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Grand Master Kang Seok Lee
and his Master Instructors of
K.S. Lee's Best Martial Arts of NC
Read why he has one of the best
Martial Arts Academies in North Carolina!
His story is on pg2 inside.

Spotlight On... TaeKwonDo Grand Master, K.S. Lee

Foot, Hand, Art. or Tae Kwon Do, (pronounced Te not tie) as we know it. With so many schools teaching martial arts, how do you know which school to attend? And more importantly, which school should you send your kids to?

Reputation! This is the single most important consideration when choosing a school.

You want to know your children are being taught by someone who not only knows the craft, but lives it day and night. One who teaches the philosophy. One who teaches the importance of the ancestral ways of an ancient art.

Well, living in our community is just such a dedicated teacher of TaeKwonDo. **Grand Master Kang Seok Lee**, or Master Lee as he is known by his students.

Master Lee is not only dedicated, but is truly a celebrity. He has been interviewed on TV, has had many newspaper stories written about him, and has been featured in many TaeKwonDo magazines and has been a guest on radio programs in the U.S. and abroad. It is understandable when you read about his background and family and how he and his family live up to the commitment of being number one in the instruction of martial arts.

There is no instructor more qualified to pass on the knowledge of TaeKwonDo than Master Lee at KS Lee Best Martial Arts of North Carolina. That is why he was named instructor of the year by Tae Kwon Do magazine and has been placed in the TaeKwonDo Hall Of Fame. Cary Mayor Koka Booth once called Master K.S. Lee "**North Carolina's First Citizen of Tae Kwon Do.**"

K. S. Lee had an early introduction to Tae Kwon Do starting at age seven when his parents enrolled him in classes in his home town in Korea. Master Lee says, "My older brother was already training in TaeKwonDo. My parents wanted to strengthen my body, improve my concentration and give me an edge in life." As a future Master, he earned his first-dan (1st degree black belt) at age

eleven, by the age of seventeen Master Lee was a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido, and was a **world Hapkido champion.**

Master Lee has six brothers. One is in Korea. Grandmaster Hyeon Kon (H. K.) Lee, Master Jun Hyeong Lee, Master Byung Seok Lee, Master Sang Ho Lee, and Master Jung Ho Lee - all own Tae Kwon Do academies in North Carolina and Virginia. The Lee brothers are a close-knit family that support each other in their businesses and hold tournaments together each year. The Lee family, including their sister and mother, reside in the United States. Master Lee's wife, Nan Jung Lee, is also from Korea. They have two daughters, Stephanie Kang Eun Lee, 18, a freshman at The University of Virginia and Adrian Chae Eun Lee, 15 in high school.

After coming to the U.S. in 1986 with very little money, Master Lee now owns and operates three Tae Kwon Do academies in North Carolina. Cary on Lake Pine Dr, Cary on Kilmayne Dr and Holly Springs On Bass Lake Rd. "I came to the United States with **\$85.00**

in my pocket. The opportunities and rewards available to the newcomer here are almost beyond imagination. Sometimes it takes an immigrant to show the native-born citizens how wonderful their country is." Master Lee continues to give back to his adopted country by sponsoring many charity events in North Carolina. Some past events have supported the Make A Wish Foundation, North Carolina, Amateur Sports, and Duke Children's Hospital, among others and the Children's Miracle Network at Duke's Children's Hospital featuring the Megas Martial Arts Team from South Korea. He continues to support local charities and works with children in the area to show them the power of Tae Kwon Do and that it can change their lives in a positive and dynamic manner. His work with disabled children is particularly inspiring. Master Lee motivates them to try their best

and in the process shows them that they are capable of achieving more than they could ever dream. Every year, he tries to do something to give back to the children of country for **the joy that they have brought to his life.**

Master Lee has always felt fortunate that he has been given so many opportunities since coming to the United States. Another way he has tried to repay his new country was to help train the U.S. military at Fort Bragg during Operation Desert Storm. He has traveled to bases to train different arms of the military in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido techniques. During a cultural exchange trip to Russia with a group of his Tae Kwon Do students, he worked with the Russian military.

In 1992, Master Lee served as team coach for the U.S.A. Korea Exchange Competition. He also served as team manager at the 1994 KBS Cup held in Seoul, South Korea, and in 1995 he was the US Team Manager in the World TKD Championship in Manila, Philippines.

Master Lee has accomplished many great things during his career, but none are closer to his heart than his work with children. He stresses the importance of not only learning Tae Kwon Do, but also living your life by the philosophy of Tae Kwon Do. Master Lee teaches his young students the **importance of respect, loyalty, and faithfulness** inside and outside the dojang. He continues to inspire his students of all ages to be the best they can be as well as to never stop trying to improve themselves and their community.



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