

# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and World Championship Weekend

July 22-25, 2004

Stardust Resort - Las Vegas, NV

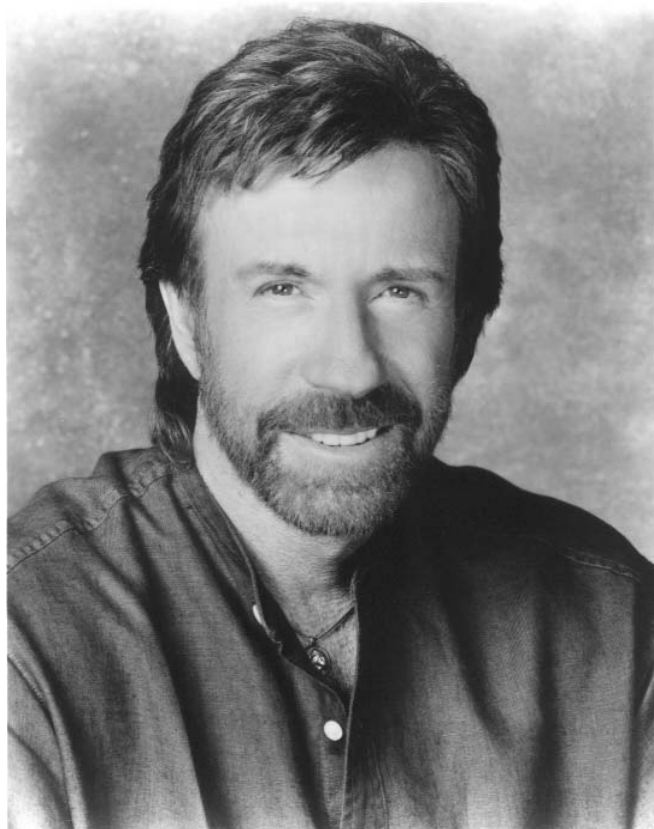


Dear UFAF:

This year is extra special for me both as a martial artist and personally. It has been 25 years since a few of my closest friends helped me start to realize a dream.

That dream was to have a martial arts organization and style that was not a bureaucratic or autocratic institution, but a "family." A family of brothers and sisters that shared a common set of standards, morals and ethics. A family of members that were more interested in what they could do for others through the martial arts and this organization than what the organization could do for them.

I am deeply honored and humbled to be associated with each of you. I want to personally thank you for being a part of this, our *25th Anniversary Celebration*, for without you there would be no UFAF.



Sincerely,

Chuck Norris

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Please join Mr. Norris in honoring the

## UNITED FIGHTING ARTS FEDERATION HALL OF FAME

### Charter Inductees

In recognition for their outstanding contribution to shaping the past, present, and future of  
the Chun Kuk Do system and the United Fighting Arts Federation  
July 24, 2004

Mr. Ken Gallacher  
Mr. Howard Jackson  
Mr. Tip Potter  
Mr. Chip Wright  
Mr. Bob Wall

## MR. KEN GALLACHER



Mr. Ken Gallacher began his training in the martial arts, Kung Fu, and boxing in 1967. After watching Chuck Norris put on a demonstration at his high school in Redondo Beach, he knew that Chuck Norris and his style of martial arts was for him.

For his birthday in 1974, Mr. Gallacher's wife (Marcia) signed him up to take karate lessons from Dick Douglas, who was a member of Chuck Norris' organization. In February 1977, received his black belt and opened a karate studio with his best friend, Doug Ingram. He would continue to operate karate studios on his own or with other black belts. While involved with Mr. Gemma, Mr. Matera, and Mr. York in the operation of a studio, they received UFAF's Studio of the Year award.

He currently teaches with his daughter and son, Mrs. Tara Bidwell and Mr. Kenny Gallacher, at Bidwell Karate. Mr. Gallacher has been the recipient of the *Wieland Norris Award*, inducted into the *International Karate Hall of Fame*, and listed in *Who's Who in Business and Finance*.

Mr. Gallacher serves on UFAF's board of directors as Executive Vice President and is the President and CEO of Gallacher Financial and the Great Basin Group. Along with his business partner, Terry Cochran, Mr. Gallacher has authored a number of articles on management and finance. He is an international speaker and trainer, and is very active in his church and the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Gallacher competed for six years taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in both fighting and forms in the Las Vegas Nationals, Las Vegas International Championships, USA Nationals, Las Vegas Invitational, and Mike Stone's Four Seasons Nationals.

His greatest joy is his wife, Marcia, and his children Tara, Kelli, Kenny, and Ryan, and his growing number of grandchildren (soon to be six).

## MR. HOWARD JACKSON



Howard Jackson is one of the greatest martial arts competitors of all time. He had a phenomenal winning streak as a tournament fighter, kickboxer, full contact karate fighter, and he even became a highly ranked boxer.

Mr. Jackson started his martial arts training in Kung Fu in 1967 and shortly thereafter switched to Tang Soo Do. In 1970 he tested for his 1st degree black belt under Grand Master Hwang Kee on the same day Mr. Chuck Norris tested for his 4th degree black belt.

Mr. Jackson discovered tournament karate while he was in the Marine Corps and stationed at Camp Pendleton. It was then that he began training with Chuck Norris and Bob Wall. As a competitor, Mr. Jackson was better known as the "California Flash." This was the result of his most outstanding attribute, initial speed and ability to "close the gap" on his opponents.

Mr. Jackson was the Grand Champion at the "Battle of Atlanta" in 1973 and 1974. He won Grand Champion at the Top Ten Nationals, the United States Championships in Dallas, and was listed as *Professional Karate Magazine's #1 Fighter*. He was inducted into the *Black Belt Hall of Fame as Fighter of the Year* in 1973.

Mr. Jackson became the only fighter in history to hold world titles in semi-contact karate, full contact karate, kickboxing, and boxing. Since retiring from the ring, Mr. Jackson has worked in personal security, in the movies, as a singer, and teaching karate as a studio owner and seminar leader.

## MR. TIP POTTER



Mr. Potter began his training as a young boy almost 5 years old. His dad hung a heavy bag and a speed bag in the basement for him to play with. Every day after he came home from work his dad would stand him on boxes so he could reach the speed bag. He would listen to the rhythm of the bag from upstairs. If I stopped, he would yell down, "What happened, you fall off the boxes?" As a result of this early training he picked up on hand speed, timing, and hitting hard.

His loyalty and support of Mr. Norris, Mr. Gallacher, and UFAF has never waned. It hasn't mattered whether times were smooth or rocky; he has always been there standing solid as a rock supporting the organization and its leaders.

During the past 35 years he has trained more than 70 students to the black belt level throughout the United States, Mexico, and Australia. Because he sees and understands the desire and potential of the martial artists in Mexico, he has spent the past 15 years nurturing and mentoring the black belts in Mexico in order to create a solid foundation so that UFAF can flourish in that region. He is among this organization's most respected and honorable leaders.

In 1999, he and his lovely wife Gretta toured the United States and Canada for Mr. Norris, teaching and visiting with CKD schools all along the way. Over the years he has been honored with UFAF's *Man of the Year*, *Studio of the Year*, *Extraordinary Service*, and *Wieland Norris awards*.

Even though he makes his living teaching karate, money is not his driving force; it is his overwhelming desire to help people. He truly believes that no matter what the need or challenge, martial arts can better prepare the individual to meet and overcome life's most difficult challenges.

## MR. CHIP WRIGHT



Chip Wright has been described as "the most versatile fighter in modern times." Wherever Mr. Wright fights, audiences gather just to see what weapons will come from his incredible arsenal.

He has been described by his opponents as: a hard hitter, an incredible kicker, a gentleman, and a force to be dealt with. One opponent was even heard to say, "That was the most interesting experience of my life!"

Mr. Wright began his study of karate under Bob Barrow and went on to become the #1 ranked red belt in the country. He earned his 1st degree black belt in 1977 and attended the first convention at Torrence, California in 1979. In 1983 he purchased Mr. Barrow's karate studio in Medford, Oregon, and *Chip Wright's Championship Karate* was born.

From 1984-2001 Mr. Wright was sparring Grand Champion 14 times and even once took Grand Champion in forms. In 1984, 1986, and 1987 he was the Open United States Sport Karate Light-Heavyweight Champion. He was a member of the first Professional Sport Karate Team, Trans World Oil, from 1986-1991. In 1986 he was a US Team competitor in Sun City, South Africa and in 1988 he was a member of the first US Karate team to travel to Russia. He was a coach in the Sister City Junior Olympics in Milano, Italy in 1990 and a coach/competitor in Glasgow, Scotland in 1991, and again in Krem, Australia in 1993.

Karate Illustrated rated Mr. Wright one of the top ten fighters of the 1980's. In 1991 he was inducted into the Karate Illustrated Black Belt Hall of Fame. Mr. Wright has been the stunt double for Mr. Norris on the Walker Texas Ranger television series, and in the movies Sidekicks, Top Dog, and Forrest Warrior.

Mr. Wright's favorite activity is to spend time with his wife Jakki and their two children, Chris and Angie.

## MR. BOB WALL



Bob Wall has had one of the most distinguished martial arts careers in the industry. Mr. Wall attributes his success to his mother, Reva, and his wife Lillian. He is the father of two daughters, Shanna and Kara, both of whom are in the martial arts.

He was born and raised in San Jose, California. He began wrestling in high school and then earned a black belt in Judo while attending San Jose State College. After college he moved to Los Angeles and began studying Okinawa-te.

After earning his black belt he linked up with the legendary Chuck Norris. From 1965-1972 he and Mr. Norris built one of the most successful karate school chains in US history.

Mr. Wall took 1st or 2nd in every major karate tournament that he entered including, a World Championship Title, the Internationals, The US Championships, and the Tournament of Champions. He was also a member of the legendary team of Chuck Norris, Mike Stone, Joe Lewis, and Skipper Mullins that swept the world's professional titles in 1970, 1971, and 1972.

Mr. Wall went on to distinguish himself as an instructor, referee, author, action star, tournament promoter, and as an executive both in and out of the martial arts world. He has been inducted into the *Professional Karate Hall of Fame*, *Who's Who in California*, and was *Man of the Year* for the Tarzana, California Chamber of Commerce. In January 2000, he became a founding member, president, and CEO of World Black Belt, Inc.

## 25th Anniversary Celebration Event Schedule

### Thursday July 22nd

#### Check-in

8:00am - 9:00am CKD School Owners and Business Staff Only Check-in  
 11:00am - 1:00pm Black Belt Instructor Development Series Check-in  
 1:00pm - 4:30pm General Check-in

#### UFAF Professional Development Series - Pavilion

9:00am - 10:00am Pat Hensley - Pro Shop 101  
 10:00am - 11:00am Eric Hensley - Easy Enrollments  
 11:00am - 12Noon Stephen Hammersley - Rotating Curriculum  
 12Noon - 12:30pm Steve Nelson - All points update  
 12:30pm - 1:00 pm Lunch

#### UFAF Instructor Development Series - Pavilion

1:00pm - 2:45pm Stephen Hammersley & Robert Sapp  
 "My Karate Class is a Blast!"  
 2:45pm - 4:00pm Ed Saenz - The Essence of Teaching  
 4:00pm - 4:30pm Martial Arts Drill-a-thon!  
 6:00pm - 9:00pm Reception (nice casual) - Ballroom

### Friday July 23rd

7:00am - 8:00am Late Check In (Registration Desk)  
 8:00am - 8:30am (warm-up) Steve Nelson - Pavilion  
 8:30am - 10:30am  
     Red & Black Belts Howard Jackson - Pavilion  
     Adult Blue & Green Belts Tommy Crouch - Ballroom/Salon  
     Adult White - Orange Belts Reggie Cochran - Ballroom/Salon  
     12 and under White - Blue Belts Noah Hewitt - Ballroom/Salon  
     12 and under Green - Black Belts Aaron Hensley - Ballroom/Salon  
 10:30am - 12:30pm  
     Red & Black Belts Ed Saenz - Pavilion  
     Adult Blue & Green Belts John Kurek - Ballroom/Salon  
     Adult White - Orange Belts Steve Hammersley - Ballroom/Salon  
     12 and under White - Blue Belts Robert Sapp - Ballroom/Salon  
     12 and under Green - Black Belts Derek Stinson - Ballroom/Salon  
 12:30pm - 1:15pm Lunch - Pavilion  
 1:15pm - 1:30pm Chip Wright School Demo - Pavilion  
 1:30pm - ? Kata Competition - Pavilion

**Saturday July 24th**

8:00am - 8:30am (warm-up)

Steve Nelson - Pavilion

8:30am - 10:30am

Red &amp; Black Belts

Chip Wright - Pavilion

Adult Blue &amp; Green Belts

Van Frasher - Ballroom/Salon

Adult White - Orange Belts

Chuck Elias - Ballroom/Salon

12 and under White- Blue Belts

Shantell Adams - Ballroom/Salon

12 and under Green- Black Belts

Steve Brown - Ballroom or Salon

10:30am - 12:30pm

Red &amp; Black Belts

Joe Gemma - Pavilion

Adult Blue &amp; Green Belts

Clayton Ferguson - Ballroom/Salon

Adult White - Orange Belts

Gilbert Hamilton - Ballroom/Salon

12 and under White - Blue Belts

Josh Wilcox - Ballroom/Salon

12 and under Green - Black Belts

Nicholas Sheats - Ballroom/Salon

12:30pm - 1:15pm

Lunch - Pavilion

1:15pm - 1:30pm

Kickstart Demo - Pavilion

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Team Fighting Competition - Pavilion

6:00pm - AWARDS BANQUET (Black Belt Dress Uniform - blue blazer, gray slacks or skirt; Students/others - nice dress)

6:00pm - Doors open

6:30pm - ???

Comedian Bubba Bechtol, dinner, awards, dancing and a live band!

**Sunday July 25th**

8:00am - 8:30am

Individual photos (First time attending first degree black belts and recently promoted 5th degree black belts only)

8:30am - 10:00am

Group Rank/Region Photos

10:30am - ?

Fighting Competition

## Special Individual Recognitions

The United Fighting Arts Federation has progressed steadily over the past 25 years. Our founder Mr. Chuck Norris along with his Executive Board of Directors, Advisory Board, and Regional Chairs recognize that this success could not have been possible without the dedication and support of the membership. For that we say THANK YOU!

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary since being formally organized, UFAF would like to give special thanks to some of its outstanding members who have made sometimes quiet, yet extremely significant contributions to the growth, success, and quality of the organization over the years.

### Region 1



Terry Cochran began her martial arts training in Texas in the rough and tumble 70's. She is one of the very few women to obtain a black belt in Texas Karate during that time. Terry joined UFAF in 1985 and attained her Chun Kuk Do black belt in 1986.

Mrs. Cochran has spent the last 16+ years performing many administrative duties for Mr. Gallacher and the Board of Directors. Most of you are probably familiar with her taking charge of the convention auction and organizing the group photographs.

Mrs. Cochran is very successful as an insurance manager. She is continually ranked the number one or number two manager for her level in the world. She is always in demand as a trainer and is currently writing a book on the basics of financial planning with the Million Dollar Man, Ted DiBiase.

*Regional Chair Mr. Reggie Cochran*

**Mrs. Terry Cochran**



## Region 2



**Mr. John York**

Mr. John York began his martial arts career in the late 1970's under Mr. Ken Gallacher in a small backyard studio. Mr. York continued his training, obtaining his 1st degree black belt (# 384) in 1981.

In 1984 Mr. York helped found one of the first commercial CKD studios in Las Vegas - the *Karate GGYM*. Mr. York was part of the *Karate GGYM* when it received the award for Studio of The Year just shortly after it opened. Mr. York has been an instructor to many of the higher ranking black belts in region 2. Mr. York was an assistant instructor to Mr. Gallacher for 10 years.

Mr. York has advanced in rank, culminating in his promotion to 4th degree black belt in 2003 at the age of 53. He is currently a member of the Region 2 Board and an incredible asset to everyone in Region 2.

*Regional Chair Mr. Joe Gemma*

## Region 3



**Ms. Jeannie Newfield**

Jeannie Newfield, 3rd degree black belt, has been a major help in running Mr. Wright's school. Her motto is "Laugh often, give it your all."

She teaches classes, and never, ever says no to taking on more classes and assisting whenever she is called upon, whether it's the adult or youth curriculum, or a special seminar.

Ms. Newfield and her family operate a vitamin/herb store in Ashland Oregon and she is an expert on the subject. It's common for a bundle to appear in the instructors' mailboxes from her, containing potions and supplements to ease our physical woes.

Ms. Newfield has been an athlete all her life, and is very active in her church as well. Her son Blaine, is on active duty in the Navy. On his return from Iraq, she flew out to meet him in Hawaii and came in on his aircraft carrier, to show her love of her son and to support her country and president.

Asked if she could sum up what carries her she said, "Stop telling God how big your storm is. Instead tell the storm how big your God is."

*Regional Chair Ms. Diane Huntemann*

## Region 4



**Mr. John Comito**

John Comito holds a master rank in our system, and his dedication to UFAF is a big part of the reason we are as strong as we are.

In years past Mr. Comito was the editor and publisher of *The Octagon*, where he kept everybody informed about UFAF functions that were happening world wide. Mr. Comito has frequently served as official event photographer for UFAF's annual conventions. In fact, we'll be seeing him in this role again this year. His skill and artistic ability as a photographer are amazing, as we saw at last year's awards dinner in his photo-essay from Afghanistan."

Being the unselfish person that he is, Mr. Comito unselfishly sacrifices his time and services to serve in the United States Army Special Forces.

Mr. Comito spent a year in Afghanistan fighting for our country, and for freedom in the world. While in Afghanistan, Mr. Comito gave his down time to spreading the word of Chun Kuk Do to the children of Afghanistan where he held Chun Kuk Do classes for the kids.

Mr. Comito has dedicated the last several years to Mr. Norris' *KickStart Foundation*, where on a daily basis he is building strong moral character in our youth through Chun Kuk Do.

**Regional Chair Mr. John Kurek**

## Region 5



**Mr. Jorge Alonzo**

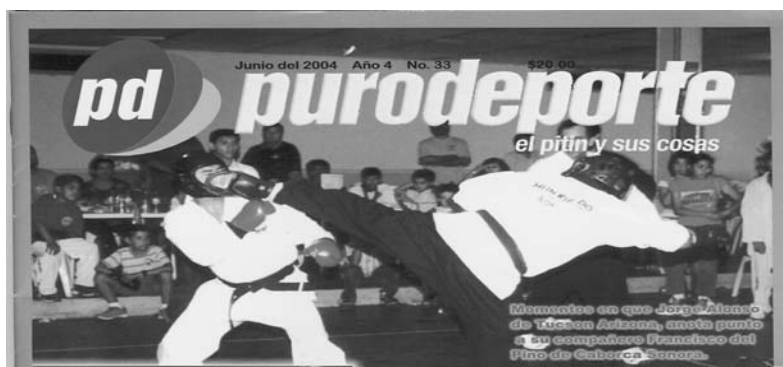
Like most regions we have many unsung heroes. Male or female they are totally dedicated to UFAF.

To select one was very difficult. I have selected a man we've known for a dozen or more years. He and his brother are great competitors. In fact Since 1995 he has won 74 first places, 52 seconds, 20 thirds, and 54 Grand Championships!

Even more importantly he served UFAF as an interpreter when Gretta and I were in Mexico. He has been a key person on Arizona's southern border, promoting UFAF throughout Region 5 both in the US and Mexico.

On this occasion we would like to honor our newest regional board member, Mr. Jorge Alonzo.

**Regional Chair Mr. Tip Potter**



## Region 6



**Ms. Halina Modelski**

Halina Modelski came to the United States from Poland in 1967, and settled in Connecticut. She began her martial arts training with her son and daughter in August of 1984, at the age of 32.

Her first instructor was Dennis Sullivan teaching Tang Soo Do in Naugatuck, Connecticut. She found the Chuck Norris System, as Chun Kuk Do was then called, in 1987, and continued to train until earning her 1st degree black belt in 1990.

Shortly thereafter the Giroux brothers took over the studio. They allowed Ms. Modelski to help run the school and to teach in their absence while they were away in college. In addition to earning her 5th degree in CKD, Ms. Modelski has earned rank in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu under the Machado brothers, Aiki-Jujitsu, Tank Soo Do, and Kun Tao.

In April 1996 she moved to Virginia where she and a partner started *Chandler Martial Arts* that same year. She is now the sole owner and has changed the name to *Champion Martial Arts*. Ms. Modelski's school has turned out 19 black belts, and counting!

Her athletic abilities are not limited to martial arts. Ms. Modelski is an avid bicyclist and runner as demonstrated by her October 2000 running of the Marine Corps Marathon with an awesome time of 5 hours and 12 minutes.

*Regional Chair Mr. Clayton Ferguson*

## Region 7



**Mrs. Erin Hammersley**

I was asked to name a black belt in our region that has been an inspiration, a quiet leader, and a person that is dedicated in an unselfish way to helping our martial arts system grow. Someone who has made a difference in some meaningful way without drawing attention to themselves.

I found this very difficult, because we have so many great leaders in our region that are always doing something to help or better the students, schools and our beloved martial arts system. I toiled over this for months for I know that this is a great honor and I felt responsible to choose the right person. I turned my attention to the CKD video filming at my school, This was a major undertaking for all that were involved. Days and days, hours and hours of many people's dedication to completing a huge project that was to turn out to be a video series second to none, and a resource for all CKD students to grow from.

Behind the scenes there were people to be picked up and dropped off at the airport, hotel arrangements, setting up to film, and tearing down to have class that day. We sometimes filmed late into the night and the next morning while trying to make sure we all had something to eat. It was one of the best times and most exhausting experiences that I have ever had and I wouldn't trade it for all the coffee in Columbia.

Then I started wondering how it was all possible to have been done at my school? I was running around with only one thing on my mind: getting the project done and everyone home on time. I didn't have to watch my two young children or feed the dog. I got home one night after filming around 3:00am! Whenever we needed something we would always rely on one person the most to get it done. It was one of those times where when we needed it, we needed it now! And whatever it takes, just get it! Just find it! Just cover it! Can you pick this up? Can you drop this off? Can you do this or that...? There was someone behind the scenes who was always ready to serve with no complaints. Someone who worked hard, gave her all, and never wavered from the task at hand. Someone I also love very much - 2nd degree black belt, Mrs. Erin Hammersley.

*Regional Chair Mr. Stephen Hammersley*

## Region 8



**Mr. Jacob Sherman**

Jacob Sherman is a 2nd degree black belt in Chun Kuk Do, a longstanding student of Mr. Presti, and instructor at *Presti's School of Karate*.

Mr. Sherman played a key role in bringing back Presti Karate's "Kids Only Tournament" and also incorporated a KickStart Fundraiser.

When John Presti became the organizer of the annual UFAF convention, the first year there was no budget for a awards dinner member gift for Saturday night. On the Thursday before the convention Mr. Gallacher found the funds and informed Mr. Presti, who in turn called upon Mr. Sherman for his help. Without hesitation Mr. Sherman designed and ordered stress balls for the banquet gift and made sure they had arrived on time.

Mr. Sherman has also created T-shirts and other items for past conventions.

Mr. Sherman is married and has two children. He has a full time job, and also teaches karate. But when it comes to UFAF, without a blink of an eye, he is there to help in any way he can to get the job done.

*Regional Chair Mr. John Presti*

## Region 9



**Mr. David Gamble**

David Gamble has been learning and teaching at *Shadow Mountain Karate* for 12 years. It's just a small school, but under his leadership it has begun to become something much more.

More than just a school he is making it into a community by getting the parents involved with helping their kids stay focused on karate outside of class, and by integrating our small martial arts community with a large church that has been gracious enough to allow Shadow Mountain to hold classes on their property.

Along with teaching the techniques of Chun Kuk Do, the instructors of Shadow Mountain Karate also rotate teaching devotionals to the class from the Word of God, using the life and example of Jesus Christ to show the students what they should strive to become.

Teaching CKD under the UFAF banner, and using the examples of men like Chuck Norris and regional chair Mr. Javier Garcia, allows Mr. Gamble to give all his students the tools needed to become devoted individuals who exude discipline, integrity, loyalty, and respect in every aspect of their lives.

Mr. Gamble has been the head instructor at Shadow Mountain Karate for 2 years and for all that time he and his assistant instructors have upheld the school's long time tradition of volunteering their time with no financial gain in return - simply content with the knowledge that they are helping shape tomorrow's leaders.

*Regional Chair Mr. Javier Garcia*

## Region 10



**Mr. Rodolfo Varela  
Sr.**

Mr. Rodolfo Varela Sr. has been in the martial arts for many years. He has always tried to promote the martial arts and to bring Chun Kuk Do schools together so that they all have a better relationship, and will know and learn from each other.

He has brought individuals and schools together as friends and has fostered genuine camaraderie, keeping them informed of all the changes around the organization. These are some of the many reasons we look forward to honoring him on this occasion.

Mr. Varela has been training in the martial arts for the past 30 years, and is still training to prepare for his next test, even though he is 64 years young. He has vitality, perseverance, and discipline that many younger people would like to have!

*Regional Chair Mr. Rodolfo Varela, Jr.*

## Region 11



**Mr. Tony Benton**

Tony Benton began training with Mr. Chuck Elias in 1992 and attained his 1st degree black belt in July of 1998.

In July of 2000, Mr. Benton's wife Gail (a CKD red belt) accepted a position with the United States government to work in Japan, so the family moved, and in December of 2000, Mr. Benton officially began teaching Chun Kuk Do in Sasebo, Japan! In just a short period of time, Mr. Benton has promoted three students to CKD black belt rank, and has personally been promoted to 2nd degree. His daughter Ashley has also attained a 1st degree black belt in Chun Kuk Do.

The Benton's have traveled from Japan to attend the past four UFAF conventions in a row! Mr. Benton has made an incredible impact on the history of Chun Kuk Do and UFAF by introducing them to a new audience around the world. Despite communicating with UFAF from half way around the world, Mr. Benton has always ensured that his students are among the best informed and up to date anywhere.

At this time the Benton's are scheduled to return to the United States in August of 2005.

*Regional Chair Mr. Reggie Cochran*

## Region 12



**Mr. Rafael Cervantes Villanueva**

Rafael Cervantes Villanueva has been studying martial arts for 22 years. He began to learn Tang Soo Do with Víctor López in 1984, and is currently is a 3rd degree black belt in CKD.

His three sons are also CKD black belts. Mr. Cervantes has also earned a 1st degree in Tae Kwon Do and a 3rd degree in Tang Soo Do.

He is the black belt coordinator in UFAF Region 12, and gives instruction to red belts training to become C KD black belts every year.

For more than six years he has instructed at "Heróico Colegio Militar", Mexico's equivalent to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, spreading the CKD system throughout Mexico and graduating eleven CKD black belts.

His humility, loyalty, honesty, and a very positive mental attitude make him one of the best martial artists in Region 12 (México City).

*Regional Chair Mr. Victor Lopez*