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## Grandmaster Pointer's Bio

Forty years of teaching Karate has led to a strong traditional approach with an open mind for new ideas and concepts for growth. Teaching Karate for more than technique, Master Pointer attempts to help people find themselves, to discover their creativity and their capacity for overall growth through the study of Martial Arts. He believes that there is much growth in each person and sees his purpose as that of nourishing the seed so that his student's potential may be reached. His understanding of Karate-do is to preserve the true essence of the art by maintaining a committed spirit to preserve human decency with honesty, trustworthiness, humility, understanding, compassion bravery, fairness, discipline and commitment.

Grandmaster Pointer began his martial arts journey when he was just 15 years old, he was sick of being picked on by the neighbor gangs, his father gave him two choices, learn how to fight and protect yourself or deal with him... he did not want no part of his father so he decide to check out the local YMCA, there he was introduced to a whole new world at the time the art he was so amazed with was kung-fu but he had no idea what it was all about, but he was amazed what he saw and he liked it ... Just so happen 5 Fingers of Death and Enter the Dragon was playing at the movie, at that point he knew what he wanted to do.

While stationed in Germany during his enlistment in the U.S. Army in 1976 Master Pointer had the opportunity to student under SFC Johnson from 76 to 78.

Master Pointer returned to the states in 1979 while stationed in Florida he continued his martial arts training. he earned his black belt training 5 hours a day for a year.

In 1980 Master Pointer was confronted by 4 attackers 2 of them had weapons one had a gun the other had a knife, he knew this would not be a pretty out come for him, but with his martial arts training he was able to protect and defend himself, it was this point in his life he took martial arts and self-defense very serious.

Grandmaster Pointer have lived and trained in several countries and states doing his time in the armed forces. He attributes his success to his faith in God, the leadership of his Teacher Mr. Pak, while stationed in Korea in 1981 he had the opportunity to meet and train with Grandmaster Pak who taught him the art of Moo Duk Kwan, Mr. Pak became a father to me, as well as a friend. My Teacher once told me my job as a martial artist is to help preserve and help others to rebuild the martial arts when

needed, the path of a warrior is sometime lonely, the road as a practitioner is long and hard few choose it even fewer reach its end.

In 1982 his study of Shuri Ryu Okinawan karate begin with his Teacher Master Jessie Watkins Karate-do is a have helped impact my life

Later doing his military career he had the honor to train under GM Edward Brown, GM Jessie Watkins, Grandmaster James Newton, Sifu Roger Miller, Grandmaster Gaudiosa Ruby and after he got out of the army he had the opportunity to train with Grandmaster Anthony Muhammad, Soke Lil' John Davis, Grandmaster Anton Muhammad in yearly seminars and Grandmaster Alvin Linzy in Shotokan Karate.

Grandmaster Pointer has been training and teaching martial arts for 50 years a true martial artist will always be a student and have an open mind to learn new things.

10<sup>th</sup> Dan Founder of AVM Self-Defense System  
9<sup>th</sup> Dan Kempo Ryu Kan Kay Bugei  
8<sup>th</sup> Dan Shorin Ryu  
8<sup>th</sup> Dan Lethal Strike Combat Karate  
7<sup>th</sup> Dan Shuri - Ryu  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Soul Karate Unlimited  
1<sup>st</sup> Dan Tae Kwon Do (Moo Duk Kwan)  
1<sup>st</sup> Dan Shotokan  
Fundisha (instructor) African Federation Shugunda

1. International Combat Martial Arts Union Association
2. U.S.A. Warlord Martial Arts Magazine
3. World Kumite Organization
4. The International Bujutsu Society
5. Kokusai Bujutsu Kessha World Masters Council
6. Member of Board of Directors/World Masters Council-Illinois Representative
7. Organization Ronin Ryu Ecuador Life member
8. Organization Ronin Ryu Official Representative of Chicago
9. Kempo Jujutsu Bugei
10. Professional Karate Commission
11. United States Karate Alliance
12. Modern Warrior Arts Union
13. U.S. Association of Martial Arts
14. U.S. Italian Martial Arts Alliance
15. YUDANSILA BELA DIRI CLOSE QUARTERS DEFENSE ACADEMY
16. Tactical-Combat-Association International
17. United States Taiho Jutsu Federation
18. International Martial Arts Union
19. Molum Combat Arts Association

20. Lethal Strike Combat Karate
21. Life Time member International Taiho Jutsu Federation
22. Martial Arts Masters Association
23. World Organizer of Martial Arts
24. SKU School of Self-Defense
25. Kuro Bushi International Illinois State Representative
26. Kuro Bushi Council of Elders Member
27. WOMA Group International Broad of Directions 2019
28. Master Mind Jiu-Jitsu System Council of Advisors 2022

2010 Action Martial Arts Hall of Fame Recipient  
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2011 American Federation of Martial Arts Hall of Fame Recipient  
2011 Masters Hall of Fame Recipient  
2012 Action Martial Arts Hall of Fame Recipient  
2012 Hall of Heroes Recipient  
2012 Masters Hall of Fame Inductee  
2012 World Head of Family Sokeship Council Inductee Silver Life Achievement  
2014 World Head of Family Sokeship Council Inductee  
2015 The Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inductee  
2022 World Black Belt Club Council Recipient

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