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**Grandmaster Huang and the USKSF,**

**Congratulations on 37 years of the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament! Your hard work and determination to succeed is reflected through the many generations of students and the growth of the USKSF.**

**We are honored to be part of your journey to success over the last 37 years. Thank you for continuing to promote your events for many students and organizations to come together to exchange martial arts skills and ideas through friendly competition, fellowship, and the highest standards.**

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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 welcome you to the 2026 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament. This event, sanctioned by the World Kuo Shu Federation, sponsored by the United States Kuo Shu Federation, and co-sponsored by the International Contact Weapon Sport Federation (ICWSF), marks the 37th year of this world-class competition. As in previous years, we have once again hosted a national judge certification program to ensure the highest-quality experience for our competitors. I am truly grateful that so many continue to support and attend this event.

Last year's tournament served as a qualifying event for those seeking a place on the U.S. National Kuo Shu Team. Team USA traveled to Brazil to compete in the 8th World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament in October 2025. Congratulations to the competitors and coaches on earning the title of Tournament Grand Champion.

This year, we are proud to return to Baltimore, Maryland, where we have hosted this tournament for more than three decades. I thank Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott for the Certificate of Recognition, as well as Baltimore County Executive Katherine Klausmeier for the Executive Citation. We sincerely appreciate this recognition and support.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks go to all of you—international teams, competitors, referees, judges, volunteers, and spectators—for your steadfast support over the past 37 years. This tournament's continued success is made possible by your dedication. I wish you all the best of luck and thank you for your ongoing commitment to 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

Welcome to the 2026 U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament!

On behalf of the United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF), I would like to personally thank you for your continued support. We are excited to welcome you, our kung fu family, once again as we celebrate 37 years of promoting and preserving traditional Chinese martial arts.

Each year, preparation for the next tournament begins almost immediately after the previous one concludes. Following our final tournament meeting in August, we take a brief break in September before planning begins again in October. The driving force that keeps us motivated year after year is simple – YOU!

This year, I am especially excited to announce the return of the annual USKSF Hall of Fame Banquet! I hope all of you will join us on Sunday evening, following the tournament, to enjoy great food, entertainment, and time hanging out with your fellow martial artists!

Like many organizations, we have seen the landscape for live events change dramatically since COVID. While some of our methods and approaches have evolved to meet new challenges, our values, mission, and commitment to excellence remain stronger than ever. We continue to strive to make each year's tournament better than the last.

As many of you know, this tournament attracts some of the finest traditional Chinese martial artists from around the world. That level of excellence was recently reflected at the World Kuo Shu Federation's (TWKSF) 8th World Tournament in Brazil, where Team USA took home the gold trophy, the Huang Chien Liang Cup.

We were also proud to have several USKSF judges serve as TWKSF International Referees from the United States in Brazil. Their professionalism, expertise, and commitment to fair competition helped ensure a world-class experience for all involved. I would like to recognize and thank the following people: Aimee Buckley, Bobby Cusack, Eric Kolaczyk, Jason Field, Jenny Mitchell, Kimba Tieu, Mitch McKay, Meghan Mannion, and Sean Gray.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for making this event what it is today. Whether you are a competitor, coach, referee, volunteer, sponsor, instructor, family member, or spectator, you play an important part in the USKSF family. The USKSF tournament would not be possible without your support, dedication, and passion for traditional Chinese martial arts.

We look forward to seeing old friends, making new ones, and creating another memorable championship together.

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



# FROM THE BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR



BRANDON M. SCOTT  
MAYOR  
100 Holliday Street, Room 250  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202



July 24, 2026

On behalf of the people of Baltimore, I am delighted to welcome the members of the US Kuo Shu Federation to the city of Baltimore for your 37th Annual U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament.

This international convening will bring together martial arts competitors and supporters from all over the world to showcase the rich tradition and technical expertise of Chinese martial arts.

Thank you for choosing Baltimore for this year's championship tournament, and I invite you to explore our great city. From Baltimore's numerous waterfront attractions, outstanding restaurants, and fabulous shopping to our charming neighborhoods, historical sites, and world-class art museums, you'll find that our city has something for everyone.

Best wishes for a memorable 37<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament, and I look forward to welcoming you back soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon M. Scott".

Brandon M. Scott  
Mayor  
City of Baltimore

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# *Thank You*

## BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT



For your 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 here in Baltimore, Maryland.



# THE BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR - CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



CITY OF BALTIMORE

## *Certificate of Recognition*

*On behalf of the people of Baltimore, I am pleased  
to present this certificate to the*

### *US Kuo Shu Federation*

*in recognition of your hosting the 37th Annual  
U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament.  
You are to be commended for your ongoing efforts to share the  
rich traditions of Chinese martial arts while promoting  
friendship, physical fitness, peace, and good character through the  
guiding principles of Chinese Kuo Shu. On behalf of the  
people of Baltimore, I offer best wishes for a successful and  
impactful championship tournament!*



*July 24, 2026*

*Brandon M. Scott*  
Mayor



# CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANDMASTER HUANG, CHIEN-LIANG FROM MASSACHUSETTS' NORTHSORE MARTIAL ARTISTS



Left to Right: Sifu Larry Wong, Nam Pai Academy; Sifu Donald Wong, Qi Farm; Soke Paul Cervizzi, Cervizzi's Martial Arts Academy 5 locations (Headquarters North Reading, Andover, Lynnfield, North Andover, Winthrop)



Sifu Donald Wong and His Disciple, Bill Lewitt, Nurse Practitioner

FROM  
THE MASSACHUSETTS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE



**DONALD H. WONG**  
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July 10, 2026

Dear Grandmaster Huang Chien-Liang,

Thank you for the invitation to be part of this special event. It is an honor to join you,

Grandmaster Huang, and the many talented martial artists gathered here today.

Your vision of bringing together practitioners from different martial arts styles in a spirit of mutual respect and friendship is truly commendable. This event reminds us that while our traditions may differ, we can learn from one another and grow stronger together.

I congratulate you on your continued success and wish you many more years of inspiration and uniting the martial arts community.

Your friend,

State Representative

Donald H. Wong



**FROM  
THE USKSF GENERAL COUNSEL**

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July 25, 2026

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

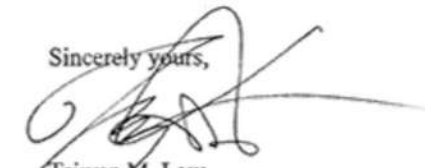
Dear Grandmaster Huang:

My sincere congratulations on the great success of the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship Tournament on July 25-27, 2026, in Baltimore, Maryland. Once again, you have exhibited a superb tournament of Kuo Shu with expert refereed competitions and participant credentialing. Under your leadership, the referees continue their commitment to upgrade their training to assure 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.

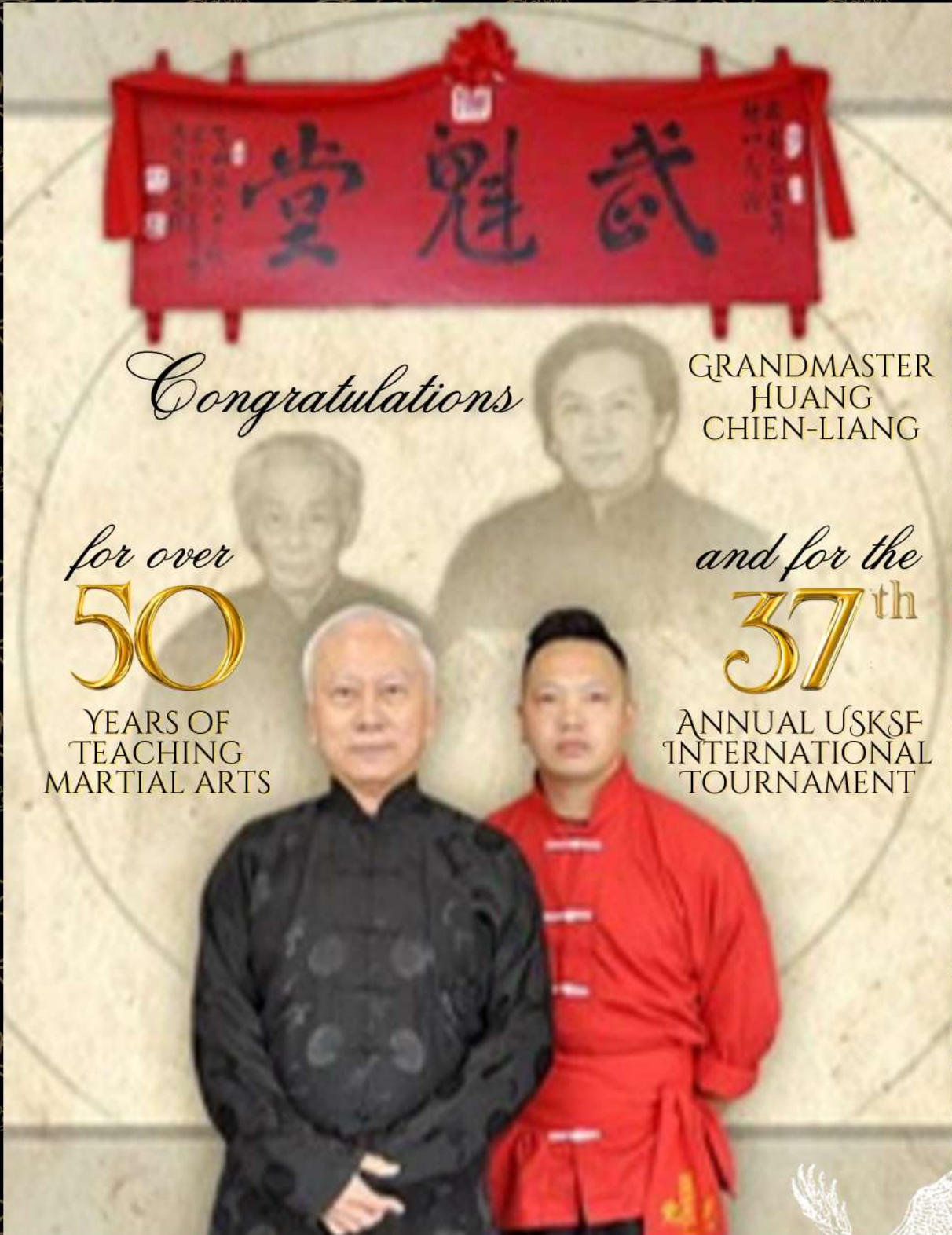
Sincerely yours,



Tsiwen M. Law  
USKSF General Counsel



THANK YOU LAO SHI YE AND SHI YE, FOR ALL YOU DO



*Congratulations*

GRANDMASTER  
HUANG  
CHIEN-LIANG

*for over*  
**50**  
YEARS OF  
TEACHING  
MARTIAL ARTS

*and for the*  
**37<sup>th</sup>**  
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# 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 8<sup>th</sup> World Championship Tournament in Brazil.



# 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, Grandmaster Kevin Preston - 2004

Grandmaster Wai Lun Choi - 2005

Master He, Wei Qi - 2006

Grandmaster Jiang Jing Sung Baek - 2007

Grandmaster Calvin Chin - 2009

Grandmaster 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 – 64<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Duan by TWKSF, 2004
- Certified 10<sup>th</sup> Duan by the World Traditional Martial Arts Union (WTMAU), 2005
- Certified 10<sup>th</sup> Duan by Federation International of Grandmaster, 2017
- Director & Chief Arbitrator – 7th World Kuo Shu Championship Tournament (Taiwan, ROC), 1992
- Sponsor - 6<sup>th</sup> 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 56 years and taught for more than 46 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 2<sup>nd</sup> World Kuo Shu Federation Tournament (Singapore, 2006) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> World Cup Chinese Kuo Shu Championship in Taiwan. In July 2018, as Chairman of TWKSF, he sponsored the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 63<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Tuan degree, the highest rank from TWKSF and was certified at the 10<sup>th</sup> 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. He has also received a Citation from Maryland Governor Wes Moore. 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.





## Master Michael Huang

**TWKSF Executive Vice President / Assistant to the USKSF President / USKSF General Manager**

Master Michael Huang is one of only three individuals in the world formally recognized by 64<sup>th</sup> Generation Tien Shan Pai Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang as a Master in Tien Shan Pai Kung Fu. As Grandmaster Huang's highest-ranking student, Master Huang holds an 8<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Sash through the International Tien Shan Pai Association and has dedicated more than four decades to the study, preservation, and promotion of Chinese martial arts. Master Huang began his martial arts studies at the age of three and has accumulated over 40 years of experience in Chinese martial arts. In addition to his extensive training in Tien Shan Pai, he has studied traditional and modern fighting methods, traditional weapons, Qi Gong, Nei Gong, Iron Palm, Grass Dragon Pole, and Qin Na. His studies have also included the internal arts of Tai Ji Quan, Xing Yi Quan, Ba Gua Zhang, and Daoist meditation.

He is an internationally certified TWKSF Level A Referee and holds a 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Sash under The World Kuo Shu Federation ranking system. His current rank is limited only by age requirements, as his accomplishments in competition, teaching, and the promoting of Chinese martial arts have earned him recognition as one of the organization's most accomplished practitioners. Throughout his competitive career, Master Huang has earned numerous first-place awards in empty-hand forms, weapon forms, two-person forms, light-contact sparring, and full-contact Lei Tai fighting at both national and international tournaments. His competitive accomplishments include:

- 2001 USKSF Adult Male Competitor of the Year
- 2010 USKSF Male Lei Tai Competitor of the Year
- Member of the U.S. National Team at the 2009 World Kuo Shu Championship in Germany
- Member of the U.S. National Team at the 2012 World Kuo Shu Championship in Malaysia
- 4th-place finisher in full-contact Lei Tai fighting at the 2009 World Championships
- Silver Medalist in full-contact Lei Tai fighting at the 2012 World Championships

Beyond his individual achievements, Master Huang has played a key role in Team USA's success, helping lead students to gold-medal performances at multiple World Kuo Shu Championships. With more than 30 years of teaching experience, Master Huang has devoted his career to developing the next generation of martial artists. As Master Instructor of the U.S. Kuo Shu Academy, he emphasizes technical excellence, discipline, character development, and leadership. His students have achieved success at every level of competition, including numerous national and world championships. However, Master Huang considers his greatest accomplishment to be helping students become successful leaders, professionals, and role models beyond the martial arts community.

In 2026, Master Huang reached a significant milestone in Tien Shan Pai's history by accepting his first group of disciples. Under the supervision of Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang, the ceremony helped ensure the preservation and continuation of the Tien Shan Pai lineage for future generations. Master Huang has distinguished himself as one of the foremost promoters of Chinese martial arts in the United States and internationally. He currently serves as President of the International Tien Shan Pai Association and as a member of both the USKSF and TWKSF Executive Committees. Through his leadership and organizational efforts, he has strengthened international cooperation among martial arts organizations and created opportunities for athletes, instructors, and schools worldwide. Most recently, he helped guide Team USA to an overall first-place finish at the 8th World Kuo Shu Tournament in Brazil.

Throughout his career, Master Huang has used martial arts as a platform to serve the community. He has participated in numerous demonstrations and charitable events that have raised funds and awareness for organizations, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, September 11 relief efforts, and many other charitable causes. In recognition of his contributions to Chinese martial arts and community service, Master Huang has received numerous citations and commendations from government officials and civic organizations.

In addition to his work as a martial artist, teacher, and leader, Master Huang has published the following books:

- Legend of Red Cloud
- Centuries Old Lost Secrets of Unleashing Your Full Potential
- Building Habits, Self Discipline, and Character Through Martial Arts

Through his accomplishments as a competitor, teacher, promoter, author, and philanthropist, Master Huang continues to advance the traditions of Chinese martial arts while inspiring future generations to pursue excellence both inside and outside the school.





## 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 the head of the Bok Fu Do System. He is the President of East West Kung Fu Schools and the International Bok Fu Do Association. In 2025, his teacher promoted him to 10<sup>th</sup> degree black belt in Bok Fu Do. This marked a first in Bok Fu Do history as Buckley is the only student Senior Grandmaster Lee ever promoted to the rank of 10<sup>th</sup> degree. Grandmaster Buckley considers it his greatest honor to carry on the legacy of his teacher and his life's work and passion, the Bok Fu Do system. Buckley has also studied Tien Shan Pai under Grandmaster Huang since 1992 and holds the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuan. Grandmaster Buckley was inducted into the prestigious USKSF Hall of Fame in 2011 and has served as the Vice President of the USKSF since 2011 as well. He is an 8<sup>th</sup> Tuan and an International 'A' referee through The World Kuoshu Federation. He has represented the United States in International

and World competitions including: The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> World Kuoshu Championships held in the Republic of China (1992 and 1996), 1st America's Cup in the United States (1991), the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Cup in Hong Kong (1991), Brazil (1995) and London (1996). Grandmaster Buckley is an eight-time United States team coach for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> TWKSF World Championships in Brazil (2003), Singapore (2006), Germany (2009), Malaysia (2012), Argentina (2015), United States (2018), Italy (2022) and Brazil (2025). 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 65<sup>th</sup> Generation Tien Shan Pai practitioner and a disciple of Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. He started training with Grandmaster Huang in 1989. Master Chisholm is a 6<sup>th</sup> degree Black Sash in Tien Shan Pai and a 6<sup>th</sup> degree Black Sash under the certification standards of The World Kuo Shu Federation as well as an international level A referee. Master Chisholm has served as Director and Assistant Director for USCKF and USKSF tournaments since 1999. He was formerly the USKSF Secretary General 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 years and was a member of the U.S. national team at the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> World Kuo Shu Championships held in Taiwan in 1992 and 1996. At these events, he won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals. Master Chisholm

medals. Master Chisholm received the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame's Outstanding Achievement of the Year award in 1992 following his first world championship title. He has also been awarded Kuo Shu Medals A and B by the International Chinese Kuo Shu Federation. Master Chisholm has competed and judged at events in the U.S., Europe, and Asia. He has also been a member of several Tien Shan Pai demonstration teams which raised funds for a variety of charitable organizations. Master Chisholm's efforts to promote Kuo Shu and Tien Shan Pai have been recognized by citations from Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger, Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich, Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley, and Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith, in addition to Inside Kung-Fu magazine and Action Martial Arts Magazine's Hall of Fame awards. His first book, Introduction to Tien Shan Pai, which he co-authored with Grandmaster Huang, was released by Turtle Press in 2012.





## Grandmaster Kevin Preston

### Chief Arbitrator, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Kevin Preston is an 8<sup>th</sup> Tuan Higher 4<sup>th</sup> Generation under the Late Buck Sam Kong in the Lum Jo Lineage, a 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (5<sup>th</sup> 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 Paulo, 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.



## Grandmaster Steve L. Martin

### Senior Advisor, United States Kuo Shu Federation

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

numerous articles published about him in "Wu-Lin" Martial Arts magazine in Taiwan. Additionally, Grandmaster Martin was appointed "Chi-Kung Councilor" by the Taichung County Chi-Kung Association of Taichung, Taiwan in 2005, and in 2008 he was officially proclaimed an "Honorary Citizen" of Taichung, Taiwan for his more than 40 years of dedication to his teacher and promotion of the culture and martial arts of Taiwan. Grandmaster Martin was inducted into The World Kuo Shu Federation Hall of Fame in 2018.





## Master John R. Green

### Secretary General, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Master John Green is a 65<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> TWKSF World Tournament in Ulm, Germany. Master Green was also Assistant Tournament Director for the 6<sup>th</sup> TWKSF World Championship Tournament in Maryland, USA in 2018. He is currently the Secretary General for the USKSF and also published the 40<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> World Kuo Shu World Tournament in Singapore in 2006 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Shi Fu Lee is a 65<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, United States Kuo Shu Federation

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 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black sash under Master Dunphy, and a 5<sup>th</sup> 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, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Dr. Philippe Thomas is a 65<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Black Sash in Tien Shan Pai and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, United States Kuo Shu Federation

Ms. Lumpkin is a 66<sup>th</sup> Generation student and one of the first disciples accepted by her teacher of Tien Shan Pai Master Michael Huang. She serves as Public Outreach Coordinator and co-director of the USKSF Hall of Fame for the United States Kuo Shu Federation. Since 2018, she has studied and taught internal martial arts at the U.S. Kuo Shu Academy in Maryland, competing successfully in national and international Chinese martial arts tournaments in Tai Chi, Xing Yi, and Pushing Hands. She assists with tournament operations, including vendor coordination, program development, transportation, and opening ceremony logistics. In recognition of her service, she received a citation from the Baltimore County Executive in 2021 and was honored as the USKSF Female Internal Competitor of the Year in 2024.



# Shi Fu Ken Saunders

Special Assistant to the USKSF President / USKSF Chief Coordinator



Shi Fu Saunders is a 65<sup>th</sup> 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 Xing Yi Quan under Grandmaster Huang for more than 32 years. Shi Fu Saunders holds the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Shi Fu Nam Phamdo

Executive Committee Member / Director of Technology / Director of Xing Yi Quan, United States Kuo Shu Federation

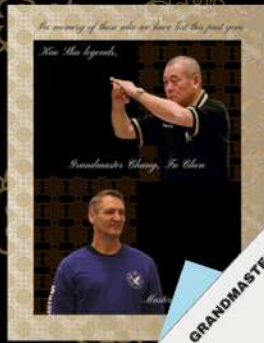
Shi Fu Phamdo is a 65<sup>th</sup> generation disciple of Tien Shan Pai Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. He has been studying directly under Grandmaster Huang and Master Michael Huang on a consistent basis since May 2010. His study includes the internal arts of Tai Ji Quan, Xing Yi Quan, Ba Gua Zhang and Daoist Meditation. Throughout the years, Shi Fu Phamdo has supported his teachers in various capacities. He has contributed to the USKSF as the Tournament Director (2022-2024), Executive Committee Member (2026-2030), Director of Technology, Director of Xing Yi Quan, volunteer, competitor, judge, and international referee. He has represented the United States of America as a competitor at the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> TWKSF World Tournaments -- earning a total of 10 gold medals and 6 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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Demonstration. In 2015, he served as the registration coordinator for the U.S. National Team at the 5<sup>th</sup> TWKSF World Tournament in Mendoza, Argentina. For his contributions to Kuo Shu, Shi Fu Phamdo has received citations from Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, U.S. Congressman C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin, Governor Larry Hogan, and TWKSF Chairman Huang, Chien-Liang. He is a certified Senior Instructor and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Sash (Internal) by the International Tien Shan Pai Association. He is also certified as a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Sash by The World Kuo Shu Federation.



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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** was a disciple of Grandmaster Dirceu Amaral Camargo and has devoted his life to the study and transmission of traditional Kung Fu in the Seven Star Praying Mantis system since 1980, accumulating more than 46 years of experience. He is the founder and director of TSKF – Academy of Martial Arts, an organization comprising five schools and serving over 500 students in Brazil. He was the organizer of the Brazil International Kung Fu Championship and has served continuously since 2004 as a referee and team leader at the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship. His professional activities include participation as an official and referee in major events sanctioned by the World Kuo Shu Federation, with assignments in Brazil, Singapore, Germany, and Argentina between 2003 and 2015. Master Gabriel Amorim is widely recognized as the traditional Kung Fu master with the largest digital presence in the world, bringing together more than 8 million followers and leveraging this reach to promote, at an international level, the ethical, philosophical, and technical foundations of authentic traditional Kung Fu. In addition to his work as a traditional Kung Fu master, Gabriel Amorim worked as a computer programmer and systems analyst from 1978 for over 25 years. Currently, alongside his work in traditional Kung Fu, he is an entrepreneur, the author of five books, a lecturer, and a scholar of human nature. In 2003 and 2004, he received formal recognition from the City of São Paulo for his contributions to martial arts education, cultural preservation, and sports development.

**Richard Benassi** My instruction was under Master Dunphy. I have judged open hand and weapons forms with a concentration in Yang Tai Chi.

**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** In the Year of the Wooden Monkey, under distant celestial emperors, a young seeker from the misty vales of Pennsylvania—once called North Wales in elder tongues—knelt at the gates of Wing Chun at the IEF Martial Arts Academy in the cycle known as 2004. Like Ng Mui beholding the crane vanquish the serpent, he entered the hall of centerline fury, training one full turning of seasons in the art of sticky hands and economical strikes. Then fate's winds carried him southward across great rivers to the thunderous realm of North Carolina. There, amid rolling hills that echoed dragon roars, he discovered Thundering Wave Kung Fu, where qi crashed like ocean tempests upon the shore of unyielding will. For several cycles he studied under Sifu Alex Hanning, master of southern fists whose lineage coiled back to shadowed Shaolin. The Sifu imparted secrets of bridge control and explosive coils. When the heavens decreed the master's ascent to the distant peaks of Washington—like ancient immortals retreating to mountain caves—the mantle passed in silence. The disciple became guardian: he led the Wing Chun class and guided Lai Tung Pai students through the sacred dance of chi sao, hands flowing like water around stone. In time, he completed the national judges' trials, earning the seal of impartial judgment. Later still, he attained the International Lai Tai Level B, forging his spirit in the crucible of higher coils. Thus the seeker became the keeper, bridging ancient Sil Lum to modern shores. As long as thunder rolls and fists coil inward before striking, the lineage endures—proof that the Way flows unbroken across oceans and years.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)



**Bobby Cusack** is a 1<sup>st</sup> generation disciple of Grandmaster Richard Lee and holds the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt in Bok-Fu-Do. He is a 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

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

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

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



**Janice Fitzsimmons** is a Richard Lee 1st Degree Black Belt – 2017; 1<sup>st</sup> Tuan (Black Sash) under The World Kuo Shu Federation – July 2017; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuan (Black Sash) under the World Kuo Shu Federation - July 2024. She represented the United States Kuoshu team in World Competition: 2012 – Malaysia 2015 – Argentina 2018 - USA: Member of the U.S. Team and represented the U.S. in Women's Straight Sword Division.



**John Gafos** is a 65<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> degree Black Sash in Tien Shan Pai and a 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuan and International Referee A through the World Kuo Shu Federation. She is currently a Deputy Referee General of the USKSF. She has represented the USA as a member of the lei tai team at two world tournaments (2006, 2009), winning first place at the 3<sup>rd</sup> TWKSF World Kuo Shu Championships in Germany in 2009. She has been serving as a TWKSF Referee since 2011 and Executive Referee since 2014 at national and international tournaments including the World Tournaments in Malaysia in 2012, Argentina in 2015, and Brazil in 2025. 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).

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> generation disciple of the WuDang LongMen school.

**Jason C. Harris** is a 65<sup>th</sup> generation student of Tien Shan Pai and a direct disciple of Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang. Harris is a senior instructor at the US Kuo Shu Academy in Owings Mills, Maryland. He holds the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Black Sash in Tien Shan Pai and 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Harris has served as the Deputy Director of Lei Tai and the Lei Tai Coordinator for the USKSF International Tournaments. He also is a certified TWKSF International Referee B, a certified National Judge A.





**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.

**Shelly Henriquez-Neill** is a dedicated internal arts practitioner and international referee B. She received her Tien Shan Pai internal arts black sash from Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang's U.S. Kuo Shu Academy in 2023, was a former student from 2009-2024 and taught during that time for 10 years. Shelly competed and medaled in internal arts forms and pushing hands events from 2011-2018 and in 2018 was honored to represent as part of the United States team at the 6th World Kuo Shu Federation Tournament. In that tournament, she was also part of the demonstration team featuring Grandmaster Huang, Chien-Liang's students. As a devoted member of the USKSF, Shelly spent years as part of the Federation's staff as tournament book coordinator and as an official served as assistant tournament director in 2022 and 2023. Shelly's passion for internal martial arts carries over into her work and she often uses references in the coaching and workshops she facilitates as an organizational development and culture consultant for her company, CenteredLead. She is also host of the podcast, Uncommon Minds where she highlights the work and lives of remarkable practitioners and professionals doing exemplary work for social good.

**Louis W. 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).



**Alexander King** was born in Washington, DC and began his study of Yang style Taiji Chuan in 1995. In the year 2000, Sifu Alexander King became a 19<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Duan ranking issued by the Chinese Wushu Association and is a member of the Chinese Folk Wushu Exchange Association. He established DragonGateD.C. School of Kung Fu and Taiji in 2010 and continues to teach youth and adult students.



**Eric Kolaczyk** has trained continuously in Asian martial arts for over 30 years, beginning with aikido in 1992 and then transitioning from that to the Chinese martial arts in 2005. Shi-Fu Kolaczyk 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.



**Timothy LaVallee** is the Sifu of Kung Fu and Tai Chi at Woo's Martial Arts in Belmont MA. He began learning Judo at the age of 12 and at 14 he began training in Shorin Ryu and Northern Mantis Kung Fu with Quai Wong Martial Arts System. In college he continued with Sifu Karl Scott in Lam family Hung Kuen, Northern Shaolin, and Tai Chi. At this time he also began learning Yang Family Tai Chi (YFTC) from GM Gabriel Chin. Since 2008 he has trained in Lam family Hung Kuen with Grand Master Winchell Woo (until his recent passing in February 2026) and Grand Master Yon Lee (until his passing in 2023); both were the senior disciples of GGM Tang Kwok Wah. Timothy is senior disciple and heir of GM Woo in Hung Kuen, Northern Shaolin, and the 5 Elements Tai Chi system, and was assistant to GM Lee at Harvard University for more than a decade. Timothy has continued his YFTC study since 2008 with GM Yon Lee, and currently with GM Zhantao Lin, and GM Don Ethan Miller (for 10+ years). He teaches YFTC under GM Lin's auspices. Timothy has judged tournaments in New England for many years and is a TWKSF certified level B Referee.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 is a certified international referee of the World Koushu Federation. He has met the standards and qualifications by ITPSA Ranking Committee and is recognized rights and privileges of certified instructor. Shi-Fu Kenny is an officer for the IFC Board and is responsible community outreach and growing the IFC organization. Prior to his training under the Tien Shen Pai system, Mr. Lew spent over 5 years practicing KENPO and kickboxing for Maximum Martial Arts. Shi-Fu Kenny has served various roles at the USKSF international tournament that includes communications director and head judge. Shi-Fu Kenny is also a certified judge specializing in external Kung Fu at USKSF International tournaments and the Legacy tournaments as well as World Koushu Federation certified international referee.

**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.



**Judie Martin** A student of Fukien White Crane Chinese martial arts, Master Judie Martin has studied directly under the tutelage of Grandmaster S. L. Martin since 1988. She was the outstanding female competitor for the International Federation of Chinese Martial Arts organization for 21 consecutive years and was the reigning top rated forms and weapons competitor in the United Martial Arts Referees Association sanctioned events from 1992 to 2008. Additional studies include Yang style Tai Chi Chuan, Southern Shaolin, Seven Star Praying Mantis and White Crane Chi Kung. Master Martin has also accompanied her teacher on nine trips to Taiwan, R.O.C. for personal study with White Crane grandmasters. She is also one of the leading talents on the prestigious Green Dragon Chinese martial arts school's international exhibition team. She is the director of the Green Dragon Exhibition Team, and a member and performer of the Taiwan Lion Dance team. Master Martin was appointed "martial arts coach" for the Taichung Tang Shou - Dao Shyue Dao Kwang Association, by Grandmaster Hung Wen Hsueh in July 2006. Master Martin is the Senior White Crane Disciple to Grandmaster S L Martin. In 2009, she received the United States Kuo Shu Federation Judge of the Year award and in 2011 was appointed Director of Light Contact and Southern Shaolin. In July 2017 Master Martin was inducted into the United States Kuo Shu Hall of Fame. A graduate of the College of New Jersey, formally Trenton State College, she is certified in elementary education, special education and preschool handicapped. She was a special education teacher for 35 years before retiring in 2020. She is the recipient of the NJ Governor's Teacher of the Year award for Bordentown 2013.



**Devlin McConagly** began his martial arts training at the age of 7 under the instruction Grand Master S.L. Martin in the study of Taiwan Chung Kuo Chuan Kuoshu and has over 25 years of active training in the art. Master Devin McConagly holds the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> 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' TWKSF referee and was honored in 2023 as the 'Judge of the Year'. He is the current South Region Director for USKSF, 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 1<sup>st</sup> generation disciple of Grandmaster Richard Lee and holds the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt in Bok-FuDo. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> generation disciple of Senior Grandmaster Richard Lee and holds the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt in Bokfudo. She is a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).



**Derek Nester** has been studying Lai Tung Pai Kung Fu with Master Chris Facente for over 20 years. Sifu Derek Nester 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 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt in Bok-Fu-Do. She is a 6<sup>th</sup> Tuan and an International 'A' referee through The World Kuoshu Federation. She has served as the TWKSF Secretary General since 2019 and USKSF West Regional Director since 2022. 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 1<sup>st</sup> in the full contact lei tai division at the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> TWKSF World Championships held in Brazil (2003), Singapore (2006), and Germany (2009). She is also a five time USA Team Coach for the World Championships in Malaysia (2012), Argentina (2015), United States (2018), Italy (2022) and Brazil (2025). For more information on Master Newman and the Bok-Fu-Do System visit our website at [www.bokfudo.com](http://www.bokfudo.com).



**Grandmaster Augustin Ngu** is a highly respected leader and teacher in the Chinese martial arts community of North America. He has more than 49 years of teaching experience and over sixty 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). 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 up his current school in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada in 1994. Grandmaster Ngu has many credentials. Currently, he holds the Grandmaster 10<sup>th</sup> degree as conferred by the World Kuo Shu Federation in 2018. He was conferred to 9<sup>th</sup> 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. In 2026, Grandmaster Ngu received the Silver Medal Lifetime Achievement Award. He is an International Certified Sanshou Judge Class A since 2001 under IWUF. He served as Assistant Chief Referee in the 2009 World Wushu Championships and Chief Referee in 2010. 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 in 2004. In 2004, With CC Liu's blessing, Shifu Nicholson became a 19<sup>th</sup> 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, Tongbei, and Wudang forms and weapons. In 2018, Terence won the 6th Annual World Kungfu Competition for Xingyiquan, held in Hunt Valley, MD. He is currently teaching in Baltimore, MD.

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



**John Ozuna** is a first generation disciple of Senior Grandmaster Richard Lee and is a Grandmaster Black Belt in Bok Fu Do with 45 years of experience. He is the owner KO Kung Fu - Karate in San Jose, CA since 1989. He is the Deputy Referee General of the TWKSF, an Executive Committee member with the USKSF, and the Executive Vice President of the International Bok Fu Do Association. He holds a 6<sup>th</sup> Tuan Red Sash and is an International Referee 'A' through the TWKSF. Grandmaster Ozuna has represented the United States in international and world competition in Spain at the European Cup in 1992, and at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Kuo Shu Championships in the R.O.C. in 1992. He is also a two-time Guinness World Record holder, for the Most Martial Arts Punches in 1 minute (713), and the Fastest Martial Arts Punch (43.3 MPH). Grandmaster Ozuna was inducted into the Kenpo International Hall of Fame in 2011 and the United States Kuo Shu Federation Hall of Fame in 2017. In 2010 he was the USKSF Judge of the Year.

**Jordan Paul** has trained Hao Family Plum Blossom Praying Mantis and Dachengquan with Grandmaster Wang Rengang since 2011 and taught at International Dachengdao for over ten years.





**Jeffrey Peezick** currently holds the rank of 4<sup>th</sup> degree Black Stipe in Yang Style Taiji Quan and 1<sup>st</sup> degree Black Stipe in Bagua Zhang/ Yin Fu. He 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. Sifu Peezick is a senior student at Siu Lum Martial Arts Academy, Havertown PA, where he teaches 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.



**Paul Ramos** began his martial art training in 1971 studying Shoryn Ryu Karate. By 1974 he added Olympic Swordplay and Tomiki Aikido to his training regimen. He was introduced to Tai Chi and Pushing Hands in 1979 and predominately trained in Shaolin Kung Fu, Tai Chi and swordplay for the next 14 years. During this time, he was 3-time Push Hands National Champion through the USCMA 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.

**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.



**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.



**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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** is a 66<sup>th</sup> Generation student of Tien Shan Pai and deeply honored to be amongst the first class of disciples accepted by her teacher, Master Michael Huang. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Black Sash through the International Tien Shan Pai Association and under the certification standards of The World Kuo Shu Federation (TWKSF), she is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuan and a registered International 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 a senior instructor at the US Kuo Shu Academy.





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

years, and was awarded the Kuo Shu Medal A for her dedication to the advancement of Kuo Shu. She has promoted and directed tournaments, fundraisers, seminars, and events for Richard Lee's East West Kung Fu since 1989, and is Ranking Committee member for the International Bok Fu Do Association.

**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. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her love of martial arts.



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



**Norman Smith** began his martial arts practice in 1966, training in Japanese Shotokan karate. In 1967 he studied the Korean art of Tae Kyun under Master Parks. After earning his 4<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, he trained under Master Jung Sa Lee and Master Hung in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido. While training in traditional sparring, he took his fighting into the full contact arena at age fifteen. In the early 70's he continued his studies in Los Angeles under Grandmaster Ark Y. Wong, learning Tiger-Crane (Five Pattern Fist), Mok-Gar and Village style Wing Chun, plus Wing Chun Kung Fu with Master Hawkins Chueng. In the late 70's he studied Tien Shan Pai and Tai Chi under G.M. Wily Lin. In the 1980's he continued his internal arts (Tai Chi) studies in the Yang, Wu, Sun and Chen styles. He now teaches traditional and contemporary Tai Chi, including weapons, forms and Push Hands, plus the health virtues of QiGong and the applications of Tai Chi Chuan. In 1989 he promoted the First Martial Arts Extravaganza at Temple University in Philadelphia, an all Kung Fu exhibition with top East Coast schools, sharing his dream of demonstrating martial arts for Racial Harmony. In 1995 he promoted the Second Martial Arts Extravaganza, a larger success with over 45 schools raising funds for the Philadelphia Mayor's Commission on Literacy before an audience of over 3,000. In 1996 he co-sponsored China's Wu Shu Team Tour from Beijing, bringing the Shaolin Temple Monks to perform. In 1997 he promoted Extravaganza III to benefit Women Organized Against Rape, with over 47 schools demonstrating their art. In 1998 he co-promoted and coached the Kung Fu team at the Comcast Best of the Best All Black Belt Competition with Pat Croce and the Philadelphia 76ers, featuring the Shaolin Monks of China. Master Smith now teaches at the Northern Shaolin Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy in Audubon, PA.

**Steven Smith** started his Martial Arts training at Mint Hill Kung Fu School under Sifu Chris Facente and Master Li Keung. Steve has also studied Judo and Qigong for health. Steve has taken full advantage of the opportunity to study with Grandmaster Kong Hoi in Hong Kong on two separate trips.

**Andrea So** has studied martial arts for over 20 years. She is 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Scott Squires** began his martial arts journey in the late 1900s. His preliminary experience included exposure to Kodokan Jujutsu and Seven Mountains Spirit Fist Kung Fu. When that school closed, Scott found his way to Siu Lum Pai Hung Gar. Responsibilities in life intervened, and took him in a different direction for a while. He found his way back to Siu Lum Pai Hung Gar, but having been bitten by the Southern Style bug, he finds his training time more focused on other Southern Styles these days.



**Gabrael StClair** is a senior apprentice of the International Double Dragon Alliance (DDA). Gabrael "Gabe" StClair travels regularly to Shanghai to train with Master Wang Ming Bo and both virtually and in person with Master Rose Oliver. As a Certified United States Kuo Shu Federation (USKSF) Level A National Judge, she judges at Carolina Association of Chinese Martial Arts (CACMA) and USKSF. Training Taiji and Qigong since 1998, she has competed at CACMA, USKSF, and "Taste of China" in Chen Taiji, WuHao Taiji, Old Yang Taiji, Taiji Weapons, Xing Yi Saber, and Push Hands. She teaches "Grandmaster Dong Bin's Old Style Yang Taiji," Xing Yi Saber, Push Hands, and Qigong in a Taiji Collaborative, Durham Tai Chi - Durham Double Dragon Alliance, partnering with East Cloud KungFu in Raleigh as well as leading private and group training with students in Durham. Website Durham TaiChi - DDDA



**Michael Steigerwald** Long-time student of Grandmaster S.L. Martin. Specializing in 7 Star Praying Mantis and Shaolin 5 Animal Boxing. Member of the Champion U.S. KuoShu team which competed in Milton Keynes, England. Notable prior wins include KuoShu Gold medals in Men's Southern Broadsword, Northern Kung Fu, Two-man weapons set, Men's Lei Tei (Heavy B) and multiple gold medal wins in Light Contact Sparring

**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) Italy (2022) and Brazil (2025).



**Dr. Gary S. Torres** is the most senior of Grandmaster Peter Kwok's students, serving as Director of Peter Kwok's Kung Fu Academy for over 7 years, and as Chief Instructor for another 7. Grandmaster Torres earned the ranking of 10<sup>th</sup> degree black belt. Dr. Torres is recognized by 10 different Who's Who and 8 Hall of Fames at the rank of Grandmaster. 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 61 years. He has been teaching for over 56 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 and internationally. He is a U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award GOLD recipient.

**Amy Tran** 8<sup>th</sup> Generation of the Wah Lum Tam Tui Northern Praying Mantis Kung Fu Style, has been practicing kung fu for more than 20 years. Sifu Amy Tran has been teaching for over 15 years under the instruction and guidance of Sifu Bob Rosen, Chief Instructor of the Wah Lum New England Headquarters and Sifu Mai Du, Chief Instructor of the Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy Malden-Quincy. She has competed locally, nationally and internationally winning gold medal in Hong Kong 2010.



**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 23 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. Grandmaster Rengang Wang 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 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 64<sup>th</sup> generation heir of Tien Shan Pai. On July 5, 1981, Mr. Ware became a 65<sup>th</sup> 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 became South Regional Director for the USKSF. Shi- Fu Ware has had students compete at all levels of Kung Fu and Tai Chi. In 1998 he trained his first of many Lei Tai competitors. In 2015, he was a National Team Coach in Mendoza, Argentina. Shi Fu Ware's students have competed in several World Cup Tournaments 2003, 2006, 2009, 2015 and 2018. Shi Fu Martin Ware has taught Kung Fu in elementary school programs since 2001.

**Kwokwai Wu** is a current student and assistant instructor of Grandmaster Augustin Ngu at the All Masters Martial Arts Centre located in Mississauga, ON, Canada. Kwokwai started training in Northern Shaolin Fist in 2007. Kwokwai has trained in various systems including: Tai Chi, Qigong, Wing Chun, White Crane, Tae Kwon Do, but has spent most of his time learning Cha Quan.



**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, Sifu Kiyoshi Yamamoto 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 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Jow Ga and 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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### **CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE MAILED.**

A team trophy will be awarded for first through third place in Lei Tai fighting and in advanced Youth/Adult, Form/Weapons divisions. For a division to qualify, it must contain competitors from three separate schools. The tournament committee reserves the right to combine or divide categories at any time.



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**Good luck and best wishes!**

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