

## Dr. Guessler Normand Ph.D.

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Pictured here with Ernie Lieb  
In 2004.



Dr. Guessler Normand started karate in September 1970 at The University of Toledo, where he was a Professor of French, and he remained active in the martial arts until 2000 when he retired.

A 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt in the American Karate System, Dr. Normand has been a dedicated and loyal student and member for **30 years**. His tireless support of the AKS as the Director and Ohio State Representative has been an integral factor in its success. During his tenure as university professor at The University of Toledo, Dr. Normand founded and directed the West YMCA Karate Program in Toledo, Ohio, for 23 years. Upon his retirement from the university in December 1999, he turned the karate program over to Rand (Skip) Palmer, his student. Dr. Normand has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the AKS for over 20 years. His dedication and loyalty to both the AKS and its founder bring great honor and credit to himself and the American Karate System.

Since his retirement, Dr. Normand is no longer active in the American Karate System. However, he stays in touch with his former student and director of the West YMCA Karate Program, Rand (Skip) Palmer, and he remains active in the activities of his two grandchildren.

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