

Mid-West United Martial Arts Association

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1102 W. Garfield Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60609**

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Prospective Member

Address

City, State, Zip Code, Country

RE: Mid-West United Martial Arts Association Board & Officers

Dear Prospective Member:

On October 20, 2001, we met with Grandmaster(10th DAN) Dr. Shorty Mills, in regard to the formation of a Martial Arts Association that would serve to support the **Teachings and Traditions of the OLD MASTER'S and Warrior's**.

A Martial Artist for over 45 years, Grandmaster Shorty Mills, a Five Time World Champion was Inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame May 1996!

At a meeting October 24, 2001, Dr. Mills gave me his permission and blessing to proceed with the formation of what we have now named the "**MID-WEST UNITED MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION**" herein referred to as the "Association."

The purpose of the *Association* is to preserve, promote and provide the **Teachings and Traditions of the Old Master's and Warrior's**, and for those martial artists who enjoy tournaments the old way; the association will revisit the old traditional ways.

The Association is there on a national scale to promote health and peace among all human beings. The core of our philosophy stems from our ability to enter **mushin or mind-no-mind**. This mental state is the principal source of the **traditional warrior's** quick reactions, extrasensory perception, and steely calm. In fact, **mushin**, is probably the biggest discriminating factor between modern martial artists and true warriors of the past and present. Secondly **Living the Martial Way**, is the root of our existence, a discipline devoted to the perfection of character, not the collection of prizes. We welcome all who will adopt these principles of honesty, integrity, kindness, compassion and loyalty and adhere to these teachings.

We have provided an organizational structure that will motivate students to join your dojo and to set goals based on the possibility of acquiring authentic DAN and Kyu ranking under the philosophy of the old Master's. We intend to support these goals by conducting regularly scheduled DAN tests once per year. Through the Association effort it will become a sanctioning body for tournaments. Through the Association, you will receive certificates to authenticate your rank. Those black belts who seek a higher black belt ranking, through Grandmaster Mills the opportunity exists.

Benefits for membership will include certificate of authenticity, patch for a fee, point eligibility, annual meeting/tournaments, reduced fee for sanctioned tournaments, quarterly newsletter(in the future) and ID membership card.

The Association is being built as a For Profit Corporation with Dr. Mills as its Master Instructor and Chairman of the Board(COB) Bylaws (*ratification pending*) will be supplied to all new members and prospective members upon request subsequent to our first Board of Directors meeting.

In as much as I have knowledge of your past support of the **Teachings and Tradition of the Old Master's, and Warrior's**, I now would like to invite you and your Dojo to join our Association.

You may join the Association in one of the following ways that best fits your present situation:

Membership Registration Fees:

School's(Dojo's) \$50.00 w/ renewal fee of \$50.00 each following year.

Individual Member: \$35.00 w/renewal fee of \$25.00 each following year

If you have any further questions in regard to membership, you may call me directly at (773)-268-2338) or send a message to my E-mail address: andrewacash@msn.com

Thank you for your support and I took forward to serving you in regards to the Mid-West United Martial Arts Association.

Sincerely,

President, Andrew A. Cash, Shichidan