

Master Christopher D. Moore

Taekwondo 7th Dan Kukkiwon

Judo 5th Dan USJA

Martial Arts CV

I was born on November 27, 1951 in Trenton, New Jersey. My first exposure to martial arts came at the age of eight in Great Britain while visiting my British Mother's family when I attended an informal Judo class for several months. I later studied Judo under my mother's ballet and fencing master in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

In 1965, my family moved to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area and I enrolled in the American Jui-Jitsu Karate Institute (its successor is the Allegheny County Budokai, www.koseido-dojo.org), where I studied Japanese Koseido Jui-Jitsu, a classical school of Japanese Jui-Jitsu, and Koseido-ryu Karate-do under Hanshi Joseph Hedderman and Sensei Walter Mazak, until I graduated from high school in 1969. Hanshi Hedderman and Sensei Mazak learned martial arts from Pittsburgh legend Dewey Deavers who studied martial arts while working with a group of Japanese circus performers.

I was first exposed to Korean martial arts, specifically Tang So Do, while training at the American Jui-jitsu Karate Institute, when two Air Force veteran Ee Dans, second degree black belts, who had learned Tang So Do while stationed in Korea, trained at the American Jui-Jitsu Karate Institute for several months. My exposure to their dynamic kicking techniques kindled a life-long interest in Korean martial arts and led me to study Taekwondo soon after graduating from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Philosophy in 1973. I began studying Taekwondo under Mr. Peter Regallo in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania in 1973 and continued until 1981, when Mr. Regallo closed his school. I was promoted to Il Dan, first degree black belt, in Taekwondo by Mr. Regallo in 1979.

Following the closure of Mr. Regallo's Taekwondo school, I trained with a diverse group of martial artists in a number of disciplines, including the Korean sword art Kumdo, before, in 1985, I became a student of the legendary martial artist and teacher, Grandmaster Kyu Ha Kim (www.spiritforgema.com, Legacy). I studied both Judo and Taekwondo under Grandmaster Kim for twenty-eight years; for much of that time as one of his senior students, training and teaching classes at his school, Kim's Martial Arts & Fitness in Brentwood, Pennsylvania, several times a week. While training under Grandmaster Kim, I attained the rank of Yuk Dan, 6th Degree black belt, in Taekwondo and Yo Dan, 4th Degree black belt, in Judo.

In 2013, I founded Spirit Forge Martial Arts, www.spiritforgema.com, located in the Pittsburgh Barbell facility in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania. The curriculum of Spirit Forge Martial Arts includes Judo, Taekwondo and Self-Defense.

I am currently ranked as Chil Dan, 7th Degree black belt in Taekwondo by the Kukkiwon in Seoul, Korea and Go Dan 5th degree black belt in Judo by the United States Judo Association.

I have been married to my beautiful and patient wife, Patricia M. Moore, since 1972. We have one child, Timothy L. Moore, born in 1981, a Taekwondo Sa Dan, fourth degree black belt, and practicing attorney.

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