

Chris Garland Biography

Chris Garland is the quintessential martial warrior. His experience includes more than 30 years as a practitioner of Japanese and Korean fighting systems along with the most current, prominent small arms techniques as taught in Advanced Special Operations, Close Quarters Battle from certified Special Operations Instructors who have fought in the Global War on Terror.

Garland has trained with Operators for a variety of Special Operations units since 1995 when he served in South America with the famous American Warrior Army Ranger Gary O'Neal.

Garland's accolades include the title of Grand Master in Korean Hapkido as well as highly distinguished and coveted Black Belt rank in several other combat oriented martial systems.

Garland has served as a civilian hand to hand combat instructor for the 5th Special Forces Group, teaching them in preparation for the first attack behind the Green Line at the Forward Edge Battle Area for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Garland also worked on the U.S. Ambassador Protective Detail in Baghdad, Iraq, where he was twice wounded in the line of duty. He also served on High-Threat mobility operations in direct support of the US State Department Diplomatic Security Services.

Garland deployed with the 5th Special Forces Group and the USAF 16th Special Operations Wing in order to instruct them while down range in OIF. He effectively merged combative skills, enthusiasm, and commitment to help prepare these troops for combat. He also performed in a similar manner teaching Operators in US Navy SEAL Team 3 (SPCWRGRP 3).

Garland's accelerated teaching program has been noted by many Special Operations Leaders and Operators as the best in the business.

- **Chief Instructor/Close Quarters Combat;** 5th Special Forces Group, Kuwait; Developed "ground floor" curriculum, for Program of Instruction (POI) in support of SF SOT-A personnel conducting missions for Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- **Chief Instructor/Close Quarters Combat;** 16th Special Operations Wing, Kuwait; Conducted combative training program providing realistic scenario-driven techniques which were incorporated into the U.S. Air Force SERE course at Fairchild AFB.
- **Combative Instructor/Close Quarters Combat;** Special Operations Training Detachment (SOTD), JRTC OPS GRP Ft Polk, LA, Provided instruction in combative TTP's for operational personnel scheduled to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- **Security Specialist/DSS;** Ambassador Protective Detail (APD) Baghdad, Iraq; Conducted numerous high-threat motorcade missions. Traveled to various political parties, municipal facilities, and sensitive religious locations, in support of Provisional Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

for the Iraqi reconstruction process. Received letter of recommendation for actions during the performance of duty.

- **Senior Instructor/Basic Field Firearms Officer Course (BFFOC);** Assigned as the Top Cadre to overlook the D.O.S./D.S.S. guidelines. Selected to assist 31 objectives in the Training Program at Blackwater. Instructions on weapon systems from all types of Pistols to Open Bolt, families of the AK-47, AAll Multipurpose Grenade, Sniper Rifles (Bolt Action).
- **Firearms /CQC Instructor;** U.S. Marshals Special Operations Group (SOG), Ft Polk, Louisiana; Responsible for training of personnel selected for High-Risk warrant. This program of instruction included combat pistol, rifle, weapons retention and combative techniques, tactics and procedures (TTP's).
- **Operations Specialist/Foreign Service Support;** Operated OCONUS, conducting sensitive operations for high level clientele requiring resourceful, self-starting, initiative-based people who command a high degree of discretion and alacrity.

Garland has impressed many Special Operations troops with his ability to overcome cultural obstacles and language barriers and effectively communicate with all people, civilian and military in their area of operations.

He is highly motivated and is completely focused on mission success. His ability to bond with the indigenous people, wherever he works is exemplary.

His ability to perform in an austere environment under high stress with little support and still exceed the command directive for mission success is noteworthy.

Chris Garland is from Nashville, TN., where he's lived since birth. He spent one term of service in the US Army before returning to Nashville to begin teaching Martial Arts systems and Close Combat to various Special Operations units and Law Enforcement agencies.