

Describe your KWAN Jang Nims' history, philosophy, and achievements.

History: KJN Joe was born July 17, 1965 in Philadelphia, and began to study martial arts in 1987 at the Old Campbell School at Impala. He achieved his first-degree black belt after 4 years of training in 1991. KJN Joe began instructing while at the Red1 level at the new Cambrian school. He started kick-boxing when he first achieved his black belt with Javier Mendez, Danny Ditaglia, and Len Shutes. He continued training and expanded into kick-boxing. At the age of 31, he fought his first amateur kick boxing bout, which ended in a draw. He started training in mixed martial arts in August 2000 with Crazy Bob Cook and Frank Sharmrock and the guys from AKA. KJN Joe continues to train in mixed martial arts to strive to the better. He opened his own school on Santa Teresa Blvd on May 2, 2000.

Philosophy: "Don't Give Up! Don't EVER Give Up!"

Achievements:

- Began training in 1987
- Belt Achievements
 - o First Degree Black Belt (CGN) in 1991
 - o Second Degree Black Belt (BSBN) in 1993
 - o Third Degree Black Belt (SBN) in 1997
 - o Fourth Degree Black Belt (BKJN) in 2000
 - o Fifth Degree Black Belt (KJN) in 2003
 - o Achieved Sixth Degree Black Belt in 2008
- Opened his own school on Santa Teresa on May 1, 2000
- KJN Joe has been married to his wife Audra since 1995 and has two children (Tommy & Sierra)