



*The Shorin-Ryu Butokukan USA Headquarters  
Proudly Presents*

# *Kyoshi Bill Hayes*



**When:** Saturday March 27 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

**Where:** Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Butokukan,  
Williamsburg, Virginia

**Who:** Adults only; 6<sup>th</sup> kyu and higher. All styles are welcome.

**Fee:** \$75 per person

**Contact** Call 757-220-2676 or email at [budo@widomaker.com](mailto:budo@widomaker.com)

# Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

**All payments are to be made to:  
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## WAIVER

*I hereby for myself, my executor(s), my heirs, forever and always agree to save and hold harmless "Shorin-Ryu Karate of Williamsburg." , and their officers, the facility owners, their respective officers and agents and anyone else involved in the conduct of this seminar for any liability or injury I may sustain traveling to and from, participating in or other direct or indirect involvement in said **KARATE/KOBUDO** event I have entered. I recognize that traditional **KARATE/KOBUDO** is a dangerous activity and willingly participate in this event. In addition, I hereby now and forever, accept any and all responsibilities for any actions in conjunction with this event. Finally, I agree to allow, without compensation, the unrestricted use of any photographs, films or videotapes of myself being involved in this event in any way.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Must have guardian sign if under 18 yrs. old)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Biography of Major William R. Hayes, USMC (Ret.)**

Major Hayes was born on May 15th, 1945, in New York City and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in August of 1964. While on active duty he served at a number of major posts including two tours of duty in Iwakuni, Japan, and three tours on the island of Okinawa, where he capitalized on the availability of martial arts instruction in an effort to continue his karate training, which began in 1960. He also served two voluntary tours of duty in Vietnam (66-67 & 69-70). During his second tour as a Staff Sergeant he was part of a martial arts demonstration and instructional team that helped teach over 450 Vietnamese Nationals. His efforts resulted in a number of awards and commendations.

In 1973, after nine years of enlisted service, Hayes was recommended and selected for both the ranks of Gunnery Sergeant and Warrant Officer. He chose to become a Marine Officer and graduated as his platoon's Honor Man from the Warrant Officer Candidate Course at Quantico, Virginia, in February of 1974 and, after further schooling, served in a number of key billets as a Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer, Company Grade Officer, and Field Grade Officer. He retired in the grade of Major in October of 1990, the highest grade attainable in his military occupational specialty at the time. The Major is the Past President of the U. S. branches of the Okinawan Shorin-ryu Karate-do International Association and is also the past Historian of that Okinawa-based organization. He has served as the editor for the Okinawan Shorin-ryu Karate-do International Association's journal and now writes and publishes a quarterly international martial arts newsletter.

Additionally, he is the author of, *My Journey With The Grandmaster*, a book centering on his experiences on Okinawa which has been read in nine countries and which was awarded The Writer's Digest Certificate of Merit. Major Hayes' teaching credentials as well as his black belt certificates and his red and white belt were personally awarded to him by his instructor, Grandmaster Eizo Shimabukuro, 10th Dan, of Okinawa, world-wide head of the Shobayashi-ryu Karate system. Bill Hayes is one of the most senior and well known of the Grandmaster's students and has dedicated much of his life to the study, preservation, and propagation of Okinawan martial culture.

Major Hayes has appeared several times on the cover of **OFFICIAL KARATE** magazine and is listed in the **Encyclopedia of Martial Arts (Martial Arts:Traditions, History, People)**. He has also appeared in England's **FIGHTING ARTS INTERNATIONAL**, Norway's **SVARTE BELTE (BLACK BELT)**, Ireland's **IRISH FIGHTING**, and Japan's **BUDO MAGAZINE**. He has demonstrated Okinawan Karate and weaponry on a number of television programs and in a number of Countries and is featured in the 1994 video **GREAT KARATE INSPIRATIONS**. Bill Hayes has been inducted into both the Karate Masters' Hall of Fame and the American-Okinawan Karate Association Hall of Fame. He is a charter member of the Marine Martial Arts Federation and was awarded the "Living Legend" award by the Nippon Kenpo Karate-do Jitsu-Ha organization. The Major is the recipient of both the NAACP's Roy Wilkins' Meritorious Service Award and the Marine Corps League's Distinguished Service Award, which were bestowed upon him as a result of his martial arts expertise.

Major Hayes is currently the Director of both the Okinawan Shorin-ryu Karate-do Research Society and the Shobayashi-Kan training group. He is one of a small group of individuals officially designated "Black Belt Emeritus" and "Subject Matter Expert" in and for the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program for having been instrumental in the creation and development of the highly effective Marine Corps Martial Arts Program. He is a member of the Omega Chi Delta Academic Honor Society, an honor attained while a student at Upper Iowa University. He is also an Executive Distributor with the Pharmanex nutrition product company and strives to share the longstanding connection between good health and good martial skills. He lives, trains, and teaches in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

# Directions

## **From the NORTH or WEST**

**Washington, D.C. Area:** I-95 South (Richmond), take I-295 East to (I64/Williamsburg)), follow Norfolk signs. Take Exit 234 (199/646 Lightfoot), turn/bear right onto 199 at top of exit ramp. Take your first exit (Mooretown Road 603 West to Lightfoot Road). Get into far left lane and take a left at the stop sign onto Rte. 646/Lightfoort Road. Proceed .2 mile and turn left into the Lightfoot Crossing Shopping Center.

**Richmond, VA:** I-64 East to Williamsburg. Take Exit 234 (199/646 Lightfoot), turn/bear right onto 199 at top of exit ramp. Take your first exit (Mooretown Road 603 West to Lightfoot Road). Get into far left lane and take a left at the stop sign onto Rte. 646/Lightfoort Road. Proceed .2 mile and turn left into the Lightfoot Crossing Shopping Center.

## **From the EAST**

**Norfolk, VA:** I-64 West to Williamsburg. Take exit 234A (199 East/ Lightfoot). Take your first exit (Mooretown Road 603 West to Lightfoot Road). Get into far left lane and take a left at the stop sign onto Rte. 646/Lightfoort Road. Proceed .2 mile and turn left into the Lightfoot Crossing Shopping Center.

**Williamsburg, VA:** Follow Richmond Road (Rte. 60) toward Lightfoot. Turn right onto Lightfoot Road (Rte. 646) at the Toyota dealership stop light. TheLightfoot Crossing Shopping Center. is .4 mile on the right.