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A LIFETIME OF DEDICATION:

IN FRONT OF THE CLASS, BEHIND THE CAMERA & BEHIND THE SCENES

NOW YOU WILL KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY

BY JOE CORLEY, FOUNDER OF THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA

The preparation began in earnest January 1 for what would be the Battle of Atlanta Gold Anniversary celebration June 15, and it was staring us down.

Like so many Battles of Atlanta before, this 50th one swept over us like a tidal wave, and only now have I been able to take the time to reflect.

Following some challenging work on the heavy bag this week, my thoughts started coming together:

Reflections: My birthday is coming in February and I feel like I will be turning 40 :-), and as I look forward to the second half of my life, this would be a great time, I surmised, to reflect on what had happened in those first 5 BATTLE OF ATLANTA decades and 4.4 decades of PKA, of my 40 years.

Reflections: Where and how had it all started, this BATTLE OF ATLANTA? Who were the key influencers in what happened?

For the Gathering of World Changers Bill Wallace, Jeff Smith and the Joe Lewis Fighting System had nominated 160 of the top fighters of the BATTLE OF ATLANTA and PKA along with other incredible people who had supported the greatest champions, the most prominent leaders and the hardest working organizers in the growth of the sport itself. All of these were people that Joe Lewis either did know and respect deeply or that he would have held in the highest esteem.

Respect from Joe Lewis was not lightly given, and it was with that in mind that the Joe Lewis Fighting System, by way of GM Smith and GM Wallace--his original champions-in-arms-- made their choices.

Although I am given credit for my, let's be honest -- stubborn persistence -- there were several very key influencers who Provided fuel for that stubbornness, who provided the right spark at the right time that persistence could hold on to and stubbornness would bring to light.

Joe Lewis himself lit up every ring that he entered, and it is correct to say that he came from a mold of one. As I have written in other places, his charisma, his unique focus and his incredible physical abilities combined to influence millions of people around this globe. I flew to LA to personally invite him to compete at the first Battle of Atlanta, and he came in and set Atlanta on fire as he won the very first Battle of Atlanta Grand Championship—a key influence for us to carry on.

As momentous as Joe Lewis' first Southeast victory was at the time, we continued the BATTLE OF ATLANTA for the next two years at the Oglethorpe College gymnasium, and it was during that time I took Chuck Norris up on his offer to visit Los Angeles to train with him and his great black belts. It was there that my story and the Battle of Atlanta story took a turn...

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MY JOURNEY WITH PAT

Chuck [Norris] had just started his acting career and was busy when I arrived in LA, and he handed me off to his capable chief of staff Pat Johnson.

I was a Dad-deprived boy, having lost my father at age 10 to lung cancer. He had taught me to box and play baseball, and I would later realize that my attraction to martial arts was a search for a discipline to replace the dad I had lost. My mom did the very best that she could with a “hard-to-handle”, “out-of-the-box” boy but it was a challenge for her.

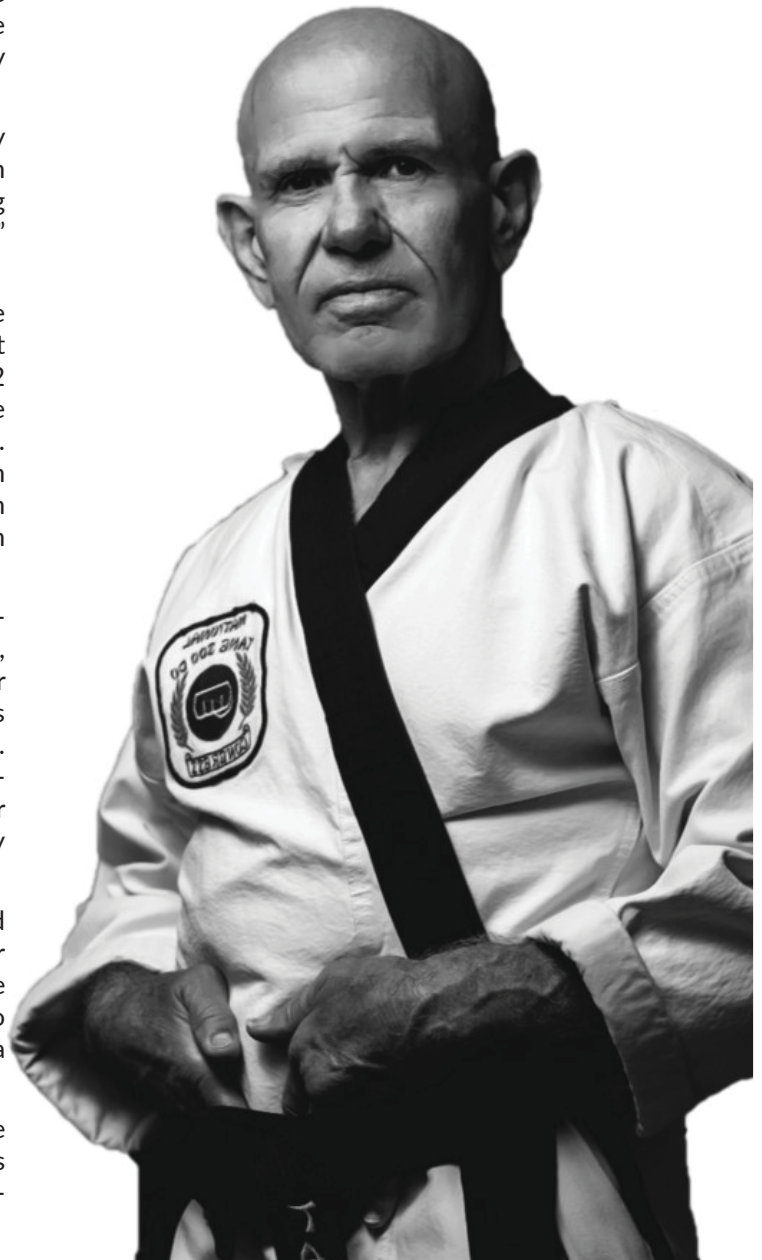
Reflections: In reality, Pat Johnson became my surrogate dad at age 25, although because of his youth and vitality, I would always refer to him as my big brother in public; but I would always say “Yes Dad” when he would give me private commands.

Meanwhile, the entire Martial Arts world would come to know Grand Master Pat Johnson for the work that he did on Karate Kid 1, 2, 3 and 4, Ninja Turtles 1, 2 and 3, Batman and Robin, Mortal Kombat 1 and 2, the WMAC Masters TV program and many other projects. His action on screen produced more than \$1 billion in revenues for the filmmakers. He was not a leading man in front of the cameras, but he made the leading men and women look great.

Grand Master Johnson was far and away the most inspirational instructor I ever witnessed, as he inspired, motivated and fueled those in his charge—whether students in a class of many, private students or actors in front of a camera, selling the emotion of a scene. Master J was a rock to each of us who had the pleasure of his guidance. His gentle and subtle guidance for me was what this Dad-deprived future adult sorely needed.

He gave me personal confidence on the one hand, and he provided specific advice on how to set the stage for the Tournaments of Champions that propelled the Battle of Atlanta from the Oglethorpe gymnasium to the Georgia Tech Coliseum, the Omni and the Georgia Dome.

And so it is, the impact GM Pat Johnson has had on me and the Battle of Atlanta for these past 4.6 decades and also “behind-the-scenes” brings us to this dedication.



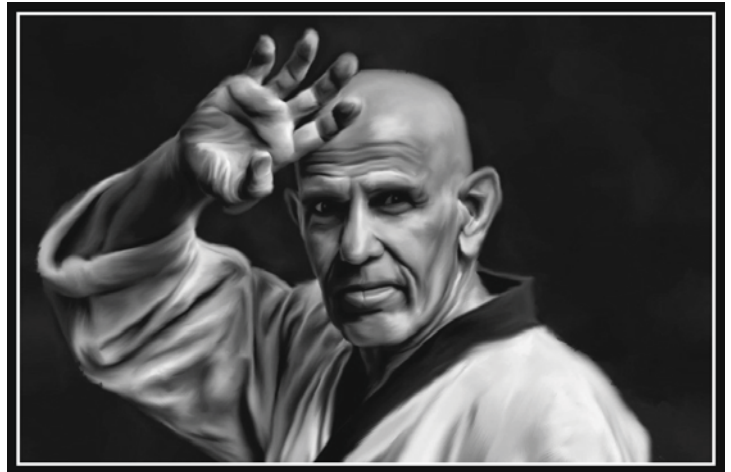
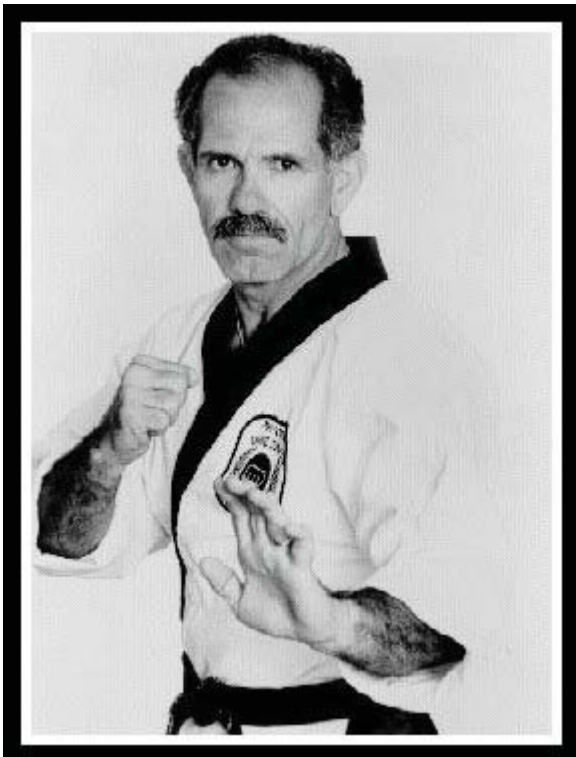
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GOLD ANNIVERSARY DEDICATION FOR

BATTLE OF ATLANTA 50 & GATHERING OF WORLD CHANGERS

The Eternal Warrior Battle of Atlanta 50 Special Section of the Masters & Pioneers Autobiography Book is hereby dedicated to the loving and powerful guidance provided by **Grand Master Pat Johnson** for the Battle of Atlanta and to its co-founders Joe Corley and Chris McLoughlin, to the influence he had on the creation and perpetuation of their Joe Corley American Karate System, on the competition career of Joe Corley and the confidence he instilled in Joe Corley providing him the much needed foundation of trust and belief required to tackle the myriad challenges, setbacks and re-boots that went into organizing a sport at the grass roots level, nationally and internationally and on television. Master J, thanks for all you have done for so many of us for so many years. As you always say, "YOU'RE THE BEST!" - **GRAND MASTER JOE CORLEY, FOUNDER OF THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA**



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**PKA GATHERING OF
WORLD CHANGERS**

and **AMAA MASTERS AND PIONEERS** to

Charlie Lee

at the unveiling of the Masters & Pioneers Edition

August 3, 2018

at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

FOREWORD

BY JEFF SMITH

It was 2016, September, when I first visited the Who's Who awards celebration presented by Grand Master Jessie Bowen in Charlotte North Carolina.

I gathered there with many friends, including Keith Vitali, Kathy Vitali, Linda Denley, Cynthia Rothrock, Joe Corley, Jerome Magic Johnson, Cliff Magic Thomas, Dennis Brown, Bill McDoanld (RIP), Art Heller, Duke Tirschel, Mike Genova, Bruce Brutschy Oso Tayari Casel, John Chung, Helen Chung Vasilliadis, Michael Coles, Darrell Hennegan, Rudy Smedley, Pat Duncan, Roger Dabney, Jeff Gripper, James Cook, Keith Elkins, Jim Butin, Jeff Doss and more.

In the Martial Arts industry there are many, many awards celebrations held all over the country each year. I have always been very selective about the ones to which I accept invitations.

It is now two years later, and I am so glad that I accepted my first invitation in 2016 from Jessie Bowen. The 2016 Who's Who book and banquet represented for me the Crème de la Crème of the martial arts community, so many athletes and leaders who are held in the highest regard, and being there with them was one of those magic moments in time.

As good as that was, in August, 2017, in my hometown of Washington DC, we were able to honor my instructor, Grand Master Jhoon Rhee. The 2017 Legends Edition featured my lifelong friends Bill "Superfoot" Wallace, Joe Corley and Bill Clark on the cover with me, and it was dedicated to the life's work of Jhoon Rhee. The back cover featured Grand Master Rhee's legacy and the more than 100,000 black belts that had matriculated from his system. Sadly, we lost Grand Master Rhee earlier this year, having suffered from shingles for nearly a decade. Through this past year of his life, he and his wife would continually remind me of the special time they had with friends and loved ones at the 2017 Who's Who banquet in his honor. They so much appreciated the phenomenal efforts of Jessie Bowen in making it happen.

And so it is in 2018, the Masters and Pioneers edition is to be unveiled, again in Washington DC, and is dedicated to the life and legacy of another dear friend, Grand Master Pat Johnson. As you'll see in the special section of this book, the Gathering of World Changers / Joe Lewis Eternal Warrior Awards section, celebrated at the recent BATTLE OF ATLANTA 50, where I was able to spend time with Grand Masters Allen Steen, J Pat Burleson, Glenn Keeney and Pat Johnson. This Gathering was so special for me, because these are the four gentleman who had signed my 10th Degree Black Belt certificate in 2016.

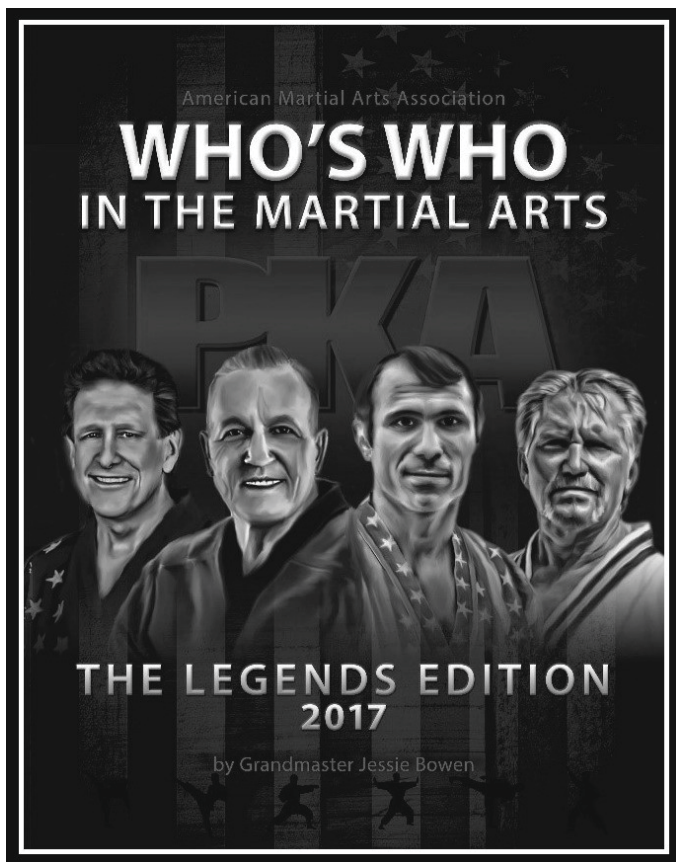
In summary, let me say that The Martial Arts community owes a great debt of gratitude to Grand Master Jessie Bowen for the work, the persistence and determination and the financial dedication required to see this series of projects through to completion—a monumental effort.

I and all of our peers around the country have been anxiously looking forward to this newest work, the Masters and Pioneers edition. It is another unique and powerful work to aid all of us in the Martial Arts in the goal we share with Grand Master Bowen—to INSPIRE and EMPOWER others through this spectacular, life-changing art we have all held so dear.

Yours in the Martial Arts,
Grand Master Jeff Smith

FOREWORD

BY JEFF SMITH



Jeff Smith (right) with Joe Lewis (RIP), Bill Wallace and Pat Johnson at Battle of Atlanta 1989.



The 2016 Who's Who Banquet in Charlotte,
Tayari Casel (Center) in Gold, Jeff Smith to his left and Joe Corley to his right

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to thank Grandmasters Jeff Smith and Joe Corley, my martial arts mentors and friends, for their support and assistance with gathering so many amazing martial artists to share their journey in the martial arts. They embraced the concept and value of the Martial Arts Masters & Pioneers in the Martial Arts. Their contributions helped bring together this amazing collection of Legends in the Martial Arts.

I would also like to thank my wife Gwendolyn without whose help this book would never have been completed.

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WHO'S WHO IN THE MARTIAL ARTS BY GRAND MASTER JESSIE BOWEN

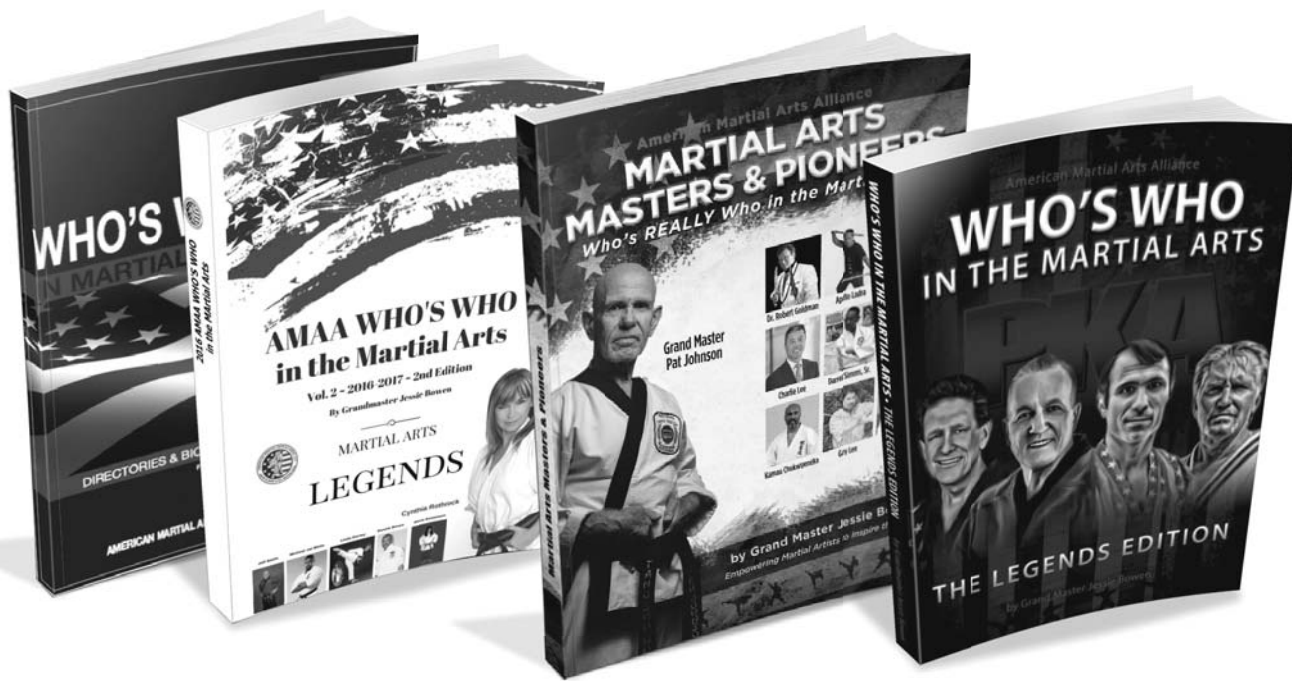
The Martial Arts Masters & Pioneers book is not intended to be just another martial arts book. It is intended to be both inspirational and motivational as you discover martial artists whose lives have been changed through the study of an application of the principles taught in the martial arts.

For more than 1500 years, martial arts has played a key role in personal development training and through the pages of this book you will discover the journey of hundreds of martial artists sharing their journeys, describing how the martial arts has impacted their lives.

Grand Master Bowen's Martial Arts Masters & Pioneers Edition represents the shift we Americans have brought to the arts, by recognizing the accomplishments of the individuals who practiced and perfected their arts, as opposed to the glorification of the arts themselves. In reading about what the Martial Arts Masters & Pioneers Leaders here have done, one can only marvel at the magnitude of individual effort expended and sacrifices made, from the grassroots activities to global media and organizational results.

So, rather than debating which blocks or strikes or styles are more perfect, this work heralds the individual strengths of those who share the marital bond in America, whose legacies have impacted martial arts in America and thus, around the world.

No matter where you are in life, the martial arts offer a powerful tool to aid you physically, mentally and spiritually as your mind and body work better together. The study of the martial arts helps individuals look inside and find their purpose. Along the path, they discover how to let go of the negativity and the things that hold them back in life. Enjoy here the journeys of Masters and Pioneers.



THE POWERFUL WHO'S WHO IN THE MARTIAL ARTS BOOK SERIES

BY GRAND MASTER JESSIE BOWEN

THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA 50

FOREWORD

BY JOE CORLEY, FOUNDER OF THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA

It is with great pride that I say thank you to Grand Master Jessie Bowen for including this special section of the 2013-2018 Eternal warriors honored at Battle of Atlanta 50 in this Masters and Pioneers edition of his powerful martial arts series.

Battle of Atlanta 50 hosted a very unique and passionate Gathering of World Changers and was filled with a magic mixture of nostalgia, esteem, mutual admiration and reunion from more than 120 of the world's top competitors of the past 5 decades.

The scene for the event had been set by MA SUCCESS Magazine and an insightful interview from Eternal Warrior recipient Perry William Kelly (see following interview). Promotion of The Battle of Atlanta had been assumed by Truth Entertainment in 2013, and Greg Ruth, Toby Ruth and Tommy Ruth had once again organized a world-class site for world-class athletes at the beautiful Renaissance Waverly and Cobb Galleria Centre.

My heart beamed with pride and glee as I saw my heroes and pioneers grace these Battle of Atlanta 50 halls, men I had looked up to before entering the national scene myself. One candid shot showed many of my heroes sharing stories that captivated the 5 generations of competitors assembled to partake of the magic of these pioneers.

"The Joe Lewis Eternal Warrior award is the most prestigious award I've ever received", said Pat Worley first in 2013. Since then, that sentiment has been repeated several dozen times. A total of 25 awards had been presented from 2013-2017.

For 2018, Jeff Smith, Bill Wallace and I had agreed to nominate as many of the athletes they knew Joe Lewis would have recognized as World Changing Eternal Warriors, as this would be the last time they would be recognized at the Battle of Atlanta. We hoped Joe Lewis would look down and smile on this gathering as former Zig Ziglar lead speaker Bob Alexander once again spoke so eloquently about the magic that was Joe Lewis and how he had impacted so many people, so many events and had influenced millions around the globe. We are pretty sure that Grand Master Lewis did indeed share his special presence with the gathered warriors.

I want to thank the supporters of this Gathering of World Changers, including Mike Dillard, John Corcoran, David Wahl and Perry William Kelly from Century and MA Success magazine, Mike Moore of The Avenues, Mark Glazier of Nutra Bio, Kathy Vitali and Vitali Team at Shelter Mortgage and Patrick Wrenn of Tennessee Karate Institute for their generous contributions. All of them are Warriors themselves, all supporters and fans of Joe Lewis and supporters of the Battle of Atlanta and PKA.

Finally, to all the great competitors, coaches, promoters, parents, students and families whose combined efforts have allowed our sport to thrive and improve and positively affect so many lives over these past decades we say a heart-felt Thank You.

It has been a real thrill for me to know and interact with you all.

Yours in the Martial Arts,
Grand Master Joe Corley

THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA 50



Bill Wallace had 'em smiling, from left Jeff Smith, Glenn Keeney, J Pat Burtleson, Joe Corley, Allen Steen and Pat Johnson—all 10th Degrees—joined by Joe Lewis' special daughter Kristina Lewis.



Bob Alexander shared the magic that was Joe Lewis with more than 120 recipients of the Joe Lewis Eternal Warrior award at the Gathering of World Changers

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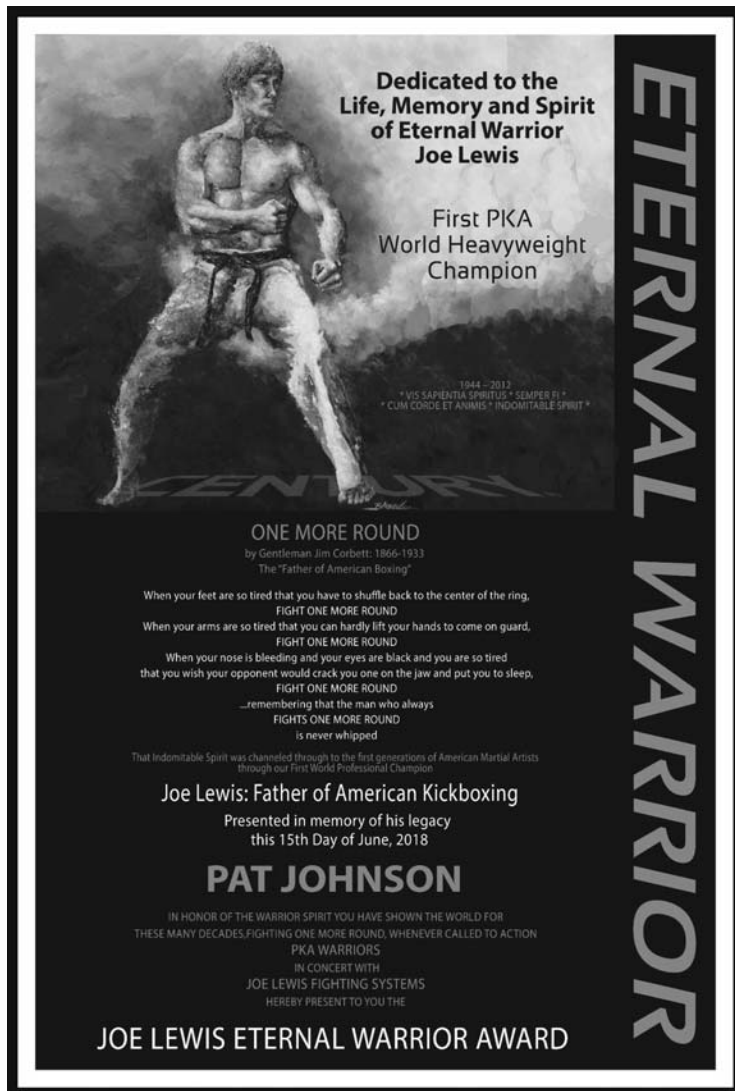
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REAL ETERNAL WARRIOR TO US ALL

JOE LEWIS

WINNER OF BATTLE OF ATLANTA 1 &
PKA FIRST WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION

HONORING

THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA STARS & SUPERSTARS OF THE PKA



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Walter Anderson

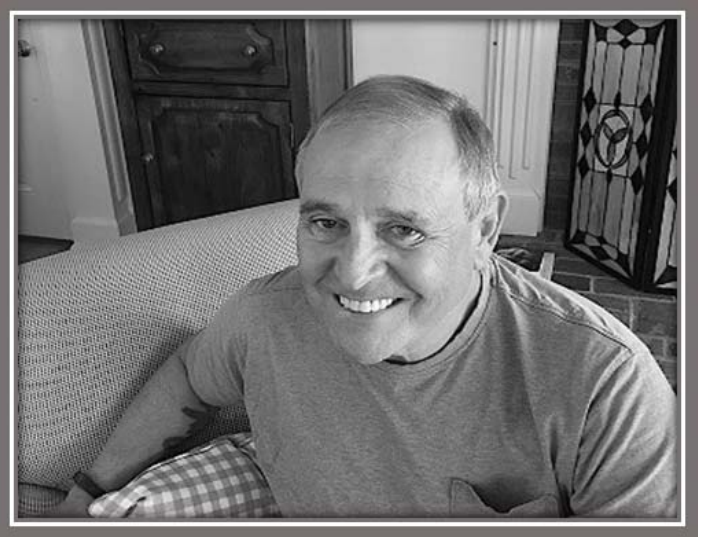
Walter Anderson was the Chairman and CEO of Parade Publications (2000–2009), and he was the Editor of Parade magazine for 20 years before being named CEO. In those roles and in his early life he made great impressions indirectly on the martial arts through his unique relationship with icons Joe Lewis and Jhoon Rhee and his very special position as Editor at Parade, with the highest circulation of any magazine in the world.

He is today a playwright, but his journey to here has been circuitous. Along the way he touched the martial arts in ways that have made great differences for all.

Walter was the foxhole and bunk-mate of Joe Lewis in Vietnam where he trained and sparred with the man who would later become the greatest heavyweight in martial arts. Joe Lewis taught Walter in the field, not in a martial arts school. From Lewis he learned proper kicking, punching, blocking and real-life knife defenses. Joe Lewis did not have him learn or practice kata. Walter even trained with and sparred with Joe before he first entered Jhoon Rhee's first National Championship.

Joe Lewis, in his manual, called Walter Anderson his mentor for a lifetime of support and wisdom.

Both Joe Lewis and Jeff Smith bestowed upon Walter Anderson Honorary Black Belts. "I am so proud of these honors from 2 world champions—2 of the Greatest of All Time", Mr. Anderson said.



And Joe Corley wrote in his Official Karate description of the Walter Anderson eulogy of Joe Lewis in 2012, "We can only wish that we could all have friendships like the two of them shared—so very powerful!"

Mr. Anderson included several insightful features of Joe Lewis and Jhoon Rhee in Parade, elevating the understanding of martial arts to mainstream readers.

Walter Anderson had dropped out of high school and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served from 1961 to 1966, rising to the rank of sergeant and serving in Vietnam (1965). During his enlistment, he earned his General Educational Development (GED) diploma and has been a national spokesman for the GED program.

An author as well as a playwright, Mr. Anderson is also co-founder of Novium Learning, an educational services company in Wellesley, Massachusetts. He worked for 32 years at Parade Publications where he held the positions of Chairman and CEO and Editor-in-Chief. During his tenure, Anderson, who himself was America's Storyteller on FNN, helped increase the circulation of PARADE Magazine by more than 50% to 37 million, the world's largest. He brought in acclaimed writers such as Norman Mailer, Carl

Sagan, Elie Wiesel, Julia Child and Gail Sheehy, and transformed and modernized the magazine with new columns and a higher level of reporting and writing.

Prior to joining PARADE in 1977, Anderson held several senior newspaper management positions with Gannett Publications in Westchester, New York. He also was an investigative reporter whose articles appeared in New York Magazine and the Associated Press. He was named by Marjabelle Young Stewart to the list of the ten most well-mannered Americans.

As a champion of literacy Anderson made his theatrical debut in 1992 at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C., where he created and presented an original program in storytelling to benefit the Literacy Volunteers of America and the National Center for Family Literacy. He has written five books including the bestsellers "Meant to Be," a memoir; and "The Confidence Course." His latest play, "Almost Home," was produced (2014) at the Acorn Theatre (NYC) by The Directors Company. His filmed series, "It's About Time," is permanently available at the Library of Congress. He has appeared on numerous television and radio shows.



From Left: Walter Anderson, Jeff Smith, Jhoon Rhee, Michael Coles at Capitol Classics Karate Championship

He was appointed by President Clinton in 1995 to serve for a four-year period as a member of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. He has also served as a board member of the National Center for Family Literacy, Very Special Arts and PBS. He was awarded the Literacy Volunteers of America's Stars in



Right: Jeff Smith, Walter Anderson and Commissioner Bernie Kerik at Walter's play, Almost Home

Literacy Award, the Napoleon Hill Gold Medal for literary achievement, the Tree of Life Award from The Jewish National Fund (presented by Elie Wiesel), the John H. Russell Leadership Award from the Marine Corps University Foundation, the Marine for Life Award (presented by Gen. James Jones, USMC, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe) and the Horatio Alger Award, for which he was nominated by the late Norman Vincent Peale. He has been an adjunct professor or visiting lecturer at several colleges, including the University of the Pacific, Clemson University and the New School for Social Research in New York. Today, he is a member of the board of advisors of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. After his discharge from the Marines, he received an AA in liberal arts and social science from Westchester Community College (1970) and a BS in Psychology from Mercy College (1972) in Westchester, New York. He was valedictorian of both colleges and served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Mercy College for eight years and is now Trustee Emeritus.