



RAMON CASAL, JR.

COACH / TRAINER

Ramon Casal Jr. is the Owner / Operator / Coach and Trainer of Casal's School of Fighting Arts, located at 1767 Maryland Street in Niagara Falls, NY. Born and raised in Niagara Falls, Ray learned the fundamentals of boxing from his father, who boxed in the army and respected trainer Gene Tortorice. Ray, early on was attracted to the art of Kickboxing. In 1971, he was further inspired to establish Casal's Kickboxing Club in the basement of his home.

Ray proceeded to make quite a name for himself in that sport. However it was in Las Vegas that his son, Nick, Age 8, was introduced to boxing at the Nevada Partners Gym, founded by "Sugar" Ray Leonard and renowned referee Richard Steele. In an effort to support Nick in his advancement in the sport, Ray turned his interests to boxing. In 1996, they moved back to Niagara Falls and Ray opened his own gym, then located on the second floor on Hyde Park Boulevard. Since that time he has run, partnered with prominent businessmen, numerous quality amateur events at the old Wintergarden and at his new, professional advanced state of the arts gym. Since dedicating himself to the "Sweet Science" of boxing, Ray was appointed team coach in 2002, for the National Junior Olympic Team/New York and was awarded USA Boxing "Most Outstanding Coach" in 2003 at the Fran Jones Under 19 Championships. Continuing along, he also was a team coach for the 2004 Golden Gloves Nationals held in Little Rock, Arkansas. Ray's Gym has produced the following Champions: 72 Male Golden Gloves, 6 Female Golden Gloves, 28 Silver Gloves, 22 National Champs and 4 P.A.L. National Champs. He has worked the corners or participated in the training of professionals and top amateurs such as: Meldrick Taylor, Tony Tubbs, Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, Bill Wallace, Otis Grant, Kevin Rosier and, of course, Nick Casal. Also Ray has been in the corner and acted as cutman for many high profile shows, including: Gary Shaw Productions, Shelly Finkle Management, Showtime Boxing, HBO Boxing and ESPN.

Ray's lovely wife Angie and his loving and loyal son Nick; a young upcoming star in his own right consistently and professionally participate and assist Ray by heading up his staff of outstanding representatives who provide the perpetual motion and decision making necessary to maximize the glamour and excitement of a Casal Production. Ray Casal is known for his, freestyle training techniques, expertise and exposure, both on a National and International venue for the last 40+ years. And Ladies and Gentlemen the best is yet to come; It has just been officially announced that Ray Casal and his staff have been awarded the privilege of hosting the 2014 Junior Olympic National Boxing Tournament. Here in Niagara Falls, NY.

Tonight Ring 44 of the National Veteran Boxers Association proud to induct Ramon Casal, Jr. into the 2013 Buffalo Boxing Hall of Fame.