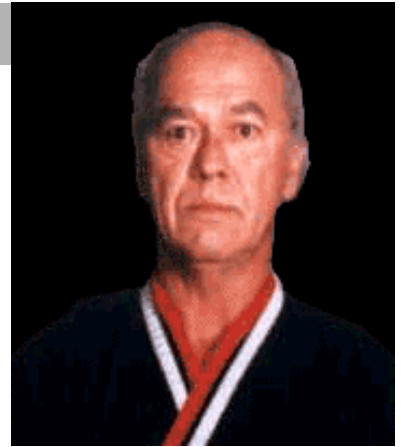


Great Grand Master Charles Gaylord

The Kajukenbo Association of America (KAA) was originated in 1967 by notable KAJUKENBO Grand Masters, Aleju Reyes, Joe Halbuna, Tony Ramos, Charles Gaylord and Al Dacascos.

The original organization existed until the early 1970's. In 1980, GRANDMASTER Gaylord, with the advice of his top active Black Belts, decided to once again develop the KAA into a strong and united organization. The KAA Board of Directors decided to add the "Gaylord's Method" to the original KAA patch (original design is by Al Dacascos) since the KAA now represented the schools directly under GRANDMASTER Gaylord. All of the KAA Chief Instructors are directly under GRANDMASTER Gaylord and teach his method of KAJUKENBO. The purpose of the KAA is to preserve and promote the art of KAJUKENBO "Gaylord's Method"



GRANDMASTER CHARLES H. GAYLORD has been actively training in the art of Kajukenbo for over 52 years. In 1980, He received his 9th degree Black Belt from the Kajukenbo founder, Sijo Adriano Emperado. Grandmaster Gaylord began his training in Hawaii under Kajukenbo Black Belt George (Paul) Seronio. In the early 1960s he moved to Northern California where he began teaching in San Leandro . He brought to the mainland the effective hard and heavy hitting style of Kajukenbo which he had learned from his instructors.

Over the years, he has developed his internal and external Martial Arts Skills through practical application training, along with meditation and constant research of mind over body studies. In September 1995, the K.A.A. and all of its Black Belts promoted Grandmaster Gaylord to the honorary rank of 10th degree Black Belt. The K.A.A. believes that this was necessary to ensure the desired level of excellence for their organization.

Since then, Sijo Emperado has also recognized him as such. Grandmaster Gaylord has been recognized and inducted into The World Martial Arts Hall of Fame for Grandmasters, July 12th, 1997, the Masters Martial Arts Hall of Fame for Life Time Achievement, July 20th, 2000 and the North American Martial Arts Hall of Fame for Sokeship, September 16th, 2000.



Grandmaster Gaylord has produced countless quality Black Belts who have become top competitors and Instructors both nationally and internationally. To ensure the quality of his instructors, he holds a monthly Black Belt Class, where he teaches over 70 Black Belts who have schools located in the Western United States. He also provides special seminars to those schools which cannot regularly train with him.