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Press Release

ASU Instructor to be Inducted into Hall of Fame

Tempe, AZ: Dr. Joe Parish, President of the *U.S. Martial Arts Hall of Fame* announced they are honored to recognize one of the top martial artists in the world at the 2008 Hall of Fame induction ceremonies scheduled in Linthicum Heights, Maryland on November 14th. Dr. Parrish indicated they will induct **Professor W. Dan Hausel of Arizona State University** for his lifelong contributions to the martial arts.

Professor Hausel currently instructs Shorin-Ryu Karate and Kobudo through SRC (<http://src.asu.edu/InstructionalClasses>) and is providing some guest instruction in cardio classes during the fall semester. But few of the students, if any, are unaware of the accomplishments of their instructor.

Hausel is one of only a handful of grandmasters of Shorin-Ryu Karate in the world. Shorin-Ryu is indigenous to Okinawa and there is only one grandmaster per style. Thus it is unique for anyone to become a grandmaster, and very rare for non-Japanese. In 1999, Hausel was certified as Grandmaster of Seiyo No Shorin-Ryu Karate Kobudo Kai (see www.Seiyo-ShorinRyu.org & <http://Grandmaster.pbwiki.com>) and in 2004 was awarded the highest rank possible – a 10th degree black belt (red sash).

Most of his students would be surprised to find that their instructor has been inducted into 14 other halls of fames over the past 10 years. The last was the **World Black Belt Hall of Fame** in Malaysia in 2005. And due to the efforts of these organizations and to a Saudi Prince, Hausel was presented an honorary PhD in Japanese Martial Arts Sciences in 2006, and had been presented certification as Kyoju (professor of martial arts) by Juko Kai International in 1997

In addition to karate, Hausel is certified in 18 martial arts, holds black belt ranks in 8 of those arts, and has spent the past 4 decades teaching martial arts and self defense classes at the Universities of Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming. And this all has been in his spare time.

It is unlikely that any of his students are also aware that their instructor is one of the top researchers in diamond and colored gemstone geology and exploration for which he is being inducted into the 2009 Marquis **Who's Who in Science and Engineering**, **Who's Who in America**, and **Who's Who in the World**. Hausel, a consulting geologist after retiring from the Wyoming Geological Survey in 2007, authored more than 600 papers and books on geology and diamonds. During the past 30 years he discovered hundreds of diamond, colored gemstone and gold deposits (<http://DanHauselAuthor.pbwiki.com>); and he is even an accomplished artist (<http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/dan-hausel.html>).

Grandmaster Hausel became a student of karate in 1964, after joining a rock n' roll band and letting his hair grow. In the 1960s this was considered anti-establishment. Thus to protect his rights, he and the rest of the band members signed up for karate lessons, but the classes were so intense that the rest of the band soon quite and relied on Hausel to protect them. So, you never know who you may be taking classes from at ASU.

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