

Karate Biography for George F. Clark

February 27, 1953	Born in Portland, OR
May 1974	Began training at Oregon Martial Art Center (OMAC) in Oak Grove, OR
1975	Started teaching the OMAC children's class
June 11, 1977	Earned the rank of Shodan or 1 st degree blackbelt
December 1, 1978	Married Patricia Treibel (Yippee!)
May 1979	Moved to Medford, OR and started Southern Oregon Martial Art Club (SOMAC)
May 30, 1981	Earned the rank of Nidan or 2 nd degree blackbelt
November 1983	Placed 9 th in Kata at the American Amateur Karate Federation National Championships in San Francisco, CA
July 27, 1984	Earned Japan Karate Association International of America (JIA) Regional Instructor credentials
July 1986	Earned JIA Class D Regional Examiner credentials
November 1986	Place 6 th in Kata at the American Amateur Karate Federation National Championships in Eugene, OR
March 6, 1988	Earned the rank of Sandan or 3 rd degree blackbelt
September 1988	Began teaching at Southern Oregon State College (now Southern Oregon University) Beginning & Intermediate Traditional Karate in Ashland, Oregon
January 1989	Started Southern Oregon Shotokan Club (SOSC) at Southern Oregon State College
July 1989	Earned International Traditional Karate Federation (ITKF) International Coaches Certification
1992	Co-founder of the Northwest Karate Kaizen Inc. a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of improved public health through the study of Traditional Karate, now the JKA-NW Inc.

1994-1995	Crisis Intervention self defense seminars for the program “Stronger Safer”
1995-2006	Hosted the JKA-NW Regional Summer Camps/Seminars in Central Point, Ashland and Coos Bay Oregon
August 23, 1997	Earned the rank of Yondan or 4 th degree blackbelt
April 2000	Opened the Bay Area Karate Club in Coos Bay, OR
February 27, 2007	Received permission from Master Hidetaka Nishiyama to implement an alternative JIA examination format