

2017 GASSHUKU

SHORIN-RYU

of Williamsburg

MAY 5th-7th
2017

沖繩空手道武徳館

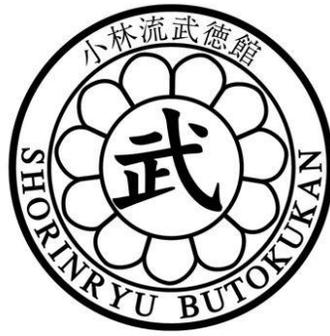


Guest Instructor
Sensei Andre Tippett



All Styles and Associations Welcome!
Shorin-Ryu Kata • Okinawa Kobudo • Kumite • Tuite/Bunkai

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沖繩小林流武徳館

Dear Sensei and Karateka:

It is an honor to be hosting our annual Spring National Training Camp here in Williamsburg, Virginia. The format of this camp will follow our previous gasshuku and cover topics of kihon, Shorin-Ryu kata, kobudo, kumite (iri-kumi and sport kumite) and application.

This is an outstanding opportunity for students of all styles of Okinawa Karate to train together and we hope this experience will create new friendships. The purpose of a gasshuku is to evaluate and strengthen the skills and curriculum areas of all members and to also create opportunities for karateka to grow.

As there are no “spectators” or seniors standing on the sidelines in the dojo on Okinawa, we will hope that every participant will represent themselves, their style and their teacher by training on the floor. It is all too common for individuals to attend camps just to have picture opportunities with famous karate sensei but do very little training. I hope that everyone will push themselves and each other to complete the training with tremendous spirit and effort.

We look forward to training with you and sharing knowledge at this special event! If there are any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Butokukan@cox.net or (757-870-0311)

Camp Director,

John Spence,

United States Hombu-Cho,
Shorin-Ryu Butokukan

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Shorin-Ryu Karate of Williamsburg

Proudly Presents

2017 Spring Training Camp



When: May 5, 6, 7, 2017

Where: Matoaka Elementary Gymnasium, 4001 Brick Bat Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23188

What: Camp classes will consist of kihon, Shorin-Ryu kata, kobudo, kumite (iri-kumi and sport kumite) and application.

Who: This camp is for all traditional martial artists, White Belt through Black Belt. **Age requirements:** 8 or older. Instructors may allow attendance of children under 8 on a case-by-case basis. Only those children mature enough should attend.

**** Camp Director reserves the right to deny any application(s) for any reason or to dismiss camper(s) for negative behavior / attitude.**

What to bring: White gi only, Kumite gear, Kobudo weapons (bo, sai, nunchaku, tunfa, eku, kama)

Camp Fee: \$95 Camp Participants (before April 15)

\$115 (after April 15)

\$25 Spectators

Hotel:	Hampton Inn	(757) 229-7330	718 Bypass Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
	Hilton Garden Inn	(757) 253-9400	1624 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
	Quality Inn	(757) 220-2800	600 Bypass Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
	Comfort Inn	(757) 229-9230	706 Bypass Rd. US 60, Williamsburg, VA, US, 23185

For more Information: Call (757)870-0311 with any questions you may have and ask for John Spence or email to Butokukan@cox.net

Flight Information: We recommend *Williamsburg/Newport News International Airport (PHF)* or *Richmond International Airport (RIC)*

2015 Butokukan National Gasshuku

REGISTRATION FORM (please feel free to make copies)

Name: _____ age: _____ sex: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Rank: _____ Style: _____ Years training: _____

Dojo: _____ Instructor: _____

Release: Martial arts training may be hazardous. Your signature indicates that you accept to train at your own risk, and you hereby release all students, instructors, camp facility and other authorized agents from any responsibility for any injury or legal claims that may arise from training. Students under 18 years of age must have parental or guardian consent and signature.

Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Camp fees	Amount enclosed
\$95 Camp participant	
\$25 Spectator	

Money order/ Certified Check (Made out to **SSK**)



Visa / Mastercard(circle one)

Card number _____

Expiration Date _____

Name as it appears on the card _____

MAIL TO:

SSK

311 Buford Road

Williamsburg, Virginia 23188, USA

Tentative Schedule

Class times and schedule are subject to change without notice

Friday, May 5

5:30 Registration at Matoaka Elementary School

6:30pm-8:30 Official opening/ **Session 1 and 2**

Saturday, May 6

*8:30am-10am session 1 Kunren/Drills

*10:30am- noon session 2 Kata

*12pm-1:30pm ***lunch break/Testing***

*1:30pm-3pm session 3 Kobudo

*3:30pm-5pm session 4 Kumite

5:30pm Demonstrations

Sunday, May 7

8:30a.m. -11:30a.m. training at USA Hombu Dojo
410 Lightfoot Road
Williamsburg, Virginia



Instructors



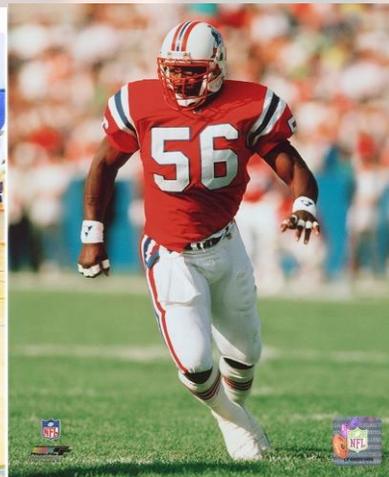
Sensei Andre Tippett,
Renshi/6th Dan
Okinawa Shohei/Uechi Ryu

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Sensei Andre Tippett has been involved with Okinawan karate for over 30 years. He is a Renshi/6th degree black belt with Shihan (Master Instructor) License from the Okikukai Shohei Ryu Association. Tippett has studied Uechi-Ryu Karate-Do since 1982 and has also had intensive training in Okinawa. Tippett Sensei has also trained privately with Shihan Toshihiro Oshiro in Yamanni Ryu, an Okinawan Kobudo system. Andre has been a member of the Ryukyu Bujutsu Kenkyu Doyukai (RBKD). Tippett has also competed in the AAU on a regional and national level in Kata, Kumite, Team Kumite and Kobudo. He has also competed on the west coast at the Annual Ozawa International Traditional Karate Tournament, Okinawan Uechi-Ryu Karate Championship in Antioch, California, winning a Grand Championship in Kumite in 1993.

Sensei Andre Tippett played 11 seasons for the New England Patriots from 1982-93. He is the second player to earn induction to the Hall of Fame after spending his entire career with the Patriots. Tippett was selected to five Pro Bowls, earning All-Star honors in each season from 1984-88. He played in 151 career games with 139 starts and holds the Patriots franchise record with 100.0 career sacks. He owns the three of the top four single-season sack performances in Patriots history (18.5 in 1984, 16.5 in 1985 and 12.5 in 1987). From 1984-85, Tippett recorded 35.0 sacks, a total that stands as the highest two-season sack total by a linebacker in NFL history. He achieved his record sack totals despite playing his career as a strong-side linebacker (opposite the opposing tight end), a position from which few other players have excelled in the pass rush to the extent that Tippett did. He was named to the NFL's 1980s All-Decade Team and was named the NFL's linebacker of the year by the NFL Players Association for three straight seasons from 1985-87. He was a member of the Patriots' 1985 AFC Championship squad and was enshrined in the Patriots Hall of Fame in 1999.





Sensei John Spence,
Kyoshi/7th Dan
Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Butokukan Association
沖縄空手道小林流武徳館

Sensei John Spence is the *U.S.A Hombu Cho/Headquarters Director* for Shorin-Ryu Butokukan karate under Hanshi Sokuichi Gibu, 10th dan/Judan. He has trained in Shorin-Ryu karate for over 30 years and is a certified instructor in Okinawan Shorin-Ryu and Okinawa Kobudo. Sensei Spence travels to Okinawa, Japan every year for training at the World Headquarters in Urasoe City.

He has served as the self-defense instructor for the LSU Law School and the American Institute of Banking. Sensei Spence has conducted seminars in the United States and South Africa on Shorin-Ryu karate and Okinawan Kobudo and also created an 11 video/dvd series on Okinawan Karate and Kobudo that sell worldwide today.

Aside from a karate instructor, Sensei Spence is a fifth grade teacher at Matoaka Elementary School in Williamsburg. He earned his B.A. from Catawba College and his Master's Degree in Education from the College of William & Mary.

He was also the recipient of the 2003 Fulbright Memorial Fund Japanese Scholarship where he studied education for a month in Tokyo and Chiba Prefecture. He was inducted into the Who's Who of American Teachers in January of 2006





Sensei David Williams, Renshi/5th Dan

Sensei Williams began his karate training in Shorin-Ryu karate in 1992 under Sensei Vernon Mason. He is one of the most senior students in the USA Butokukan Hombu dojo and also owns a very popular kobudo company where his amazing weapons are sold all over the world.



Sensei Joe Thurston, Renshi/5th Dan

Sensei Thurston has trained in the martial arts for over 20 years and is the owner/chief instructor of two very successful dojos in Massachusetts. His work as a police officer has provided great insight to the training methods of traditional karate and how they are implemented. Sensei Thurston has traveled to Okinawa many times and has also taught karate in South Africa.



Sensei Joe Wilson, Renshi/5th Dan

Sensei Wilson grew up on the island of Okinawa, training at a young age in Uechi Ryu at the Futenma Uechi Ryu World Headquarters. He has trained in Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Karate for over 15 years at the USA Butokukan Headquarters and travels yearly to Okinawa to train at the Butokukan So-Hombu dojo.



Sensei Felix Vlad

Sensei Vlad has trained in karate all of his life and competed in Japan for the Romanian National Karate Team. His specialty area is kumite and has been described as "an incredibly frightening fighter with a speed that is not believed for a man his size." His enthusiasm and cheerful energy towards teaching has made him a very sought-after instructor for all ages and ranks. Aside from karate, he also teaches yoga and zumba to countless students in the Williamsburg area.