

Rashid Golden

Early in his adulthood, Rashid graduated from Apex Technical School in Manhattan, New York, as a structural welder in 1983. He later joined the US Army as a tank mechanic from 1984 to 1987, and subsequently became a wheel vehicle mechanic in the Army Reserves. He obtained a job at the Long Island Railroad, where he worked diligently for 30 years until retirement. He also ran a karate training school at Al-Ihsan Academy for about 10 years, in which he taught students self-defense and self-discipline. He holds a 2nd degree blackbelt in Shotokan karate, and trained in Jiu Jitsu and mixed martial arts.

Rashid has been an active member of several muslim communities since taking his Shahadah in 1984. In his early years as a Muslim, he became a member of Masjid Taha with Imam Isa of Roosevelt, New York. Later, he became a masjid member and the Amir of Security at Tauhid Center in Queens, New York, alongside Imam Aiyoub.

After several decades of hard work, Rashid retired from the Long Island Railroad and he currently resides in Ocala, Florida. He is an active board member of the Islamic Center of Ocala and is in charge of Project Downtown, a nonprofit organization dedicated to feeding the homeless.