

The Movers and the Shakers

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Finally the time has come for me to place a mini-biography of the martial arts journey that I have been living and breathing for many years. As I write this article, I hold the rank of seventh-dan under DojuNim Ji Han Jae; am the author of the biography titled, *Certain Victory*; founder of an art called Kidokwan; holder of the 2009 Hall of Fame Master of the Year by *TKDT Magazine*; motivational speaker throughout the U.S.; and the President/CEO of a business that provides the labor that feeds the third largest U.S. Army site in the country. I am a father/husband of three special people, Chairman for the State Business Enterprise Program; a person who went from being a victim to one who is called a survivor; and most importantly, I am a student of Moodo, who truly only has his feet wet in the lifetime study.

Truth be told, after writing this special article for the cover of *TaeKwonDo Times*, the realization that I, myself, am just simply a small beginner in this practice is very apparent. It is clear that much more needs to be learned and achieved for myself to even come close to being equal to these incredible fellow martial artists that I have written about. The fact of the matter is, that along with what I did correctly in life, there are many mistakes that have been made, too. I feel like the amount of confidence I have is equal to the amount of knowledge I need to obtain. Fear is never far from the Flowering Warrior I present to others.



However, I can share with others that we, as people, must use our eyes in life as a tool to prevent being deceived. I say to many, that for some, seeing is believing, but for myself, believing has become the true way of seeing. As learned in my study of Moodo, life is going to always have a high and a low; that is part of the natural balance. Because of this, I have found a light in my blindness, a value in my pain, and a love from my heart. This alone has given me purpose that I hope can be shared to all walks of life.

*Gift for the gathering: Asked and honored to be the Key Note Speaker for this one-of-a-kind and never-to-be-repeated international gathering of martial artists. **TKD**

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