

Shihan Tom Cleaver, 7th Dan
in Shorin-ryu Karate
Kokomo, IN



Martial Arts Experience

My interest in the martial arts was sparked by a home study book that my father bought in the late 60s and a book on Judo and Ju Jitsu by Ishi Black Copyright 1958. I started training in the martial arts in 1978 under Vonley Burgess (deceased). Style: Pai Lum Kung Fu. Mongoose Kung Fu. Attained 2nd degree black belt August 17, 1988.

- Promoted to Black Belt Shorin Ryu - 1st dan - 1983
- Attained 7th degree black belt in Shorin Ryu October 30, 2003 (from Dr. Jim Thomas - 9th dan)
- Attained 2nd dan Ju-Jitsu on January 27, 2001 (From Jake Allen - 10th dan)
- 2 American JuKiDo-Ryu National Championships 2006 17 time National Champion and winner of 13 Grand Championships in a row. 2006-07 Winner of 10 Grand Championships in a row 1998
- 8 Christian Black Belt Association National Championships
- 2 Time National triple crown winner
- USA Hall of Fame Master of the year 2002
- Member of World Christian Martial Arts Hall of Fame - Fighter of the Year 2000
- Action Martial Arts Magazine Hall of Fame 2001 - Outstanding Male Competitor of the Year
- USA Pankration Athlima Hall of Fame 2001
- Member of the Midwest Martial Arts Hall of Fame
- Member of the Midwest Martial Arts Alliance (Director for State of Indiana)
- Self Defense Instructor for YWCA for 5 years
- Taught at Cub Scouts Summer Camp for 3 years
- ABF Master Competitor of the Year 2001
- In 1983 was winner of 115 awards for kata, fighting and weapons.
- 1983 Member of PKA National Championship Team, Akron OH
Third Degree Shorin-Ryu (Kobashi) Aug.22 ,1990
USA Hall of Fame 2002 Instructor of the Year
- USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame 2003 Diamond Life Award 25-30 Years
- 2X World Champ (DLMA)
2007 ALLIANCE NATIONAL GRAND CHAMPION
2007 Alliance National Points Champion Black Belt Men

Past Member of:

United States Karate Association (USKA) 1983

USKK (United States Karate-Do Kai) 1988

PKA (Professional Karate Association)

PKC (Professional Karate Commission)

AKA (American Karate Association) 1983
AMTA (American Mid-West Taekwondo Association)
AAU 1981
IGOR 1998
American Butokukai Federation 1998

Current Member of:

American Jukido-Ryu Martial Arts Union 2006
USA Martial Arts Alliance (Indiana Rep.) (Life-time Member)
Kokusai Senshu Tokukai (International Champions of Virtue) 2006
United States Jiu Jitsu Alliance (Life-time Member)
Tang Shou Society (Empty Hand Society of Martial Artists)
Global Black Belt Society
International Combat Martial Arts Unions (Life Member)
Brotherhood of Martial Artists
American Budo Society (Life Member)

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