Centuries Old Lost Secrets of Unleashing Your Full Potential, and Building Habits, Self Discipline, and Character through Martial Arts.





## Grandmaster Kevin Preston

### Chief Arbitrator, United States Kuo Shu 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.



## 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](http://www.uskuoshuacademy.com)).



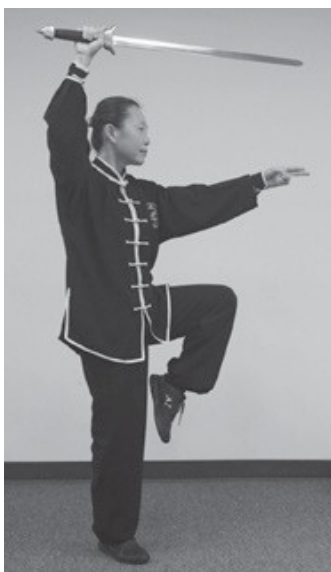
## Alyssa Bryan

### 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](http://QuickBooksTraining.com).





## Shi Fu Peck Mun Lee

### Tournament Director

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 Gabe Chang

### Assistant Tournament Director

Shi Fu Gabe Chang is 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 5th 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.

## Dr. Philippe Thomas

### Assistant Tournament Director

Dr. Philippe Thomas is a 65th generation student of Tien Shan Pai and a direct disciple of Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. He has been studying Tien Shan Pai kung fu for almost 20 years and is an instructor at the US Kuo Shu Academy in Owings Mills, Maryland. Dr. Thomas holds the rank of 2nd degree Black Sash in Tien Shan Pai and 2nd degree Black Sash ranking under the certification standards of The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF). He has competed in and won at multiple national and international tournaments. He has also helped train multiple lei tai 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place US Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF) International and TWKSF World Tournament competitors. As a TWKSF International Referee 'A', Dr. Thomas has served as scoring judge and Executive Referee at USKSF International Tournaments and at Carolina's Association of Chinese Martial Arts' Queen's Cup and Fall Classics tournaments.

## Suzan Lumpkin

### Assistant Tournament Director

Ms. Lumpkin is the Public Outreach Coordinator and shares the position of Director of the USKSF Hall of Fame for The United States Kuo Shu Federation. She assists with coordinating vendors, developing the program book, transportation, as well as coordinating the opening ceremony guests and color guard for the USKSF International Kuo Shu Championship Tournaments. During 2021, in recognition of her contributions to the Kuo Shu Federation, she received a citation from the Baltimore County Executive. Since 2018, under Master Michael Huang, Ms. Lumpkin is both a student and instructor of internal martial arts at the US Kuo Shu Academy in Maryland. She has competed in multiple national and international Chinese martial arts tournaments and placed in Tai Chi, Xing Yi, and Pushing Hands events. In 2024 she was awarded the USKSF Female Internal Competitor of the Year Award.



# 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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wishes to commend and truly thank Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang on more than 50 years of massive inspiration, commitment, and contribution to our continued learning in Tien Shan Pai and its values, and furthermore, genuine appreciation through the dedication to the style and extension with Master Michael Huang.

Iron Fist is proud to participate in the 2025 US International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament and honor our legacy of Master Joe Dunphy and the dedication to the style. Master Dunphy's integrity and virtue continue to guide us and our students.

May all the martial arts competitors, families and friends, judges and referees, VIPs and volunteers, have a wonderful and happy tournament and joyous 2025.

**Good luck and best wishes!**

THANK YOU GRANDMASTER HUANG



*For over 50 years of guidance,  
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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.

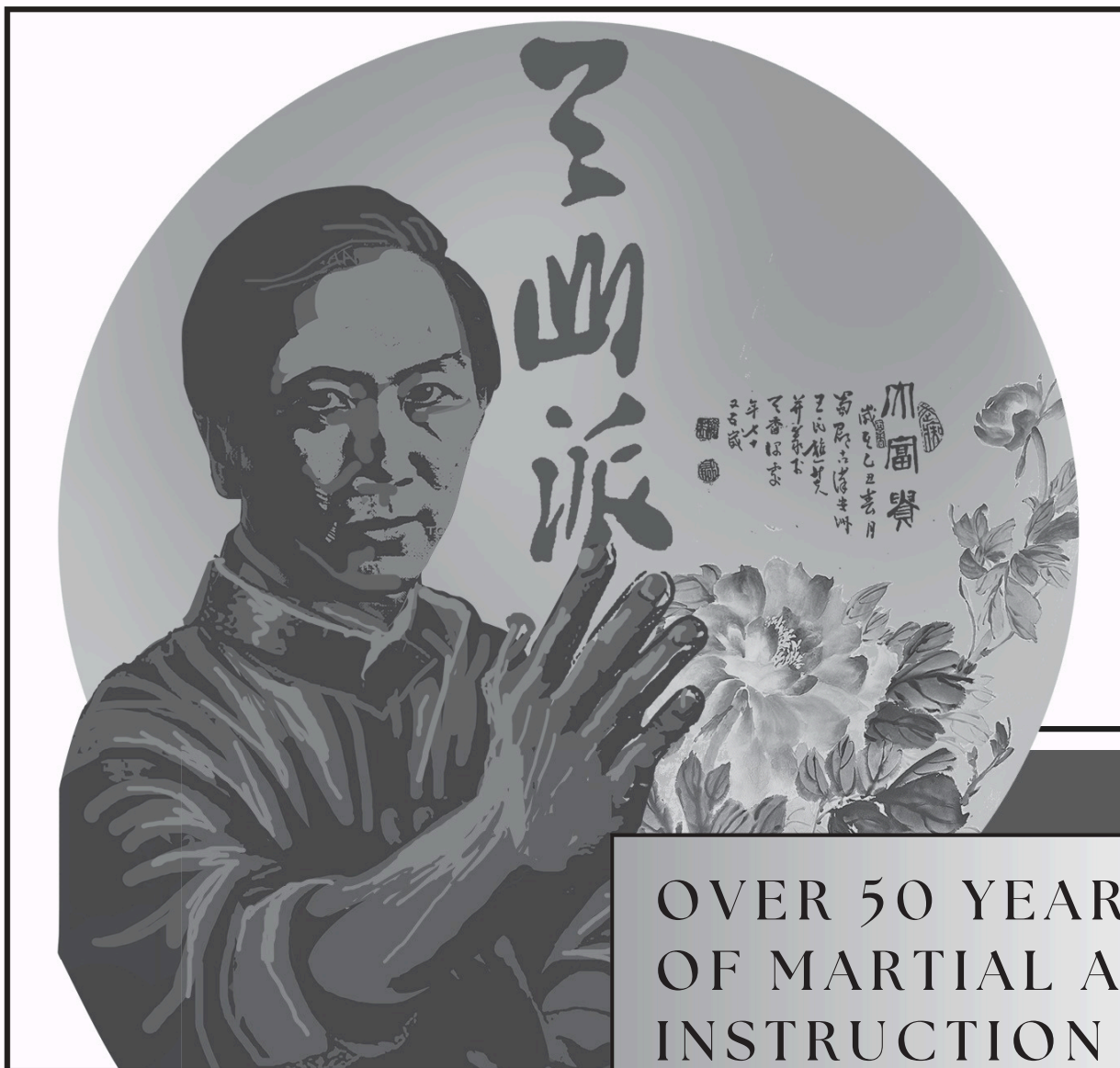
After a long trek into the mountains, the boy finally arrived at the temple. However, his hopes were dashed when the monk refused to accept him as a disciple. They were not permitted to teach outsiders, the monk explained. But instead of going home as they suggested, the boy knelt in the snow outside 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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# THE JUDGES

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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 Reenders 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.

**W.C. Bey** was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. He began studying martial arts at the age of 13 with a Judo Master. Under his instruction he learned a Japanese Judo system. He later began studying Shao-Lin martial arts with Master Sigu-Ho at the age of 26. From Master Ho he learned Northern Shao-Lin Long Fist. He continued his studies with the Senior Disciple of Sigu-Ho, Samaad Haaq of Montclair, New Jersey. He studied Yin Fu Bagua under Dr. Xie Peiqi and currently studies Magua Bagua under Li Baohua. Sifu Bey was instructed to seek and further his martial arts studies under the tutelage of Grand Master Dr. Steve L. Sun of the Siu Lum Martial Arts Academy in Havertown, PA. To further his personal and educational goals he attended Robert Morris College in Pittsburg, PA. Later on, Sifu Bey transferred to Trenton State College, graduating with a B.A. in Business Administration.



**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, 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, Master 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 non profit 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 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 teams. 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 A 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 PT, DPT** 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.



**Joanne Chang** has been studying Cheng Man-Ch'ing Tai Chi Chuan since 1994 and trained extensively with 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 hosts visiting Tai Chi Masters to our area to hold workshops and promote Tai Chi Chuan. She is also active in fundraising and event promotion for charitable causes. Joanne Chang [joanne@wuweitaichi.com](mailto:joanne@wuweitaichi.com) [www.wuweitaichi.com](http://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 the 1970s. Shi Fu Conway has consistently trained in Wing Chun for the past 25 years, and became a judge over 15 years ago. Shi Fu Conway has judged in 38 Kung Fu tournaments including as a corner judge in Exhibition Lei Tai in seven 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. Recently, I've judged and been a referee in Point Kick Boxing (PKB), as well as full-contact 5-round fights for the International Kicking Boxing Federation (IKF), which is one of the largest kick boxing federations in the U.S.

**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.

**Matthew Creech** is the head instructor at the Kings Mountain branch of the Kong Hoi Kung Fu Association. Sifu Creech became a black sash in the art of Lai Tung Pai under Sifu Anthony Stephenson and Sifu Chris Facente in 2013 and has had the privilege to study with Master Li Chi Keung and Grandmaster Kong Hoi. Sifu Creech has also studied various martial arts in the US and while living in Japan such as Capoeira, Judo, and Karate. Sifu Creech is a National A-level Judge and honored to judge at the tournament.



**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](http://www.bokfudo.com).



**Joilson Alves De Souza** has dedicated 50 years to the practice and teaching of Kung Fu, Tai Chi, and Qigong, as well as internal practices. He began his path in the 1970s with Grandmaster Amaral and has since deepened his knowledge through immersive experiences in China and India, studying with renowned masters and at the Shaolin Temple. Throughout his travels, in addition to technical growth, he absorbed the ancestral wisdom of these cultures, incorporating philosophical and spiritual elements into his practice and teaching. Master Joilson is also the founder of one of the oldest and most traditional Kung Fu schools in Brazil, recognized for its national and international awards.



**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.



**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 plus 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 has 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. In 2024, Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy Malden & Quincy was recognized as one of fifty Boston's Most Influential Organizations for its positive community impacts.



**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.



**Kevin Else** is a dedicated practitioner and competitor in traditional Chinese martial arts. He began his training under Master Li PeiYun in 1999 at the age of 44 years old, focusing on Tai Chi (Yang, Chen, Sun styles), Xingyiquan, and weapons forms such as staff, fan, jian and dao. Over the decade he competed, Kevin won 28 gold medals in various competitions, both nationally and internationally. His competitive career highlights include winning the All-Around Internal Male Competitor title at both the 2010 USKSF competition and the US Wushu Union's 2006 US National Chinese Martial Arts Championships. Internationally, he received eight (8) gold medals at the 2006 International Wushu/Tai Chi Competition in Hong Kong and eight (8) gold medals at the 2007 Zhejiang International Tournament in Hongzhou, China. Kevin currently teaches at Li's Martial Arts & Internal Healing Center in Sewell, New Jersey. His teaching emphasizes proper form, internal energy cultivation, and practical application of these ancient arts. Recently, Kevin collaborated with Master Li PeiYun to translate a significant 1978 Chinese Tai Chi text which had never before been translated into English. Starting martial arts later in life has shaped Kevin's perspective: "It taught me efficiency and precision," he notes. "It's about understanding principles rather than just power or flexibility." His journey proves that with dedication, significant achievements are possible at any age.

**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.





**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.

**Billy Greer** and his wife Nancy are the owners of the Jing Ying Institute of Kung Fu and Tai Chi. The school opened near Annapolis, Maryland in 2000. In 1973, Shifu Billy began studying folkstyle wrestling and was a team captain of his high school and college teams, winning several championships. In 1987 he began studying Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu and is an Indoor Disciple and lineage holder under Grandmaster Willy Lin. He is also an In-Chamber Disciple and lineage holder of Chen Style Tai Chi under Grandmaster Chen ZhengLei. Shifu Greer has won numerous medals in forms, weapons, sparring, tai chi and push hands in local, regional and national competitions.

**Jeremy Hansen** is a 1st degree black sash in Tien Shan Pai having studied under Grandmaster Huang for 15 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.

**Lou Immendorf** began his studies of martial arts in 1978 in the art of Tae Kwon Do. He began studying Northern Shaolin Kung Fu, under Shifu Nelson Ferreira, at the Zhong Yi Kung Fu Association (ZYKFA) in 2012. Lou is part of the instructor/coach team at ZYKFA. Lou has successfully competed in regional, national and international events as well as serving as a National Level A Judge for the USKSF and US National Level Judge for the United States Dragon & Lion Dance Federation (USDLDF).





**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.

**Rob 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.



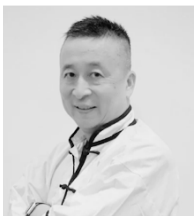
**Alexander King** - was born in Washington, DC and began his study of Yang style Taiji Chuan in 1995. In the year 2000, Alexander became a 19th generation disciple of Wudang Longmen master, Liu Xiaoling. He has studied many styles of Gong Fu with Master Liu over the past 25 years including Taiji, Xingyi, 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 Kolaczky** 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, as head instructor for Five Coordinations Martial Arts.



**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 for 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 3rd 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](http://www.bokfudo.com).





**Steve 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.



**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 of Grandmaster 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 a former TWKSF executive committee member and 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. Master McConagly works to promote the virtues of the martial arts on a global stage and helps to advance TWKSF / USKSF as the preeminent organization for Chinese Martial Arts worldwide and as the premier competitive platform for those who dedicate their lives to Kuo Shu.

**Mitch 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](http://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](http://www.bokfudo.com).





**Ralph Mitchell** - Master Instructor 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 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 over 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 late Grandmaster Kong Hoi in Hong Kong and has made the trip several times, gaining instructor status in 2008. Sifu Derek is an 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](http://www.bokfudo.com).



**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.

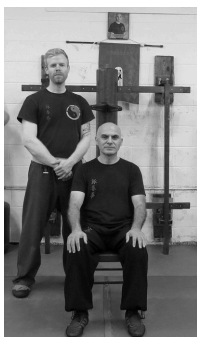




**Terence Nicholson** studied Tien Shan Pai under Master CC Liu at the Wah Shing Kung Fu and Tai Chi school in Chinatown Washington DC from 1994 until Liu's Retirement from Kung Fu instruction in 2004. In 2004, With CC Liu's blessing, Nicholson became a 19th Generation Disciple of the Wudang Longmen 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.

**Jeffrey Peezick** currently holds the rank of 4th degree Black Stipe in Yang Style Taiji Quan and 1st degree Black Stipe in Bagua Zhang/ Yin Fu. Jeffrey has 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. I am a senior student at Siu Lum Martial Arts Academy, Havertown PA, where I teach weapons classes as well as general study.



**Grant Pfeiffer** is a certified instructor in Traditional Wing Chun Kung Fu under Master Ismail Agcicek and the late Master John Clayton. With fourteen years of experience in Wing Chun and six 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.



**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 Ruppersberger, 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.

**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 Shorin 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 USKMA 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.



**Michelle Santos** began her martial arts training in kung fu in 1994. Her serious commitment to martial arts intensified when she joined the US Kuo Shu Academy in Owings Mills, MD and became a student under Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang and Master Michael Huang. Santos earned the rank of 2nd degree Black Sash in Tien Shan Pai and under the certification standards of The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF), she is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuan and registered National Judge Level B. She serves as the Director of Videography and Photography and Program Book Staff for the USKSF. Santos has received citations from the Baltimore County Executive and special recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives for her work with the USKSF. Santos has competed and medaled for over a decade locally, nationally, and internationally in forms, weapons, and sparring, and is an instructor at the US Kuo Shu Academy.

**Henry J Schmidt IV** is a Black Belt in Kung Fu Thai Chai with experience in tai chi and Baguazhang and Shaolin under Grandmaster Randy Elia at Peter Kwok's Kung Fu Academy in Westwood, New Jersey.

**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.



**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.



**Norman Smith** started his practice in martial arts in 1966 where he started his training in Japanese, Korean and finally Chinese Martial arts. In Chinese martial arts, Master Smith studied under GM Ark y. Wong in Southern (Five Animals Five Family), Northern Kung Fu (Tien Shan Pai) under GM Lin, Wing Chun under Hawkins Chueng and Internal Arts such as Traditional Yang, Wu, Chen & Sun Style Tai Chi as well as Qi Gong for health with many teachers. Master Smith promoted the "Martial Arts Extravaganza" 1989-1997 held in Philadelphia where he had an all-Kung Fu exhibition with top Kung fu schools from all over the east coast area to share in a dream of martial arts schools demonstrating their skills to the public for Racial Harmony & benefit Women Organized Against Rape. In 1996, he helped sponsor "China's Wu-Shu Team Tour" from Beijing China. In 1998 he also Co-promoted and coached the American Kung Fu Team which was broadcasted on Comcast Cable (Best of the Best), an All-Black Belt Martial Arts Competition and the Philadelphia 76ers Game, which featured the Shaolin Monks of China and World Top Martial Arts Competitors all over the world. Today, Master Smith, who has taught many of the top Martial Artists Competitors in U.S in Both Full Contact Sparring and Forms Competitions, presently teaches at the Northern Shaolin Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy in Audubon PA (Near Valley Forge) (Audubon Square Shopping Center). Master Smith is also the owner of Total Martial Art Supplies.



**Steve 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.



**Elisabete Souza** began her martial arts journey in 1992 with the practice of Tai Chi and later joined Ton Long, always supporting and assisting the Master in classes. Over the years, she has competed in national and international championships, demonstrating her commitment and technical excellence. In 2011, she expanded her knowledge by starting her practice in Choy Lay Fut and later in Wu Hao Tai Chi. In 2018 she traveled to China to deepen her studies and experience the culture and traditional teachings of Kung Fu firsthand. She currently continues to teach, keeping her passion and dedication to Kung Fu alive.



**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, Push Hands, and Qigong in Durham, NC <https://sites.google.com/view/gabeteachestaiji/home>.



**Anthony Stephenson** has over 40 years of experience in the martial arts, 38 in Lai Tung Pai. In Charlotte, NC in 1987, he started his training in Lai Tung Pai kung fu (Pūhn Kyūhn is the Sū Lāhm 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 the late Kong Chui Hoi and the late Li Chi Keung.

**Kimba Tieu** started his martial arts training at age 7, practicing judo for a short time. Eventually, he turned to Tae Kwon Do in 1986, devoting approximately 13 years to its study - while occasionally wrestling for his high school. In 2001, he joined ZYKFA and became a student of Bei Shaolin quan (northern Shaolin) under Shifu Nelson Ferreira. Kimba has competed in local, national, and international events and was formerly the ZYKFA Lei Tai Team Coach. He has become champion in both the Taolu (forms) and Kuo Shu Lei Tai fighting. Kimba represented the US in the World Kuo Shu Championships held in Brazil (2003) and again in Singapore (2006) becoming a World Champion. Kimba is a Certified International A Level Referee through the TWKSF and is the Deputy Referee General for the USKSF. He has been a referee/judge at the World Kuo Shu Championships in Malaysia (2012), Argentina (2015), the United States (2018) and Italy (2022).



**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 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.



**Kiyoshi Yamamoto (靈龍, 山本 淳)** 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 22 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 10 years at CCMAA and has worked teaching martial arts in communities of Massachusetts. She is an instructor in Traditional Martial Arts, Contemporary Wushu, Chinese Lion Dance, and a Contemporary Wushu Coach at Wellesley College. Kaitlyn has been learning under Grandmaster Sifu Calvin Chin studying Hung Kuen, Contemporary Wushu, Tai Chi, and Traditional Chinese Lion Dance.

## ADDITIONAL JUDGES

Registered Judges with no bios:

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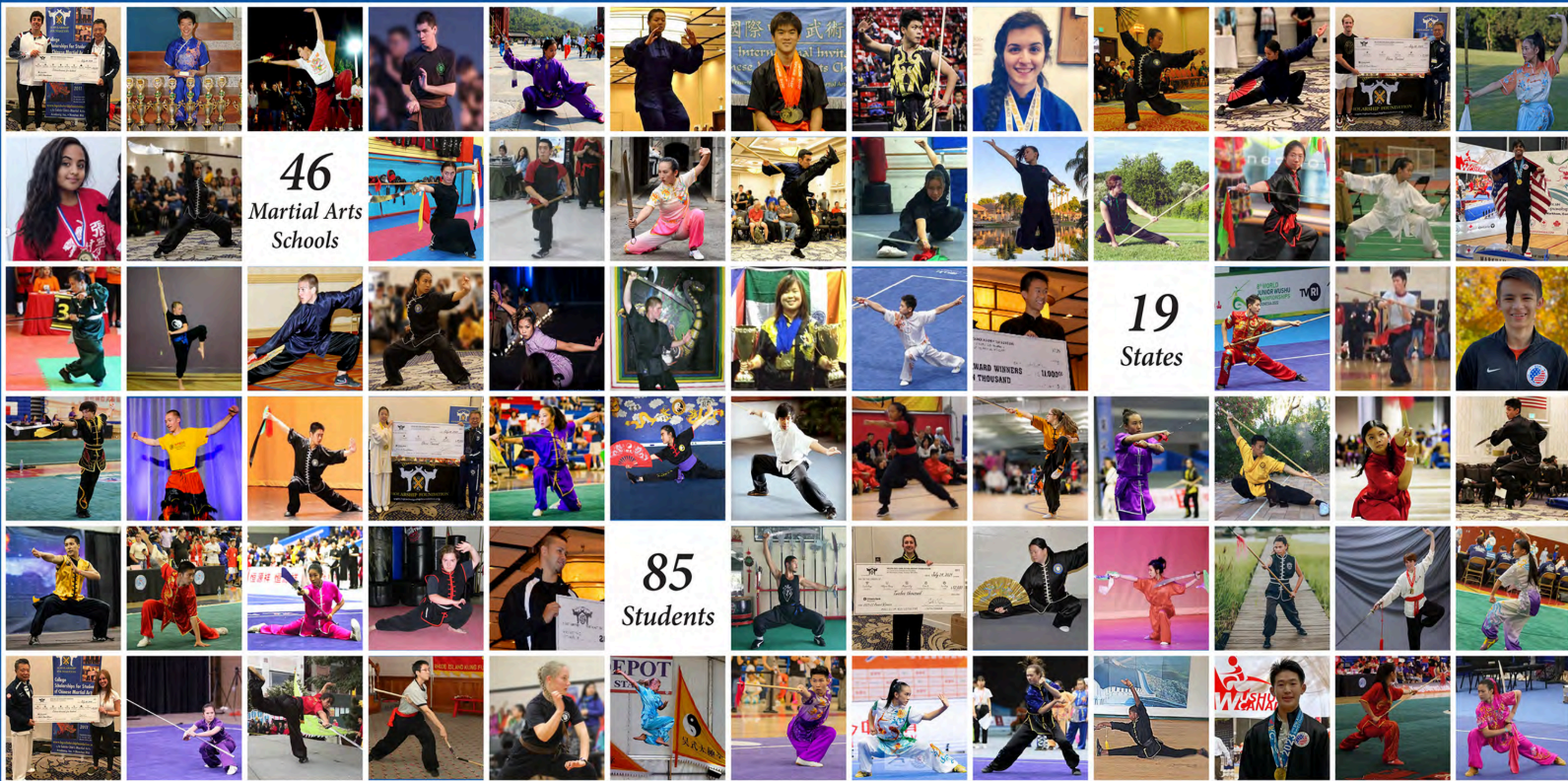
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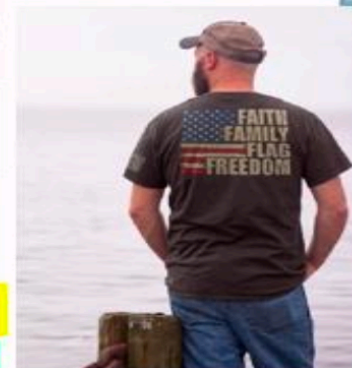




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## GRANDMASTER RICHARD LEE

We are profoundly saddened by the passing of Grandmaster Richard Lee, founder of the Bok Fu Do system and East West Kung Fu Schools.

Grandmaster Lee has long been a supporter of Kuo Shu and has stood as a pillar of wisdom and virtue. We thank him for his friendship and his generosity to the martial arts community.

Our deepest condolences to Grandmaster Lee's family, disciples, students, and the entire Bok Fu Do community.

### From the International Bok Fu Do website:

In his remarkable lifetime, Senior Grandmaster Lee combined a unique blend of top-level skills as a world class martial artist, travelling scholar, business genius, and master educator that he applied full force into the founding, development and ultimately worldwide success of his lifework, Bok Fu Do. Through his commitment to always strive for the best, his passion and care for wanting to help others, his gift of humor, and his larger-than-life, radiant spirit, Senior Grandmaster Lee left a deep imprint on the martial arts world that will live well beyond his lifetime. He is truly a living legend and has to be in the conversation as the GOAT (greatest of all time) in the history of martial arts.

The centerpiece of his systems success is the East West Kung Fu school in Alamo. The school and its over 50 year history has made Contra Costa County a focal point for Chinese martial arts in the world. Many times it has been stated by those that found this gem "who knew so much worldwide success has poured out of this little school in the back of a shopping plaza" (the Alamo school was located in the Alamo shopping plaza for thirty-four years before relocating across the street to its current location on Danville Blvd). The legacy Senior Grandmaster Lee began with the founding of East West Kung Fu schools in 1967 is now in the equally capable hands of his top student and successor, Grandmaster John Buckley, who works to continue the same high quality of training and uphold the same standard of excellence established by his teacher. In June of 2025, Senior Grandmaster Lee promoted Grandmaster Buckley to 10<sup>th</sup> degree black belt in Bok Fu Do, the highest rank in traditional martial arts.

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