

Malay Combat Systems Testimonials



I have known Guro Phil Matedne of the Malay Combat Systems for over 30 years. We trained together, shared ideas and knowledge for most of those years. Guro Matedne is a true master of the fighting arts. He has dedicated his life to studying different styles of combat to find what works. He has studied with or was influenced by the great legends of Stockton California; Angel Cabaless, Leo Giron, Gilbert Tenio, Dentoy Revilar and also trained with the next generation of escrima masters such as Bobby Antuna, Ron Saturno, Wade Williams just to name a few. He then continued his search for the truth beyond the confines of the FMA and went on to explore other great arts: the Indonesian styles, Thai and much, much more.

Like a true master, Guro Matedne has studied various teaching methods & scientific approaches to teaching, in order to find the best way to share what he knows so he can give his students the best workout, acquire martial knowledge and most importantly, retain what he or she has learned. Master Phil Matedne has developed an awesome program and assembled a highly trained team to best serve their students.

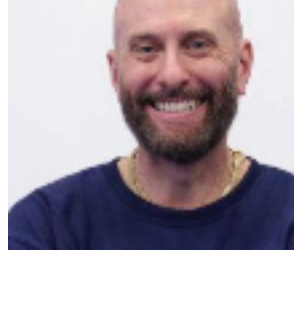
I strongly recommend Master Guro Phil Matedne and his team of professionals.

Guro Carlito Bonjoc, Jr., Grandmaster, founder of MATA SA BAGYO Filipino Martial Arts.



"I feel very fortunate to have met Guro Phil at this point in my 35 year martial arts career, and to be able to study a new art in a charged, exciting class environment. Classes are fun and the spirit among the class participants is high, whether they're beginners or advanced students. Guro Phil, shares his vast experience and teaches fun classes based on his decades of martial arts training in multiple arts."

Chris Caggiano
Karate Instructor,
Collegeville, PA



Guro Phil Matedne is the originator and head instructor of Malay Combat Systems.

Through many years of dedicated training Guro Phil has developed a unique skill set for imparting the arts of the Malay Archipelago to selective martial arts students.

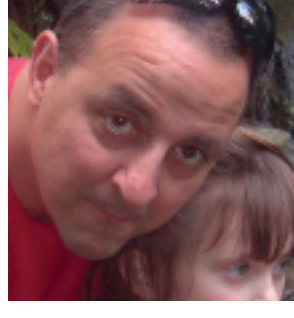
Specializing in Impact/Bladed Weapons, Improvised Weapons and Empty Hands Guro Phil has created an accessible and effective training curriculum to allow any student to grow from the wellspring of time tested arts. Students interested in self defense, professional use of force, or even sporting applications will find value in the fundamental principles explained through training in Malay Combat Systems.

I highly recommend a course of study under Guro Phil Matedne for any student wishing to push the boundaries of the bladed arts, or any combination of the combative, indigenous arts fused within his Malay Combat Systems.

Sincerely,

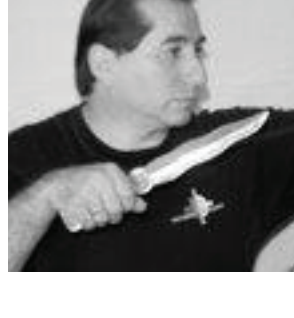
Kirk McCune

Master
Bahala Na ® Martial Arts Association
Giron ® Arnis Escrima



"I have been blessed to train with Guro Phil Matedne for over 3 years. I not only consider him a mentor but also a true friend. Guro Phil is a virtual encyclopedia of martial arts knowledge. He has taken all his experience and understanding and formed a formidable fighting art in Malay Combat Systems. MCS harmonizes the best of Muay Thai kickboxing, the Filipino Martial Arts, and Indonesian Silat into one cohesive system. Malay Combat Systems, as an art, is relational; when you begin, it becomes a casual acquaintance. The more you train in it, one begins to form a depth of deep kinship with the art itself and those with whom you train. Over the last three years I have learned that MCS is much more than an art, it is a family!"

Rick Poce
Age 45
Assistant Dean/Teacher, Malvern Preparatory School
Downingtown, PA



"Master Phil Matedne is a fantastic instructor with a wealth of knowledge to draw upon. He is able to take a complicated series of movements and break them down for the student.... He is constantly training and is always seeking new jewels of knowledge to be the best he can be. As an Instructor he is an inspiration, as a man he is full of loyalty and integrity.."

Master Daniel Siazon
6th Degree DeCuerdas Eskrima



"Bad to the bone these ladies & men are the sharpest and most dangerous people I know"

Shannon Anderson
Age 39
Professional Boxer



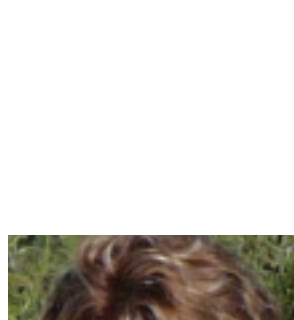
"They show us real world applications and make sure that all of us understand the purpose of every technique that they show... These guys are the Real Deal and I extremely proud to be a student at Malay Combat System!"

Daryl Stevenson U.S.C.G. Auxiliary 5th District Northern Region
Age 44 Philadelphia, PA



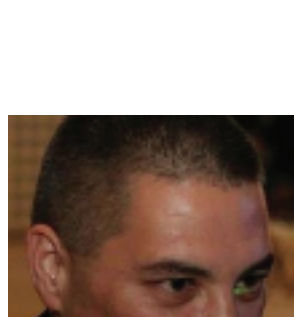
"Thank you Guro Phil for the wisdom and knowledge.....It was an honor to learn from you."

George Villegas
Hayward California



I have known Guro Phil and Christine since 2009 after my husband and children began attending their Muay Thai academy in Frazer, PA. I practiced Muay Thai, Kali, Silat, Eskrima, Mande Muda, and Harimau on and off since the mid 1990's but was no longer able to participate in Muay Thai due to physical issues and hadn't been able to study any of the weapon and empty hands martial arts since relocating from Maryland in 2003 as there didn't appear to be any teachers in the local area. At the time I was excited to learn that Guro was teaching Silat, Eskrima, Mande Muda, and other arts and I would have an opportunity to study again but I was even more pleased to learn that, in addition to studying with many talented martial artists, Phil personally knew and studied under Pak Herman Suwanda. I have a very deep respect for Pak Herman's legacy ever since I had the opportunity to participate in several of his seminars and study under one of his senior students in the late 1990's in Maryland. Guro Phil embodies all of the things about Pak Herman that I deeply respect. Phil is a patient teacher, respects each and every one of his students for their own talents and contributions, and has a deep respect for all forms of martial arts. Phil truly loves what he does and it comes through in his teaching. He wants each and every one of his students to be successful and to grow through dedication and focus, but most of all he truly wants us to be positive examples for those around us. Because of Phil's encouragement, I have found a new martial arts family here in Pennsylvania and have the opportunity to learn and study with many talented men and women; all of whom bring their own experiences and perspectives to the study of the arts under Phil. In addition, I've been able to overcome several physical challenges through focused practice and participation in Phil's classes. I consider Phil and Christine more than just talented martial artists and my teacher, they are friends and family to my husband, myself and my children. I look forward to many more years studying with Phil, Christine, and the ever growing Malay Combat Systems family.

Jennifer Duff, Mother of 3, Exton, PA.



I have been training with Guro Phil, going on 4 years now. I am a veteran of the martial arts, having trained in multiple styles over the years. The Kali/Silat program at M.C.S. covers essential stick, knife and empty hand techniques that are being applied at the time of instruction by each student. From the get go, practical useful knowledge being taught for self defense purposes. The combination of Muay Thai, Kali, Eskrima (and various other FMA), as well as the Silat, being taught at M.C.S. is a complete fighting system. Nothing has been left out, AND this is not a sport. At first, there may be hesitation as this combination of styles is quite technical and precision based. Dedicate the time, and you will be impressed with the knowledge gained in a short amount of time.

Constant practice of techniques and drills is necessary to stay in top form. I train with the FINEST martial artists I've trained with in my 26 year career. 98% of Guro Phil's students are veteran martial artists drawn to the intensity of the M.C.S. program. Sure there are "beginner" students, and that's great, too. Think of all the knowledge that is on the mat during class. Senior practitioners are always available and willing to assist with everybody's progress; it's like a family. Often, we go to dinner out, have pot luck suppers at each other's houses or go the movies as a group, that's how tight of a team we are; and that's just fine with me. So, if you are looking for that "something a bit different" in martial arts training, cutting edge knowledge and techniques (no pun intended) come to a few classes and check out what's being offered! I can guarantee that you will not be disappointed. I'll be hanging out with my Malay Combat buddies; where are you going to be?

Ben Gaspar
Downingtown, PA. Age 45, Owner: Surgimex Incorporated



Having practiced martial arts for 12 years, I was fortunate enough to discover Malay Combat Systems essentially right in my own backyard. After 3 years of training with Guro Phil, I am still amazed by his incredible wealth of knowledge, technical skill, and traditional lineage shared in a professional and friendly manner. It seems the highest praise is simply in witnessing complete beginners as well as lifelong martial artists—each allowed to grow in our own way.

Guro Phil and his wife Christine have created a friendly, family environment free of egos where you can come and learn an efficient, effective, and well-rounded system that blends traditional ideas and values, with modern practicality, all while allowing you to express your own personality and strengths within a broad curriculum of empty hand and weapons based techniques. From the first day, you feel as if you are part of something special.

Chris Kwiatkowski
Age 34, Chemist/Analyst
Downingtown, PA.