

# Grandmaster GEORGE A. Dickerson

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**George Dickerson, a 9th Degree Grand Master Karate Black Belt, Boxer and Kick-Boxer** have been training and studying the Martial Arts (Karate) since 1968. Mr. Dickerson grew up in Darby and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the young age of 15, along with his two younger brothers, Grandmaster Robert and Grandmaster Warren Dickerson have been a youth leader and member of African-American organizations dedicated to helping and uplifting the condition of at-risk communities since that time.

Grandmaster George Dickerson's great interest in the Martial Arts (Karate) occurred when African American or Black groups in the 1960's started advocating the value of the Martial Arts in at-risk communities across the United States of America. These groups were also dedicated to bringing programs that were uplifting for Black communities, stressing the value of love and unity for each other. He trained in Karate with certain individuals in 1968 from the Black Power movements and eventually became **Grandmaster Ameer (Alfred Dennis) main class instructor and teacher in 1971.**

**Grandmaster Ameer** taught the great Martial Art style called **Kyokushinkai, founded by Masutatsu Mas Oyama.** Grandmaster George also learn forms and techniques from the great styles of Shotokan, founded by Gichin Funakoshi (Grandmaster Earley Kelley) and Bando, which was introduced to the United States of America by Dr. Maung Gyi (Grandmaster Carl Beaman).

**Grandmaster George Dickerson received his Black Belt in 1973,** from Grandmaster Ameer and all of his Master Degrees from Grandmaster Ameer. To this day he has never stop training and continues to help teach hundreds of students at his brother Grandmaster Robert Dickerson's Martial School, called the **UNIVERSAL PASHA KARATE SCHOOL-UPK,** located in Camden, New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Grandmaster George always took so much pride and joy teaching his wonderful daughter, **Kai Rahman** and his grandson **Nahson Sanford** the MARTIAL ARTS. He lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and has resided their most of his life.

**In 2015, he was inducted into the ACTION MARTIAL ARTS HALL OF FAME (Sifu Alan Goldberg).** Today, as an elder the students enjoy watching and learning from him training on the HEAVY BAG and SPEED BAG. We all love Grandmaster George Dickerson's humble and wonderful spirit as being a true warrior and Grandmaster of the Martial Arts.