

Witness Martial Arts Expands to Gulfport, Mississippi Led by Veteran Coach Mike Sanford

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GULFPORT, MS, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Witness Martial Arts](#) brings [Brazilian Jiu Jitsu](#), No-Gi Jiu Jitsu, wrestling, boxing, kickboxing, MMA, and kids martial arts to Gulfport, Mississippi, expanding its award winning Gulf Coast academy under veteran coach Mike Sanford.

Witness Martial Arts, one of the Gulf Coast's fastest growing martial arts academies, is proud to announce the opening of its newest location in Gulfport, Mississippi. Conveniently located at 13334 Seaway Rd., Suite 104B, the new academy offers professional instruction in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, No-Gi Jiu Jitsu, wrestling, boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts, and youth martial arts, giving families throughout the Mississippi Gulf Coast a premier destination for martial arts training.

The expansion builds on the success of Witness Martial Arts' Pensacola academy and brings the same commitment to elite instruction, family focused culture, and student development to the Gulfport community. Students searching for [martial arts in Gulfport](#), BJJ Gulfport, or kids martial arts near me will now have access to experienced coaches and a welcoming environment designed for beginners and experienced athletes alike.

Leading the Gulfport academy is Head Coach Mike Sanford, a respected Brazilian Jiu Jitsu black



Witness Martial Arts founder Odie Delaney (left) and coach Mike Sanford (right) celebrate the opening of Witness Martial Arts Gulfport, expanding the academy's mission of developing confident, disciplined leaders through high quality mixed martial arts training.

belt, veteran MMA coach, and lifelong martial artist whose coaching career spans nearly two decades. Sanford began training in boxing and wrestling before expanding into Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, traditional martial arts, and mixed martial arts. Throughout his career, he has coached professional fighters, cornered athletes on some of the sport's biggest stages, and helped develop competitors who have gone on to compete in nationally recognized MMA and Bare Knuckle Fighting organizations.

Bringing Elite Martial Arts Training to the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Witness Martial Arts has built its reputation by combining world class coaching with an encouraging, family oriented atmosphere. While the academy prepares competitive athletes for high level competition, it is equally committed to helping everyday students improve their fitness, confidence, mental resilience, and practical self defense skills.

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Witness has always been about more than learning how to fight. Our goal is to help people become stronger, more confident, & more disciplined while building a community where everyone feels welcome.”

Mike Sanford

The Gulfport location offers programs for children, teens, and adults, including Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, No-Gi Jiu Jitsu, wrestling, boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts (MMA), and women's self defense. Every class is designed to meet students where they are, allowing beginners and experienced practitioners to progress safely while developing discipline, perseverance, respect, and confidence.

In addition to technical instruction, Witness Martial Arts emphasizes mentorship, accountability, and personal growth. Students benefit from structured coaching,

positive reinforcement, and a team environment that encourages long term success both on and off the mats.

Serving Gulfport and the Mississippi Gulf Coast

The new academy proudly serves students throughout Gulfport, Biloxi, D'Iberville, Long Beach,



Witness Martial Arts expands to Gulfport, Mississippi, with a new training facility offering Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, No-Gi Jiu Jitsu, wrestling, boxing, kickboxing, MMA, kids martial arts, and more.

Pass Christian, Ocean Springs, Bay St. Louis, Lyman, and surrounding Mississippi Gulf Coast communities looking for high quality martial arts training, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, youth martial arts, wrestling, boxing, kickboxing, MMA, and practical self defense instruction.

Whether someone is stepping onto the mats for the first time, looking for a positive activity for their children, preparing for competition, or simply searching for a new way to improve their health and fitness, Witness Martial Arts provides a supportive environment where every student can succeed.

The Gulfport academy is now enrolling new students and offering introductory classes for children, teens, and adults interested in experiencing the Witness Martial Arts difference.

About Witness Martial Arts

Witness Martial Arts provides professional martial arts instruction focused on building confidence, discipline, physical fitness, and real world self defense skills. With locations in Pensacola, Florida, and Gulfport, Mississippi, the academy offers expert instruction in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, No-Gi Jiu Jitsu, wrestling, boxing, kickboxing, mixed martial arts, and youth martial arts. Known for its experienced coaching staff, welcoming culture, and commitment to student success, Witness Martial Arts helps individuals of every age and experience level become stronger both physically and mentally.

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