

## HONOREE ED LEAHY

### -Amateur Coach of the Year-

Ed's boxing dream started at the young age of 8 years old. He started out in Elizabeth, NJ at the Elizabeth P.A.L., and later moved to Lake Hopatcong where he continued on as an Amateur fighter.

When Ed turned 18 years old, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served with the Marine Barracks and Military Police Unit in Bermuda from 1969 - 1972. During this time Ed was also on the Marine Corp Boxing Team and won a Lightweight Championship.

When Ed was honorably discharged he became a Carpenter with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 2212, of which he is still a member. In his spare time, he got involved with coaching at the Mt. Olive P.A.L. He also trained at Costello Gym in Paterson, NJ periodically. Ed later became a professional boxer and after retiring from professional boxing he became a referee for USA Boxing. At USA Boxing he received the Official of the Year award, from NJ Golden Gloves. Ed then got into judging; he judged well over 1,300 bouts as an Amateur judge and referee. He continued on to become a Professional Judge, judging world title bouts such as; Mercer vs. Klitschko in Atlantic City, NJ, Arturo Gatti vs. Ivan Robinson in Atlantic City, NJ, and Irene Pacheco vs. Mike Trejo in San Antonio, TX.

After retiring from judging professionally, Ed returned back to his passion of coaching amateur and professional boxers. Ed is the founder and head trainer of Dover Boxing Club in Dover, NJ, which is coming into its 15th year of existence. To date Ed and his partner, Rich Stoltenberg, have been responsible for bringing International Boxing to New Jersey with such match-ups as, England, Ireland, Canada, The Isle of Jersey, and Puerto Rico. Also, returning our athletes from both NJ and NY to these countries. Ed has also served as Registration Chairman and Vice President for USA Boxing. In addition, he has conducted seminars for coaching and has attended the Elite Train the Trainer hosted by USA Boxing in Colorado, and now holds a level 3 Category as a coach.

Throughout all of this, Ed is still married to his wife of 40 years, Barbara Leahy. He also has three children, Dawn, Brian, and Renee from which he also has five grandchildren.

