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Tony Weeks, International Boxing Referee and UFC Judge – KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Where I learned my survival skills at early age. At the age of 13 started Studying Martial arts where I obtained the Rank of second-degree black belt in the art of jujutsu.

Tony Weeks is a well-known boxing referee with almost 30 years of experience and refereeing over 800 games in his career. His countless skills as a referee have earned him a highly respected status in the boxing world. Along with being the referee for hundreds of boxing matches, he has also officiated UFC matches through his career.

At the start of his career as a referee, he was working as a recreational supervisor at a federal prison, introducing boxing to the inmates he watched. He officiated a match in 1996 and had his first officiated match on television in 2000. He continues to referee for high status fights today.

Chief Jeffrey Clark, Police Chief – KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Is the Police Chief of the nation's 5th largest school district, Clark County. He is the first Chief of Police of CCSD (Clark County School District) to be a product of CCSD. He started the role in July of 2026 after serving the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for 21 years.

Chief Clark is a 4th generation Las Vegas native. His previous assignment was Captain of LVMPD's Southeast Area Command (SEAC), which also included Laughlin.



Randy Sutton, Founder & Chair of the Board – KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lieutenant Randy Sutton (Ret.) is a distinguished figure in the law enforcement community. With over 34 years of service, he brings a wealth of expertise to the table.

Sutton founded the Wounded Blue as a means to support injured and disabled law enforcement officers. As the Chair of the Board of Directors, he leads initiatives aimed at providing assistance and resources to those who have sacrificed for the safety of others.

In addition to his contributions in law enforcement, Sutton is a prolific author, and his insights have earned him appearances in movies and TV shows, solidifying his reputation as the "voice of American law enforcement."



Casandra "Cas" Stouder is Diné and Seminole, – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

An Indigenous Wellness Consultant from Prescott Valley, Arizona. For more than twenty years she has worked with tribal nations, courts, health programs, and the people who serve them — officers, firefighters, veterans, healthcare workers, and clergy.

She is a Native woman in long-term recovery, and she teaches the people who carry everyone else how to stay in the fight without losing themselves. Contact: Casandra (Cas) Stouder, casandrastouder@gmail.com.

Deonoveigh Mitchell -The Artist Of K'aalógii Kisses – PROFESSIONAL PAINT PARTY INSTRUCTOR



Is a mother, Artist/ Illustrator, and Educator. She is the creator of K'aalógii Kisses (Butterfly Kisses). Originally from Chinle, AZ, her art pays tribute to her upbringing on the Navajo Nation. The strength, resiliency, and beauty of both her Diné & Black cultures radiates through all that she does. Along with original paintings, Deon also facilitates expressive art workshops.

These workshops are guided through storytelling and inspire participants to create and tell their own unique stories. Her workshops include watercolor/acrylic painting, working with clay, paper sculptures, puppet/ storytelling, journaling, and early childhood literacy lessons with a focus on Indigenous authors/illustrators. Her first illustrated book is We Weave, written by Diné Author Daniel Vandever.



Officer Anthony Cooke and K9 Oreo- PRESENTER

The CCSD police department's K9 program is staffed by K9 officers and their dogs, with a focus on school safety, including searches for guns and drugs. The dogs are selected to be friendly and approachable to help build positive relationships with students, as K9s act as a proactive and preventative measure. The program includes multiple dogs, such as Peppermint, Ace, Jack, King, and Oreo.

Program Goals: **Enhanced School Safety:** The primary goal of the K9 program is to create safer school environments for students and staff. **Positive Interaction:** The K9s are intended to be approachable. **Proactive Approach:** The program focuses on proactive and preventative measures rather than solely reactive enforcement.



Andy Arnold, Founder @ AEI, – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

The American Excellence Initiative was founded and is operated by Andy Arnold. Andy wears many hats at AEI to include Executive Director and Success Training Officer. Andy also works in cooperation and partnership with a select group of organizations and companies he has chosen to align himself with based on shared morals, ethics, and missions. Andy is a RedBag Account Executive, a member of the Circle of Trust Training cadre, a Mission22 Ambassador, a John Maxwell Team certified coach, a 1st Phorm Legionnaire, a certified Tiny Habits coach, member of the National Speaker's Association Las Vegas Chapter, and a proud member of the Vegas Chamber.

Andy Arnold has spent his entire life providing service and solving problems. A collator of information, conduit of protocols, and connector of people, organizations, and services, Andy's unique blend of practical life experience and evidence-based best practices provides custom, personalized insight into helping people achieve their aspirations.

Ross D. Bryant, **Major (Retired) U.S. Army – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR**



Is the Executive Director of University of Nevada–Las Vegas's Military & Veteran Services Center (MVSC), which assists active-duty service members, veterans, National Guard members, reservists and military family members by certifying their GI Bill benefits as well as developing campus or community resources and programs aiding them in their challenging transition to civilian and university life.

His team's effort has brought over 9,000 veterans to UNLV with a 71% graduation rate. Since 2012, more than 4,987 veterans and military family members have graduated from UNLV.
On January 6, 2017, Ross Bryant was named the Student Veterans of America (SVA) national "Chapter Advisor of the Year" at the 2017 SVA National Conference in Anaheim, California.



Leticia Escamilla – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Shaped by her own journey from reactive and high-tempered to grounded and intentional, Leticia knows firsthand how stress can hijack your focus—and your mood. She's spent years helping leaders and teams in high-pressure environments master their responses, stay present, and lead with clarity (without needing a meditation retreat or a monk-level commitment).

Certified as a meditation teacher and yoga instructor, with training in emotional intelligence, Leticia blends practical mindfulness, self-leadership, and actionable tools to turn overwhelm into focus, stress into energy, and pressure into purposeful action. She partners with organizations to deliver keynotes, corporate trainings, and breakout sessions that leave leaders inspired, equipped, and actually excited to put mindfulness into practice—yes, even on Monday mornings.

Jon Gentile – Fight Instructor



1991 – 2017 Police Sergeant, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas, Nevada Graduate of class 2/91 from the police academy. I have worked on a number of assignments from Patrol Officer, Detective (covert/overt), and Police Sergeant.

I was a certified Police Defensive Tactics Instructor for over 23 years. 2018- Current Sensible Training Solutions, Henderson, Nevada Police /Security Training. Defensive Tactics and investigative techniques and training.



Jordan Burrows, Intuitive Energy Practitioner – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Jordan Burrows is an author, Intuitive Energy Practitioner, speaker, and framework builder. As an ASU graduate in Organizational Leadership with nearly two decades of experience as a senior financial crimes' investigator and project leader, she learned that being strong enough to carry pressure doesn't mean carrying it comes without a cost.

Her journey into energy work and self-healing revealed a hard truth: surviving through life isn't the same as living in it. That truth inspired Jordan's book, WTF is Shadow Work?, a journal designed to guide readers in uncovering the hidden connections between their experiences and their emotional, physical, and spiritual health.

Today, through Infusi Energy Healing, Jordan combines self-reflection, energy practices, and emotional awareness to offer an unapologetic (and perhaps unconventional) path to healing. Her work invites people to look beyond what they've learned to live with and consider what they no longer have to carry.

We can be strong enough to carry something and still deserve the tools to put it down.

Patty Hodge Doctor of Nursing Practice and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR



With both personal and professional experience in trauma and domestic violence, Patty Hodge brings a compassionate, evidence-based perspective to the challenges facing first responders and the people who love them.

Her work focuses on resilience, psychological injury, burnout prevention, and the practical tools that help those on the front lines continue to serve without losing themselves in the process. Her message is simple: staying in the fight begins with protecting the people who answer the call. She is an energy psychology researcher, retired psychotherapist, YouTuber, and Tapas Acupressure Technique (TAT) Pro. Patty has been dubbed a pioneer in her work and "human Prozac" by family and friends who appreciate her natural curiosity and deep listening skills.



Marcy Hanson, Chaplain – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Is a chaplain who also serves as an advisor to the National Adopt-A-Cop board, recruits' adopters from the local community.
"It is a fantastic bridge to build to show our appreciation for the heroic and dedicated work that our Galveston police officers do in keeping our island safe," Hanson said.

Families, friends, churches and local businesses adopt an officer for one year. Their obligation is to pray for that officer daily, write notes and cards of encouragement, and once a month, give a gratitude bag to bring a ray of sunshine or happiness into a very stress-filled job. Adopt-A-Cop Galveston is a local charity and accepts donations to help provide for officers.

Donna Weber, Entrepreneur – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR



Is a retired special education elementary teacher turned entrepreneur. As a Kindness & Wellness Advocate, she is passionate about spreading kindness and supporting people who want to lead healthier lives naturally. Through her Kindness Project, Donna encourages simple acts of kindness and self-care that can create a ripple effect in our communities. She also co-hosts monthly Sip & Self-Care gatherings, bringing people together to connect, learn, and practice simple ways to nurture their well-being.

Donna is a co-author of *Voices of Peace: A Global Perspective* and the author of *The Kindness Project: A Coloring Book/Journal*. Her vision is to inspire people to embrace kindness in their everyday lives and, together, create a tsunami of kindness around the world—one person, one act, and one community at a time.



Erie S. Crawford, PhD, LSW, – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR, KEYNOTE SPEAKER, PUNCH OUT PANEL PARTICIPANT

Is an active Christian and has devoted close to thirty years to serving the church community. As a current member of Oakdale Covenant Church, she served the Body of Christ as a leader of women's ministry, Bible class facilitator, and Sunday School teacher.

She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work from Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work and has had close to fifteen years of experience focused on expanding access to and increasing the quality of healthcare programs targeting underserved populations. Dr. Crawford earned her PhD in business psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in 2020 to better advocate for those in need. She is the author of The Other Side of Midnight: A Journey to Healing Spouses and Loved Ones Affected by Suicide, and a business psychologist with over 25 years of experience in social work.

Dr. Tammie Carter, Educator, Consultant – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR



Dr. Tammie Carter is a native Las Vegan where she resides with her husband. As a blended family she is the mother of four beautiful daughters. Dr. Carter is an accomplished educator and consultant with an extensive background in psychology, and education.

She holds multiple degrees, including a BA in Social Work Psychology, a BA in Education, and three master's degrees in Early Childhood Education, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling. Additionally, she earned a PhD in Educational Psychology, specializing in behavior analysis.

Dr. Carter is licensed in cosmetology, serves as a Notary Public, and holds several certifications, including Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), and Psycho-Social Rehabilitation (PSR). Her diverse career includes roles as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Special Education Teacher, Behavior Analyst, Special Education Director, and CEO of several small businesses she owns.



Sgt. Steven Ufford Ph.D., Officer, Peer Support Trainer – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Steven has over 25 years of law enforcement experience, ranging from traditional and non-traditional law enforcement agencies. Twenty-four of those years have been spent serving the Clark County School District Police Department (CCSPD). He currently serves as the Diversion and Wellness Bureau (DWB) supervisor. Housed in the DWB are the Peer Support and Officer Wellness programs, the Police Social Worker Unit, the Chaplain program, and the School Justice Partnership program.

Steven is certified as an instructor for Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and as Peer Support certification instructor through the Law Enforcement Alliance for Peer Support. He also composes grants for CCSDPD. Since 2020, Steven has secured over 3.6 million dollars in grant funding for the Department. Steven also authored and oversees the Prevention Before Apprehension, home visit outreach program, serving at-risk juveniles and their families in the community. Prior positions held with CCSDPD include Patrol Sergeant, full-time Gang Task Force Officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Gang Major Case Team, Department Trainer, Field Training Officer, Campus Officer, and Patrol Officer.







Amy Frost, **Wellness & Veterans Affairs Advisor, National Training Director and Corporate Consciousness Officer – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR**

Ms. Frost is an accomplished educator, trainer, speaker and coach for personal leadership and life coaching

programs. Her professional experience has provided her the opportunity to work with thousands of managers and employees dealing with a multitude of workplace related human resource issues (i.e. transitions from promotions, job reassignments, layoffs, dealing with difficult co-workers and employees, and day-do-day changes that impact company morale and productivity).



Mary V. Camp, Chaplain, Christian Education Trainer – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Mary Vernice Valentine was born in Cotton Plant, Arkansas to the union of Roy Lee Valentine and Corine Hunter – the second of eight children born to this union. Married for 47 years to Reverend Thaddeus W. Camp. A BLENDED and BLESSED family with eight children (two deceased – Thaddeus Wallace Camp Jr. and Patricia Camp-Holmes); 16 grandchildren (1 deceased: Enajah) and 22 great grandchildren.

A member of the Second Baptist Church of Las Vegas, Nevada, (Reverend Clayton D. Moore is pastor). At Second Baptist Church, I currently serve as the Director of Christian Education, a Sunday School Teacher, Teacher and Priscilla Circle Chair in Women's Ministry, and Advocate for Youth.

Jackie Morrison, Community Advocate, Finance Executive – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR



Jackie Morrison is a dynamic leader, educator, and community advocate with more than 20 years of experience in finance and ministry.

She serves as co-pastor of Reignited Worship Center and is the founder of Reignited Women International, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering women and strengthening families through education, outreach, and practical resources. With an MBA and soon completing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Pastor Jackie has combined her professional expertise in finance with her pastoral calling to create impactful programs that transform lives. She leads financial literacy workshops, teaches on biblical stewardship, and recently launched a 12-week Christian Financial Education Program to equip individuals and families with tools for long-term stability and success.



Mary McElhattan, Published Author, Speaker, Ordained Minister, Chaplain, and Permission Mission Advocate. – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

My mission began long before I knew it would become my life's purpose. In 1981, my older brother died in a motorcycle accident. We never really spoke about it — not until my father became ill two decades later. That changed everything.

When my dad got sick in 2001, he wanted to plan ahead. For three months, we had honest, beautiful, sometimes painful conversations about what he wanted. We talked about his legacy, his funeral, and the messages he wanted to leave behind. He wrote notes for his children, grandchildren, and even his great-great-grandchildren who hadn't been born yet. That's why I started Permission Mission. Through workshops, speaking. Private consultations, and resources, I help families around the world open up about what's inevitable — so they can be ready, be present, and be at peace preparing for their own planning.

Senior Master Sergeant Richard Egan (Retired), Suicidologist, Facilitator, and Veteran – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR



Richard Egan is a Suicidologist working for the state of Nevada as the Suicide Prevention Training and Outreach Facilitator for the past 13 years. He brings to his position experience in suicidology, administered leadership, supervision, and as a suicide prevention educator.

His experience includes 26 years in US Air Force Munitions Systems Technology. Thirty-seven years' experience and certified in facilitating training objectives. Thirty-one years' experience preventing suicides utilizing, prevention, alertness, and intervention skills. Two years' experience facilitating training objectives to the public for Clark County Department of Family Services.



Amanda Kehrer, Volunteer Coordinator – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Serves as the Education and Employment Officer for the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS), where she helps connect Nevada's veterans and their families with education, employment, and career resources.

She has been with NDVS for five years, beginning as the Volunteer Coordinator at the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home before being promoted to her current role. Prior to joining NDVS, Amanda spent six years at UNLV in the Division of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement, where she helped build meaningful connections with alumni, donors, and the university community while also working on major university events on campus and with community partners. Amanda is also a veteran, having served eight years in the U.S. Navy, as well as the wife of a U.S. Navy veteran and Las Vegas Metro Police Officer.

Kelsey Coleman, EMS – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR



"Kelsey Coleman is a Paramedic, and has been in EMS for over 11 years. She was raised as a military dependent and spent her life moving from place to place. She started off her EMS career in Kansas, but settled in Vegas a few years ago.

She has been an educator and mentor in her field for several years. Kelsey is passionate about helping her students grow and realize their potential, while making sure they have a positive experience. Kelsey has been involved with Peer Support and has been an advocate to expand that program to services that don't have it. During her career she fell in love with sports medicine and is in the process of advancing her career by becoming a physical therapist.

Kelsey is dedicated to bringing awareness to mental health struggles in first responders, as well as the education and training gaps for new personnel. Her diverse background gives her a different perspective, and allows her to see things from multiple viewpoints. Kelsey and Tamara have started advocating for these goals with their social media platform EMS Through Her Eyes."



Tamara Henderson, Licensed Social Worker – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Is a Licensed Social Worker and Paramedic. She is currently attending graduate school at the University of Nevada, Reno, School of Social Work.

Tamara has devoted her life to serving others. With over 20 years of experience in the healthcare industry, directly serving the most vulnerable populations and communities, she continues to advocate for them by pursuing a career in Social Work, with a focus on policy advocacy. As a first responder, she continues to mentor tomorrow's workforce and clinicians, focusing on mentorships and improving education standards.

Tamara is dedicated to bringing awareness to the challenges faced by the Veteran and the first responder community. Her diverse background has allowed her to connect with individuals from all walks of life.

Desiree Vargas, Licensed Marriage, and Family Therapist, Mindset Coach, Business Consultant – FIGHT INSTRUCTOR



Desiree Vargas is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, mindset coach, business consultant, and entrepreneur with over a decade of experience in the mental health field. As the CEO & Founder of **Mind Body Soul Living** and co-founder of **Elevated Wellness Retreats**, she specializes in helping entrepreneurs and high-achieving professionals prevent burnout and create sustainable success through holistic mental wellness strategies. Desiree blends clinical expertise with somatic and integrative practices such as Brain spotting, hypnosis, yoga, Reiki, and mindfulness to help manage stress, improve emotional regulation, and reconnect with purpose. As a speaker and coach, she empowers others to prioritize their mental health while having a career they enjoy, so they can live a life that brings joy, balance, and love.



Pastor Jorge Hernandez - FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Jorge Hernandez and Rise Above The Flames inspire audiences by sharing a powerful testimony of redemption, resilience, and restored purpose. Jorge's story of surviving unimaginable loss and rising through faith in Christ creates an atmosphere where people feel seen, challenged, and reminded that no situation is beyond God's ability to redeem.

Whether speaking in churches, schools, athletic programs, or outreach settings, Jorge delivers a message that calls people to freedom, responsibility, and renewed identity. Audiences leave encouraged, strengthened in faith, and equipped to rise above their own circumstances with hope and purpose.

Kasia Caldwell, Clinical Social Work/Therapist, MSW, LCSW, RMT - FIGHT INSTRUCTOR



Kasia Caldwell, MSW, LCSW is an author, speaker, clinician, and holistic healer dedicated to helping others reconnect with their strength, purpose, and capacity for healing. With a background spanning psychotherapy, trauma recovery, energy healing, and community advocacy, Kasia brings a deeply compassionate and integrative approach to both her clinical work and her writing.

As the founder of Intentional Living Academy and Service Strong Wellness, she has devoted her career to supporting individuals through life's most complex and transformative experiences. Her work blends evidence-based psychotherapy modalities with ancient healing wisdom, creating space for authentic growth, resilience, and meaningful connection.



Matt Wilson, Las Vegas Fire Rescue, Paramedic/Firefighter - FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Born and raised in Las Vegas, I am a husband and a father of two children who are my world. I've dedicated my career to serving the community that shaped me.

My journey in the fire service began as an explorer with Clark County Fire Department, progressed to a reserve position with Boulder City Fire Department, and led me to my current role with Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, where I've proudly served for the past nine years.

Outside the firehouse, you'll find me on the pickleball court, at the baseball diamond, or playing hockey, sports have always been my outlet and my passion.





Mike Del Prado, Navy veteran and CEO - FIGHT INSTRUCTOR

Mike Del Prado is a veteran, technology leader, and entrepreneur whose 28-year career reflects a powerful combination of technical expertise, leadership, and community impact. As CEO of Executive Option, he has led complex technology initiatives across both public and private sectors, helping organizations navigate ERP transformations, recover critical projects, and implement solutions that drive long-term success. His work spans a diverse portfolio of organizations, including the Clark County School District and enterprises such as Station Casinos, Sony, Skillz, D.R. Horton, and Dole. Mike approaches each engagement not as a transaction, but as a partnership, focused on delivering meaningful, lasting outcomes that strengthen operations and support growth. While his professional impact is significant, what truly sets Mike apart is his commitment to people. As a veteran, Mike understands that leaving the military is not the end of a mission—it is the beginning of a new one. This belief is at the heart of the Charlie-Mike Foundation, which he founded.



Brianna Lee, U.S. Army Veteran & Advocate - PUNCH OUT SPEAKER

Is a U.S. Army Veteran and community advocate based in Las Vegas, Nevada. Having served with the 2-7 Infantry Battalion at Fort Stewart, Georgia, Brianna brings firsthand military experience, discipline, and a deep-seated commitment to supporting active service members, veterans, and community allies. Bringing years of experience as an entrepreneur alongside her MBA, Brianna works as an associate financial advisor dedicated to serving the military community. She focuses her wealth of knowledge on helping active-duty personnel, veterans, and their families navigate wealth mgt, transition strategies, and long-term financial security.

Beyond this, Brianna drives extensive local community initiatives across the Las Vegas region. As a lead organizer and board member for several organizations, she leads hands-on craft wellness workshops, military appreciation events, leadership development programs, care package drives, and major community resource initiatives.

Alexa Del Prado, SIT DOWN PANEL SPEAKER



Alexa is a community advocate committed to inclusion, representation, and strengthening communities through action. A proud military family member, with both her father and brother having served in the U.S. Navy, she supports veterans across Southern Nevada through the Charlie-Mike Foundation (CMF) alongside her father, Mike Del Prado, a U.S. Navy Veteran and founder of CMF.

She credits her mom & dad for shaping her with perseverance, resilience, and compassion, her brother for steady love that keeps her grounded, and her sister for the courage and heart she brings, always standing up for herself and inspiring others to do the same. A proud Peruvian-American, UNLV alumna, and USC graduate, Alexa previously supported students through volunteer tutoring and language-access support and continues advancing inclusion through her longtime involvement with Best Buddies International.