

Mr. Fredric Absher's Accomplishments in Martial Arts

Mr. Frederic Absher began his martial study in 1960. His initial training was in Kempo Karate under Sensei Joseph (Jack) Gorick in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Absher attended the Army Corps of Engineers School in Ft. Belvoir, VA where he began the study of Judo. His subsequent transfer to Europe with the US Army provided Mr. Absher the opportunity to study Karate and Tae Kwon Do. He received his first Black Belt award from the USAFE Karate Do Club in 1964. He later received his 1st Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do from the Tae Kwon Do Association of Seoul, Korea in 1966. He opened his first Karate school shortly after in Las Cruces, NM. Today this organization has many clubs located primarily in the western United States and even some representatives in foreign countries.

Between 1960 and 1974 Mr. Absher maintained an active competitive Martial Arts career, participated as a judge, and organized Martial Arts competitions. During Mr. Absher's competitive career, he won state, regional and national championships.

In 1973, when he was named Captain of the United States team to the First World Tae Kwon Do Championships in Seoul, Korea. Team USA were the Silver Medalists at that competition and Mr. Absher was undefeated in his matches. Additional background information is available at the Tae Kwon Do Hall of Fame.

In 1975 Mr. Absher was named Chief Instructor for the International Kojosho Karate Federation. He has been the State Director for AAU Karate and the New Mexico Karate Association, President of the New Mexico Karate Black Belt Association, and was the Regional Director for the United States Karate Alliance. Mr. Absher has developed curriculum for and instructed at St. Johns College, The University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University. He has authored and co-authored several books and articles about the Martial Arts and the Kojosho System.

Mr. Absher's Kyu Dan, 9th Degree Black Belt, is certified by the Zen Bei Butokukai (Hanshi Richard Kim) and the United States Karate Alliance Hanshi (James Hawkes). He also holds a 4th Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo which was awarded to him by Master Kim Chong Soo in August of 1973.