

## **Stephen M. McArther**

Taekwondo: 5<sup>th</sup> Dan USNTF; 4<sup>rd</sup> Dan Kukkiwon      Koyro Gumdo: 1<sup>st</sup> Dan WKGA

1982: Started training in Tae Kwon Do at the age of 13.  
1984: Received 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Illinois AAU/USA State Championship (junior red belt div. sparring).  
1985: Received 1<sup>st</sup> Dan from Kukkiwon.  
1985: Received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Illinois USTU State Championship in Chicago, Illinois (junior black belt div. sparring).  
1985: Received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 5<sup>th</sup> USTU National Junior Olympic Tae Kwon Do Championships in Chicago, Illinois (junior black belt div. sparring).  
1985: Received 1<sup>st</sup> place in AAU/USA Junior Olympics in Iowa City, Iowa (junior black belt div. sparring).  
1985: Attended Junior Elite Athlete Training Program at US Olympic training center, Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
1987: Received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Indiana USTU State Championship (adult black belt div. sparring).  
1987: Competed in 13<sup>th</sup> USTU National Championship, Anaheim California Championship (adult black belt div. sparring).  
1988: Received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Indiana USTU State Championship (sparring).  
1988: Competed in 14<sup>th</sup> USTU National Championships (Pre-Olympic Trials) in Miami, Florida (sparring).  
1988: Became President and Team Captain of Purdue University Tae Kwon Do team.  
1990: Competed in Collegiate Championship, San Francisco, California (sparring).  
1991: Began teaching private Tae Kwon Do lessons in Norcross, Georgia.  
1995: Visited Kukkiwon in Seoul, Korea.  
1995: Received 1<sup>st</sup> place at the "Brawl at the Hall" Full Contact Kickboxing Competition in Collinsville, Illinois.  
1997: Opened Mitchell & McArther's Tae Kwon Do, Inc. in Granite City, Illinois.  
1999: Qualified for Illinois state team: Team Force.  
2000: Began training under the direction Grandmaster Thomas Perry.  
2001: Received 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan USNTF; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Kukkiwon.  
2001: Opened McArther's Tae Kwon Do & Fitness in Collinsville, Illinois.  
2002: Received "Grand Champion" title in forms at the 10<sup>th</sup> USTNF International Games in Chicago, Illinois.  
2002: Received "Grand Champion" title in forms at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Missouri Invitational Championship.  
2003: Received 4<sup>th</sup> Dan USNTF; 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Kukkiwon  
2003: Received "Referee with Best Attitude" at the 11<sup>th</sup> USNTF International Championships in Chicago, Illinois.  
2004: Accepted invitation to compete at World Games in Athens, Greece (forms and sparring). Captured 3 gold and 1 silver medals at the games. Won overall World Champion.  
2004: Inducted into I.C.K.O. Illinois State Martial Arts Hall of Fame as "Tae Kwon Do Competitor of the year."  
2006: Received I.C.K.O. "Instructor of the Year" Award.  
2006: Traveled to S. Korea to receive special training in Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, Yong Moo Do, and Gumdo.  
2006: While in Korea, was promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Kukkiwon certified and 5<sup>th</sup> Dan USNTF certified.  
2006: Left full time career in Information Technology industry to focus on teaching martial arts as a full-time, professional instructor.  
2007: Received Letter of Commendation from Kukkiwon, Seoul S. Korea for dedication to and development of Tae Kwon Do.

2007: Received 1<sup>st</sup> Dan in Koryo Gumdo under the World Koryo Gumdo Association.

2007: Received I.C.K.O. "Black Belt of the Year" Award.

2008: Received intensive training in Koryo and Haidong Gumdo from Master Noh Hwa Lee in Seoul, S. Korea. Received Letter of Appreciation from the World Haidong Gumdo Association for dedication to the growth of the art.

2010: Appointed Midwest Region Administrator for the World Koryo Gumdo Association.