

Five -Times World Kickboxing Champion, Robert Dennis Parham Jr., receives a Proclamation by Mayor Angela R. Garretson.

Born to become a Legend

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On January 26, 2017 at 4p.m., at the Hillside Town Hall located at1409 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205, former Hillside hometown hero Robert Dennis Parham Jr. returns to the city to receive its prestigious Proclamation Award from Mayor Angela R. Garretson. The honorable has proclaimed January 23 to January 27 as "ROBERT PARHAM WEEK," in which the town will roll out its Red Carpet to celebrate the achievements of this beloved Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame inductee. In a special ceremony, Parham, a United States Air Force Veteran, Mississippi Silver Glove Champion, five times World Kickboxing and Pre-Olympic Taekwondo winner who currently lives in Fairfield, California, will be presented with this auspicious and well earned decoration.

Robert Parham successfully transitioned from athletics to acting, making a name for himself in his breakthrough starring role in the movie "Predatory Lender" and as Executive Producer, actor and cofinancier for the 2016 action- adventure film "Jackson Bolt." Birthing a new legacy for himself on the silver screen, he plays the role of fighter turned cop alongside legendary NFL, Actor and Producer Fred "The Hammer" Williamson. Veteran actor Fred Williamson is famous for his role in countless movies in the 1970s, but is well remembered for his starring role in the 70s movie "Black Caesar." The inclusion of Action Film star Andre "Chyna" McCoy, and American martial artist, actor, stuntman and fight choreographer, R.Marcos Taylor in the cast of this action packed movie, makes it one not to be missed.

Within Parham's big-screen portfolio of films, he receives credit for his work as a co- producer and for his breakthrough starring role in the "Buster Jones" minifeature. He has had featured roles in the movies "Bad Faith," "The Insider," and "The Hand to Hand." In 1999, Robert was a participant in the inaugural show of the TV Series "Toughman World Championship on the FX channel. Currently he is working with Executive Producer at Universal Talent Bookings, Mr. Timothy Beal, whose list of clients includes entertainers and professionals in the milieu of Marital Arts, Wrestling, Boxing, film production and SAG Actors/Actresses. (Visit the UTB website at <u>www.universaltalentbookings.com</u> to learn more).

Robert D. Parham attended Southern University in California where he majored in Business Administration and earned his MBA. He is currently working toward earning his DBA degree.

This icon's long list of impressive athletic accolades includes numerous national and international titles for Karate, Kickboxing and Martial Arts. To name a few on this impressive list of accomplishments, are his title as a five time World Kickboxing Champion, and former four time champion winner of the Sport Karate title. Parham was the winner of the World Title of the United States Karate Alliance Lightweight Koshiki Award, and the National Black belt League's Regional and

World title. He earned the Mississippi Sliver Gloves Championship, won the Pre-Olympic Taekwondo award during his enlistment in the Air Force, earned the title of Armed Forces Champion and, became the Air Education and Training Command's winner of Male Athlete of The Year.

As an inductee into the Masters Marital Arts Hall of Fame and the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame, Robert Parham is still humbled to have been recognized for his accomplishments, and included into this prestigious organization alongside other great martial artists.

Described as a consummate professional, his career path serves as a worldwide example for others to follow and emphasizes the ultimate value of being self-disciplined. Robert credits his experience in high school plays for giving him a necessary boost of confidence to overcome his fear of public speaking, utilizing opportunities from professionals in both industries to hone his craft, and working hard to become a respected actor and Master of Martial Arts.

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