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Dedication

SIFU ALAN GOLDBERG

“COMBINING THE HARD & THE SOFT TO MAKE THE GREAT!”

BY JOE CORLEY, PROFESSIONAL KARATE ASSOCIATION

If you step into the streets of Manhattan and the surrounding boroughs, and if you came from a laid back and genteel part of the world sprinkled with “pretty please” and “thank you’s”, you likely experience a pretty quick, and some would say, “rude awakening”. Others would sing you a few chords of “Welcome to the Jungle”, and still others would say “Get used to it darlin’!”

This is the Big Apple. The place where the Big Ball drops every December 31 in Times Square, where the movers and shakers will tell you that all the moving and shaking goes on. From the Trump Tower to Madison Square Garden, the Empire State Building to Ellis Island and Wall Street, huge cyclones of big action and big change emanate from this steel jungle. Some call it “Hard”.

It is from this hard environment that the grit and determination of one Sifu Alan Goldberg was molded, and he has been a one-man cyclone in effecting a special kind of change. To effectuate the atmosphere for the change he heralded into East Coast Martial Arts, he decided at the turn of this new millennium to plant a seed 132 miles from the center of the “harshness” of the Big Apple in neighboring New Jersey’s Atlantic City, and Sifu Goldberg was determined to grow one of the most prestigious martial arts events in the world today.

Now, 19 years later, the man who went from hard style Shotokan to the softer, but still hard style Wing Chun, set his series of events into motion in a more “polite” surrounding of the Tropicana in Atlantic City. Here, the still strong men and strong women of the Big Apple, the polite and quietly deadly Martial Artists from the South, the West, the Midwest and New England, from Europe, South Africa, South America, Canada and points everywhere gather to bask in the hospitality of togetherness this sometimes brusque New Yorker has nurtured now for nearly two decades.

This event has “style”. It starts with the host, clad in a dapper black suit and black hat and a positive swagger that says “Time to get things done”, mixed with the kind of personality that says “I have your back”, and the “Welcome to Atlantic City” reserved for the cadre of martial arts stars, film celebrities, politicians and others who descend on his Mega Event, the Hall of Honors.

“Our event started with the aim of rewarding hard-working people with coverage in our Action Martial Arts Magazine” Sifu Goldberg said, “and it has evolved in so many ways, with so many great people having graced our ‘Halls’. In many ways, it has taken on a life and energy of its own, and I am very pleased and proud of the people attracted to the event. We all leave better off for having been here and having connected with each other. At first, I wanted to connect the East Coast with the west Coast, but it has morphed to seeing the whole world of martial arts now connect.”

Publisher, Master Martial Artist, Producer, Mentor and recipient of his late friend Joe Lewis’ Eternal Warrior Award, Sifu Alan Goldberg has combined the best of the Big Apple with the Best of the Martial Arts, and for that, the martial arts world is indeed thankful.

Congratulations on another outstanding success, Sifu!

Foreword

BY DR. ROBERT GOLDMAN

This important book is a compilation of legends, leaders and teachers. As Martial Artists we have the commitment to inspire, motivate, give back and encourage sports participation. Promoting a life of health, fitness, and wellness in the Martial Arts. When you give you get. The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. When you focus on making a difference in other people's lives, your life is the one that improves the most.

To be successful you must have inner strength, an unbreakable will, and unstoppable spirit and persistence. You will FAIL. You will FAIL often. It will be very discouraging at times. It will test you to your very core. *DO NOT FEAR FAILURE!*

We all share the experience of adversity, challenges and obstacles, the failures and successes. Everyone fails...I have failed many times. How you handle FAILURE is what will define your character and determine how your story will end. This is what separates the winners from the losers. Part of the journey to greatness is accepting..... that you will fail. At that moment of failure you are tested. You either quit, give up, stay down OR you get up and YOU RISE. Never allow your mind to negotiate with your will to succeed.

The World Martial Arts Leaders in this book will all tell you the same thing. It takes years of focus, discipline, commitment, relentless drive and a very hard work ethic. It is about having a dream, turning that dream into a vision that you set into motion with a goal and a plan. Winners never quit, and quitters never win. What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals. Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th. Persistence overcomes resistance. Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence. *Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% of what u do about it.*

What will your legacy be? What do you want to be remembered for? Be the change you wish to see in the world...There is no greater satisfaction than knowing you had positive impact and made a difference...

You can get everything you want in life if you will just help enough other people get what they want. We must always strive to do better than our previous best. Be a lifelong teacher, mentor and leader and share your Art, so that Martial Arts and the lives you touch becomes your legacy.



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GRAND MASTER JESSIE BOWEN

In today's environment of Martial Arts, everyone needs a powerful Network in order to receive recognition and advance their martial arts careers. The Martial Arts Magazine Hall of Honors provides a vehicle to seek out and honor top martial artists throughout the world. Many martial artists have lost the opportunity to share with the world their knowledge, skills, an intellect, for which is vital for the continued growth of the martial arts.

I would like to thank Sifu Goldberg and the great men and women who are featured in The Action Martial Arts Magazine Hall of Honors 2019 Directory. To those who have embraced the concept and value of the Who's Who Directory and those that have given their support, my wife Gwendolyn Bowen, Krystal Harvey, Jessica Phillips, Christian Eller, Doctor Robert Goldman, Joe Corley, and others we say Thank You. Without their help this book would have never been accomplished.

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Filled with the Top Vendors, Celebrity Guests, who Sign pictures, speak with the fans, as well as the best of the best in the Martial Art Business Education Seminars. If that wasn't enough there are over 30 Physical Seminar with some of the greatest martial art teachers in the world teaching their unique styles and methods. Plus, there are over 100 vendor booths with supplies, autograph signing, health related products and, more!



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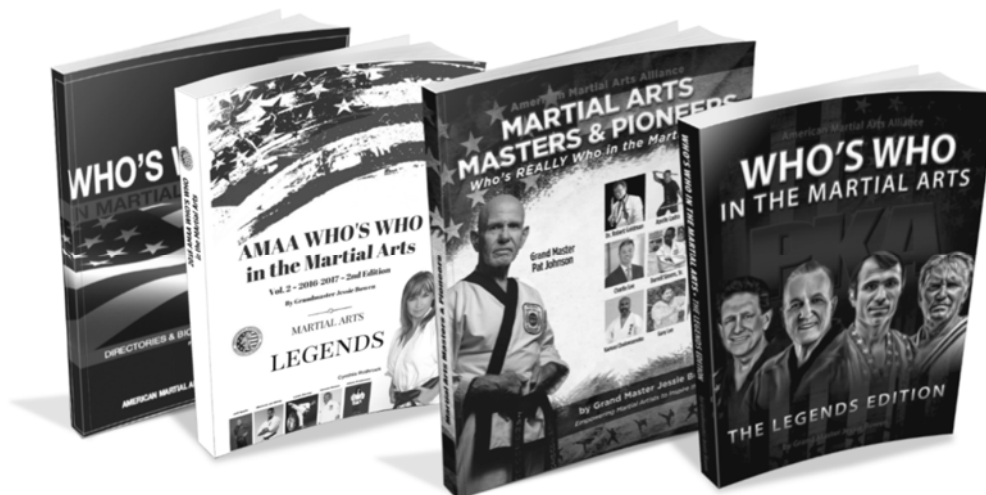
The Martial Arts Masters & Pioneers book is not intended to be just another martial arts book. It is intended to be both inspirational and motivational as you discover martial artists whose lives have been changed through the study of an application of the principles taught in the martial arts.

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.

Masters & Pioneers 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.



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PIONEERS

SHIHAN ABBOTT

I've discovered over the years...that my dreams and desires were different than the goals and aspirations of many other martial artists. Even though, I was fascinated by the old masters I did not actually participate at that point in time. Then in the Fall of 1978 I earnestly begin to pursue the art. My thoughts and dreams were slowly becoming a reality and motivated me to proceed to my next level toward the attainment of perfection. In gaining this knowledge I realized one of the biggest aspirations to succeed is totally within oneself... mind and body! It's all dependent upon your motivation and desire. I still remember all the extra efforts spent to perfect my techniques as I was being guided by master swordsmen who possessed the ultimate experience. Fortunately, I was in the right time and place.

Recently, I have noticed many following a narrower path with a less strenuous physical approach being pursued. Once where technique was practiced until perfection has given way to spoken theory and verbal discussion of techniques rather than physically/ mentally applying them. I'm old school, which means...if you want to attain a certain level of proficiency you must adhere to the age old tradition of practice makes perfect without over-



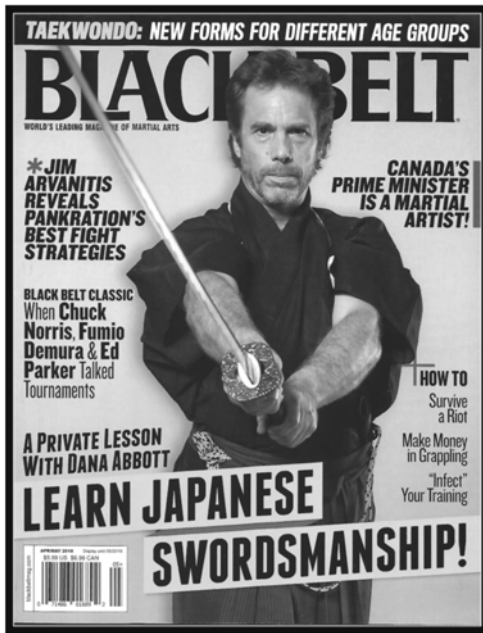
thinking the process.

It is easy to become proficient in executing sword techniques but to master those techniques and fine-tune them to the next level becomes much more demanding and stringent.

If I weren't committed to my goal many years ago I would not have become the martial arts master I am today. Nor, I never would have been considered or placed on the cover of Black Belt Magazine. With diligence, motivation and my goals, I became a part of a select group of elite martial artists who also have been fortunate to grace the cover of Black Belt Magazine over its past 57 years in publication. If these selected martial artists can do it... and I can do it...So Can You. Remember, you are only limited by your own motivation and determination.

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Dana Abbott

- Martial Arts Title: Shihan
- Currently Resides: Japan / USA
- Started Studying Martial Arts in 1978
- Instructing Martial Arts for 40 years and currently holds the rank of 7th Dan studying martial arts styles: Japanese Swordsmanship (Kenjutsu)
- Instructors: Abe Shinobu, Shizawa Kunio, Nakamura Taizaburo, Tanabe Tetsundo, Tabuchi Nobuhito

Personal Achievements

Shihan Dana Abbott's expertise is in Kenjutsu, known as Japanese swordsmanship where he studied in Japan for 15 years during the Showa era. Upon arrival in Japan he enrolled in Nihon Taiiku Daigaku, Japan's esteemed Martial Arts University where he learned Kendo and all its applications. All his training and certification was through the Japanese Department of Education and Recreation. Shihan Abbott 7th dan has written and published five books, designed a US Patent and created a complete new niche in the martial arts industry. He has conducted seminars in over 30 countries and holds the esteemed rank of Shihan, which he obtained at the Hombu dojo in Yokohama, Japan.