

2018 GASSHUKU

空手道小林流武徳館

Shorin-Ryu

of Williamsburg

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Special guest instructor
Sensei Masanobu Kikukawa
Hanshi/9th Dan Shorin-Ryu Karate
Renshi/6th Dan Ryukyu Kobudo
Kaicho Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Shinkokai

All Styles and Associations Welcome!

Shorin-Ryu Karate • Okinawa Kobudo • Tuite/Bunkai

April 20th-22nd

For more information, Visit www.shoyukan.com • Contact John Spence at butokukan@cox.net

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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

2018 Spring Training Camp

When: April 20, 21, 22, 2018

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: \$125 Camp Participants (before April 1st)
\$145 (after April 1st)

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)

2018 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
\$125 Camp participant		

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, April 20

5:30 Registration at Matoaka Elementary School

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

Saturday, April 21

*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

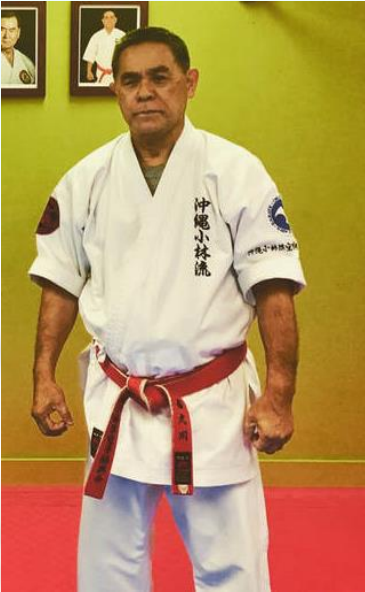
*3:30pm-5pm session 4 Kumite

Sunday, April 22

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



Instructors



Sensei Masanobu Kikukawa 

喜久川 政信

Hanshi/9th Dan Shorin-Ryu Karate

Renshi/6th Dan Ryukyu Kobudo

All Okinawa Full-Contact Champion

Kaicho Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Shinkokai Association

Director Victoria Cup Full Contact Tournament

沖繩小林流

Masanobu Kikukawa Sensei was born in Miyako Island, Okinawa, in 1954. He began his martial arts study in the Goju-Ryu style of Okinawan Karate in 1964. He later transferred to the Shorin-Ryu when he became a student of Hanshi Sokuichi Gibu at the Butokukan dojo in Urasoe. Kikugawa Sensei was the first student to receive 7th dan/Kyoshi in the Butokukan dojo and was highly regarded for his full contact kumite and bunkai.

Hanshi Masanobu Kikukawa moved to Canada from Okinawa in 1994 with his wife and two young daughters. He is a licensed acupuncturist and operates in Surrey, B.C.

Kikukawa Sensei expanded his martial knowledge in judo and aikijutsu and holds a Renshi/Rokudan in Kobudo under Kinjo Masazaku's Ryukyu Kobudo Hozonkai.

He currently serves as director or Kaicho (chairman) of the Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Karate Shinkokai, which he founded in 1985.





無外流 Sensei Robert Rivers/7th Dan



Motobu ha Shito Ryu Karate Do, Shihan, 7th Dan

Okinawa Motobu Udundi Kobujutsu, 6th Dan Renshi

Dai Nippon Butokukai, Shihan, Renshi

Mugai Ryu Iaihyodo, 6th Dan, Renshi, Okudenirisho

Sensei Rivers has been training and teaching traditional martial arts for nearly 30 years. He attributes his unique training experiences to his decades of excellent instruction and mentorship from teachers in the USA, Japan, and Okinawa.

He has received commendations from the US Senate, US House of Representatives, the Virginia Senate, and the Romanian Ministry of Sport. Sensei Rivers serves as the Shibuchō (Regional Director) for the International Seishinkai Karate Union. He also serves the Meishi Ha Mugai Ryu Suimokai Honbu Dojo in Tokyo, Japan under Niina Gyokudo, Soke. Sensei Rivers is a US Representative to the Koza Okinawa Gudokan Motobu Ryu Dojo. He is a law enforcement officer in Virginia.





Sensei John Spence,
Kyoshi/7th Dan
Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Butokukan Association
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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 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 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.