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Johnny Linebarger Martial Arts & Martial Sciences Background

- 2008 ♦ Member of the Senior Masters Caucus for the USA-NKF (the US Olympic NGB for the sport of karate)
- 2005 ♦ Promoted to 8th Degree Black Belt in Kobudo (study of ancient Okinawan weapons)
- 2003 ♦ Promoted to 9th Degree Black Belt in Tai-ho Jitsu (Advanced Self-Defense Training Techniques for Law Enforcement)
- 2000 ♦ Received Robert A. Trias Lifetime Competition Award from the USA Karate & US Jujitsu Federations' Hall of Fame
♦ Promoted to 8th Degree Black Belt in Karate
- 1998 ♦ Promoted to 3rd Degree Black Belt in Judo
- 1997 ♦ Inducted into the USA Karate Federation (USAKF) Hall of Fame
- 1996 ♦ Promoted to 6th Degree Black Belt in Kobudo
- 1995 ♦ Promoted to 7th Degree Black Belt in Karate
- 1993 ♦ Received Master Instructor - Teaching Certification in Tae Kwon Do
♦ Promoted to 7th Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do
♦ Received All-American Award from USAKF for Karate (3rd consecutive year)
- 1992 ♦ Ph.D. in Chinese Martial Sciences (a non-university degree granted by the International Martial Arts Union, the Hong Kong Dragon Martial Arts Union, and the HuaLin Tai Chi Martial Arts Union)
♦ Promoted to 8th Degree Black Belt in Chinese Martial Arts
♦ Appointed as Head Coach for the USA Karate Team (USAKF)
♦ Received All-American Award from USAKF for Karate (2nd consecutive year)
♦ Won 80+ kilo division at USA Karate Team Trials and represented the US at the World Championships in Grenada, Spain

- 1991
 - ◆ Received the title of Shihan (Professor or Teacher of Teachers)
 - ◆ Promoted to 6th Degree Black Belt in Karate from the World Union of Karate-do Organizations (WUKO) which was the IOC's international governing body for sport karate
 - ◆ Promoted to 7th Degree Black Belt in Jujitsu (from International Jujitsu Federation)
 - ◆ Became member of the USOC Coaching Development Committee for Karate
 - ◆ Appointed as Assistant Coach for the USA Karate Team (USAKF)
 - ◆ Received All-American Award from USAKF for Karate
 - ◆ National Champion (80+ kilo) for the USAKF

- 1990
 - ◆ Began training with Hanshi George Anderson in Akron, Ohio
 - ◆ Became member of the USA Karate Team
 - ◆ National Champion (80+ kilo) for the USAKF
 - ◆ Appointed as Chairman of the USA Karate Federation of Arizona
 - ◆ Became the first Martial Artist ever to receive an Outstanding Athletic Achievement Award from the Tucson Conquistadors
 - ◆ Promoted to 5th Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Shuri-Ryu Karate

- 1989
 - ◆ World Champion of All Black Belts – United States Karate Association (USKA)

- 1988
 - ◆ World Champion of All Black Belts – USKA

- 1987
 - ◆ World Champion of All Black Belts – USKA

- 1986
 - ◆ Won the Triple Crown (1st places in Fighting, Forms and Weapons) at the USKA World Championships in Chicago, Illinois
 - ◆ Selected as a member of the Elite Trias International Society (the only person to ever be inducted by unanimous decision)
 - ◆ Promoted to 4th Degree Black Belt in Karate

- 1985
 - ◆ World Champion (Light Heavyweight) for USKA
 - ◆ Won the Weapons title at the Panama Kempo Internationals in Panama City, Panama
 - ◆ Promoted to Assistant Chief Instructor for all Shuri Karate by Grandmaster Trias

- 1983
 - ◆ Promoted to Tachi in Okinawan Kobudo (one of the first martial artists in the US to earn this title)
 - ◆ Promoted to 3rd Degree Black Belt in Karate
 - ◆ Opened KoSho Self-Defense Studio in Tucson, Arizona

- 1981
 - ◆ Formed Davis-Monthan Self-Defense Club, teaching martial arts to military, military dependents, and base civilians
 - ◆ Promoted to 2nd Degree Black Belt in Karate

- 1980
 - ◆ Assigned to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and began training with Grandmaster Trias

- 1978
 - ◆ Started teaching Air Force Security Forces unarmed combat techniques

- 1976 ♦ Joined the US Air Force and spent 3 years in Tokyo, Japan
- 1975 ♦ Promoted to 1st Degree Black Belt in Karate
- 1974 ♦ Opened the first KoSho Self-Defense Studio in Conover, North Carolina
- 1972 ♦ Began karate training with Master Kale Makaio in Hickory, North Carolina