

RAVEN TACTICAL INTERNATIONAL STAFF

FERNAN VARGAS: FOUNDER OF RAVEN TACTICAL INTERNATIONAL



Mr. Fernan Vargas is the founder of Raven Tactical Systems and is a certified Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics trainer. Mr. Vargas holds a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice from Northeastern Illinois University. Mr. Vargas also holds an honorary masters degree in Defensive Tactics Education from the Shinja Martial Arts University. Mr. Vargas holds the designation of Violence Prevention Specialist from the National Association of Safety Professionals and is certified as a safety coordinator by the state of Illinois. Fernan Vargas is a current Safety Patrol Leader and Trainer for the Chicago Chapter of the Guardian Angels Safety Patrol, and the founder of the official Guardian Angels Defensive Tactics System. As a certified Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics Instructor, Mr. Vargas has taught defensive tactics to law enforcement officers at the local, state, and federal level, as well as security officers, military personnel and private citizens from around the United States and foreign nations such as Canada, Italy and Spain. Mr. Vargas has developed programs which have been approved by the Police officer training and Standards Board of several states, and adopted by agencies such as the Pentagon Force protection Agency. Additionally, organizations such as the Fraternal Order of Law Enforcement and the International Academy of Executive Protection Agents have given formal endorsements of the programs developed by Mr. Vargas and Raven Tactical International. Mr. Vargas has been an instructor multiple times at the prestigious International Law Enforcement Educators & Trainers Association International Conference (ILEETA). Mr. Vargas has also taught at several other Leading Industry events such as the International Combatives Self Defense Association Conference, and the Saratoga Martial Arts Festival. Mr. Vargas has appeared in numerous Industry periodicals such as The Martialist, Combat Warrior Magazine, Combat Survival Magazine, Muay Thaimess Magazine, Martial Arts Masters Magazine, Shinobi Nomo Magazine, The Defender, and Tae Kwon Do Times. Currently Mr. Vargas holds over twenty instructor credentials in Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics, Edged Weapons, Impact Weapons, OC Spray, Firearms, Military Combatives Combat Martial Arts, and other related disciplines. Mr. Vargas was named Trainer of the year 2011 by the Alliance of Guardian Angels and has been inducted in several halls of fame for his instruction of Defensive Tactics and Combatives. Mr. Vargas has also been awarded the Presidential Service Award and the Shinja Buke Ryu Humanitarian Award for service to the community.

OFFICER JAMES SMITH

DIRECTOR & CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: RAVEN GUARDIAN LEO DEFENSIVE TACTICS SYSTEM



Mr. James Smith is a Village Public Safety Officer and first responder who is a former police officer with an extensive background in Defensive Tactics, and is a Master Firearms and active shooter instructor. Mr. Smith also has extensive training as an EMT, first responder and survival skills instructor. Mr. Smith has worked a variety of assignments including Executive Protection. Mr. Smith has trained in Judo, Jujitsu, Aikido, as well as several mixed martial art styles, and was a Junior Olympic Judo competitor. Mr. Smith is also trained in Wilderness Survival, Wilderness Awareness, Tracking, and Primitive Skills. Mr. Smith is an Instructor Trainer of the RAVEN Guardian System authorized to teach all modules of the program. Mr. Smith has also designed knives for Keen Edge Knives in Colorado. Mr. Smith is the lead instructor of the RAVEN Method Wilderness Survival school and the "Zombie" Day Survival Camp.

MR. KEVIN CAIN

DIRECTOR & CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: WAY OF THE RAVEN WARRIOR ARTS SYSTEM



Mr. Cain is a certified instructor trainer of police defensive tactics, tactical edged weapons, edged weapons survival and tactical baton. Additionally Mr. Cain is recognized as having the martial arts rank of grand master. Mr. Cain also holds instructor level certifications in arts such as Krav Maga, Shaolin Kempo Karate, Sasori Combat Judo/Ju-Jitsu, Jeet Kune Do, Kamiyama Ninpo Happo Biken, Bujinkan Ninjutsu, Dux Ryu Ninjutsu, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Praying Mantis Kung Fu. Mr. Cain competed in No Holds Barred events in the early and mid 90's. In 2001 he began his career as a Guardian Angel. As a Guardian Angel Mr. Cain walked unarmed into the heart of Washington D.C. directly into a gang war between the Crips and MS13. The Guardian Angels were able to stop the gang war and help local police take back the neighborhood. Kevin Cain sits on the Advisory Board for the Richmond Virginia chapter of the Guardian Angels as the defensive tactics instructor. As a recognized subject matter expert Mr. Cain has been interviewed many times for various newscasts, and reports. Mr. Cain was chosen as Master Instructor of the year by The World Black Belt Martial Arts Hall of Fame 2002

MR. BRIAN JOHNSON

DIRECTOR & CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: RAVEN METHOD CQDT



Johnson is one of the original Chicago Land RAVEN Tactical students and is the second highest ranked student in the RAVEN Method Association. Officer Johnson holds a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice with a specialization in Conflict Resolution. Mr. Johnson also has several years of experience working as a private security officer. Mr. Johnson is currently a federal law enforcement officer in the Washington D.C. / Arlington Virginia Area. Mr. Johnson has studied Martial Arts, Combatives and Defensive Tactics extensively. Mr. Johnson currently holds a Level Four RAVEN Method Instructor Certification, and a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. Mr. Johnson is a fully certified Defensive Tactics Instructor Trainer through Raven Tactical International, Qualified to instruct Defensive Tactics, Tactical Baton, Ground Survival, Edged Weapon Survival and Tactical Duty Knife. In addition to his instructor level credentials Mr. Johnson holds several user level certifications in a variety of disciplines such as edged weapons, impact weapons, firearms and Defensive Tactics.

MR. GERMAN DOMINGUEZ

DIRECTOR AND CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: RAVEN FRONTIER COMBATIVES SYSTEM

CO-DIRECTOR: SPAIN & SPANISH SPEAKING LATIN AMERICA



Mr. Dominguez is a veteran of the Spanish Armed Forces (SpecOp/Spanish Marines) U.N.I.R. Rapid Intervention Unit. Mr. Dominguez is one of the founding members of Combative Spain, a tactical training company servicing clients in Europe, North America and South America. Mr. Dominguez has extensive Close Combat Training and Urban Combat Training. Mr. Dominguez currently holds instructor trainer credentials in military combatives, he is also a certified Instructor trainer of Defensive Tactics, Impact Weapons, Edged Weapons, Edged Weapons Survival, Weapon Retention, and Control & Arrest Tactics. Mr. Dominguez is a certified wilderness survival skills instructor and is proficient rapid rappelling and SCUBA. Mr. Dominguez is an exponent of the Japanese martial art of Ninjutsu, holding a Black Belt 4th Dan: Bujinkan Budo Ninjutsu, Black Belt 1st Dan: Arashiki Ryu Ninjutsu, and a Black Belt 6 st Dan Ninjutsu. Shokan Shinobi Han (Kaiso Founder). Mr. Dominguez is also a published author who has had both books and articles published in Spain and the United States.

MR. CRISO LOPEZ

DIRECTOR AND CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: DARK RAVEN COMBATIVES SYSTEM

CO-DIRECTOR: SPAIN & SPANISH SPEAKING LATIN AMERICA



Mr. Criso Lopez has over a decade of experience as a licensed private security specialist who has worked a variety of assignments including executive protection for a foreign embassy and high risk court ordered psychiatric facilities. Mr. Lopez is a certified Instructor trainer of Combatives, Defensive Tactics, Impact Weapons, Edged Weapons, Edged Weapons Survival, Weapon Retention, and Control & Arrest Tactics. Mr. Lopez is also a master martial artist holding a sixth dan black belt in Mitsu Saku Han Ninjutsu. Mr. Lopez also holds a 3rd dan in To Chi Uchi, a 2nd dan in Arashiki Ryu Ninpo, a 2nd dan in Budo Ninjutsu, and a 1st dan in Full Contact Kick Boxing. Mr. Lopez is also a former competitive boxer and kick boxer. Mr. Lopez has been featured in Muay Thaimas Magazine in the United States and has traveled to teach in Europe, the United States, and South America.

PABLO SALINAS

CO-DIRECTOR OF DISTANCE LEARNING EDUCATION:



Pablo Salinas started his martial art training at the age of six. He began his training with boxing and scientific wrestling. Growing up in rough neighborhoods forced him to apply his training on a daily bases. His passion for the martial arts led him to study Gung Fu and Karate. His desire for street effective martial arts led him to search for other like-minded individuals who also were focused on practical martial arts for real applications. This exploration led him to martial arts that are now classified as "Reality Based Martial Arts". His experiences, insights, and belief in the principle of continuous improvement led him to develop his own system, Synergistic Martial Science TM. Mr. Salinas is a qualified instructor of Police defensive tactics, tactical edged and impact weapons as well as a variety of other disciplines. He now holds instructorship ranking in several reality-base martial arts under Sigung Paul Vunak, Sifu Joe Soliz, Guro W. Hock Hochheim, Master Peter Brusso, and RTI Director, Fernan Vargas.

CHAD MCBROOM

CO-DIRECTOR OF DISTANCE LEARNING EDUCATION:



Chad McBroom is a federal law enforcement officer with over 15 years of experience. He has been a member of his agency's tactical unit since 1999. He has extensive training and operational experience in rural interdiction, sniper operations, hostage rescue, high risk warrant service, dignitary protection, reconnaissance, maritime operations, and tactical medicine. Chad spent over four year as a full-time Physical Techniques Instructor at his agency's training academy where he taught defensive tactics, arrest techniques, intermediate weapons, and physical conditioning. He is currently a Driving Instructor at the training academy and is also an agency certified Firearms Instructor with a Distinguished Weapons Expert rating. Chad has over 25 years of martial arts experience and currently holds Black Belt/Sash ranks in KI Fighting Concepts, Chinese Kenpo, Filipino Kali-Kuntaw, Harmonious Fist Kuntao, Ryokukai Karate, Kodachi Goshindo, and Choi Kwang Do, and is ranked at the Trainer Level in Libre Fighting Systems. Chad is an A.C.T. Combat Knife Fighting Instructor, a Defender Instructor, a Raven Method Civilian Defensive Tactics Level V Instructor, and a Raven Tactical International Training Counselor. He also has extensive experience in Wing Chun, Aikido, Tae Kwon Do, Muay Thai, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and Western Boxing. Chad is the owner and head instructor of Comprehensive Fighting Systems.