

## United States Karate-Do Kai



### USKK Purpose

The purpose of the United States Karate-Do Kai is to promote world recognition of all member styles in a manner consistent with the spirit of karate-do; serve the membership by continually improving the quality of our standards; and to perform in a manner which warrants the highest degree of member confidence in our integrity, humanity, and fairness.

### Organization Profile

The Organization headquarters is located in Peoria, Illinois, USA. Established in 1986 as a Non-Profit Entity, the USKK has member dojos throughout the United States. The USKK is also represented in Europe, with dojos in Ireland, England, and Romania.

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### THE UNITED STATES KARATE DO KAI

The primary directive (mission statement) of USKK is to facilitate the preservation and propagation of authentic/traditional Japanese and Okinawan karate do. Further, USKK emphasizes its desire to assist the Sensei in his/her (hereinafter "his") personal growth so that the Sensei has opportunities to learn more about his art and develop skills. Note that the mission statement is not gender specific or gender exclusionary. We are all karate ka, many of us are karate teachers.

Mr. Phillip W. Koeppel, 8th Dan Hanshi, USKK Director and Founder, had a clear vision for USKK. First of all, he wanted to surround himself with life long friends who enjoyed spending time together. Next, he wanted to create opportunities for members (men and women) to grow, learn and achieve excellence.

So how does USKK do this? Here are some examples:

1. Mr. Koeppel has a broad base of friends and associates that he has met throughout his over 50 years of karate practice from many different karate styles and organizations. He readily refers members to people who are authorities in their ryu ha so that they can continue their personal growth, without regard as to whether the authority is a USKK member, so that the karate ka can advance their training.
2. Mr. Koeppel's USKK rank certificates are respected

and accepted World Wide because of his long history and reputation for excellence and traditional values.

3. Mr. Koepfel promotes seminars for the membership with noted karate ka and Senseis.

4. USKK promotes and sanctions tournaments for the purpose of extending goodwill, sportsmanship, friendship and brother/sisterhood.

5. USKK trains and certifies referees to assure excellence and fairness in judging. USKK certified referees judged at the First Okinawan World Karate Championships in Naha, Okinawa, 1997.

6. USKK recognizes its competitors and awards their achievements through the National Points Championship.

7. USKK has preserved the original USKA Karate Hall of Fame, the Trias International Society, out of respect for Grand Master Robert A. Trias (recognized Father of Karate in America), through the propagation of the Bushido International Society.

8. USKK provides travel, training and competition opportunities throughout the United States and Europe. USKK has member dojos in 26 States and in Ireland, England and Romania. USKK Europe, under the direction of Mr. Paddy Beaumont, has hosted European Championships in Athlone and Dublin Ireland. European Championships have also been held in London, England.

These are just a few examples of the benefits of being a member of USKK.

Always Remember. You Fight the Way You Train

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