

FAMILY KARATE RANK AND SENIORITY

10th Degree Grand Master J. Pat Burleson

Founder of the World Martial Arts Ranking Association. Began his study of the martial arts in the Far East in 1957, and his Black Belt competition career in 1963. He claimed the first US National Championship in Washington DC in 1964. After five decades of teaching, he has hundreds of first and second generation students who are Master Instructors.

10th Degree Grand Master Chuck Hawkins

Founder and Instructor Emeritus of Family Karate (which in 1971 was originally named Escondido Academy of Karate). In 1969, while managing a school for Grand Master Burleson, he established one of the first Karate for children programs in the United States. Every Family Karate Senior Instructor is his first or second generation student.

8th Degree Master Steve Truscott

Family Karate Principal. Trained in India before moving to the United States in 1977. Has taught professionally under Master Hawkins since earning Black Belt in 1980.

6th Degree Mr. Mark Truscott

Family Karate Principal. Has taught professionally under Master Hawkins and runs Family Karate schools with his brother Master Truscott since earning Black Belt in 1981.

6th Degree Mrs. Fran Hawkins

Co-Founder of Family Karate. Student of Grand Master Burleson. Trail-blazing martial artist, including being the first female to enter many men-only Karate competitions.

6th Degree Mr. Andrew Thompson

Head Instructor of Family Karate Rancho Penasquitos

5th Degree Ms. Stephanie Zeno

Head Instructor of Solana Beach Karate

5th Degree Mr. Joe Carroll

Head Instructor of Family Karate 4S Ranch

5th Degree Mrs. Kim Molina

Senior Instructor of Family Karate Rancho Penasquitos

4th Degree Ms. Shannon Going

Senior Instructor of Solana Beach Karate

4th Degree Mrs. Linda Brown

Senior Instructor, Cohort Medical Director

4th Degree Mr. Rick Pearson

Senior Instructor of Family Karate Kearney Mesa