

**Patricia Fink** is a shichidan (seventh-degree black belt) in Seito Matsumura ryu karate under Master Phillip Koeppel. She began her training in 1983 and has since been USKK grand champion over twelve times in both kata (forms) and kumite (sparring). She has competed and medalled twice in international competition (Italy 1998 and Greece 2000) as a member of Team USA Karate. She became the thirty-fourth inductee into the Bushido International Society making her and her husband the first married couple to be so honored. She is a recipient of the Large Double-Bladed Ax and the prestigious Mel Wise Memorial Bushido Award. Mrs. Fink is a lifetime member of the United States Karate-do Kai and the Professional Karate Commission. In addition, she serves on the USKK Academic Grant Committee and the USKK Rules Committee. Mrs. Fink has a degree in early childhood development and over fifteen years' experience as a daycare teacher. She is a registered nurse and works for a traveling agency.

**Frank Fink** is a rokudan (sixth-degree black belt) in Okinawan Shuri-ryu and Goju-ryu karate with experience in judo, jujitsu, kosho kempo, and wing chun kung fu. He began his training at age fifteen in the Shuri ryu style of karate under Mr. Ron Rollins of Springfield, Illinois. Mr. Fink is a five-time USKK national champion in kumite (sparring) and kata (forms). He is a two-time medalist in European international competition and the second winner of the Trias Cup. In 2001, Mr. Fink became the thirty-third inductee into the Bushido International Society Hall of Fame. From his sensei, Mr. Ron Rollins, he inherited the role of chairman of the Mel Wise Memorial Bushido Award. Mr. Fink is a lifetime member of the United States Karate-do Kai and the Professional Karate Commission. He is a graduate of Western Illinois University with a B.A. in Education and a teacher's license from the State of Illinois. He recently retired from the Federal Correctional Institution in Pekin after twenty-one years of service. Mr. Fink is also a combat veteran of the Persian Gulf War and a retired lieutenant colonel with thirty years of service in the Illinois National Guard and United States Army Reserve. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Modern Army Combatives Program.