

JERRY HANSMAN (October 7, 1964 -)

Mr. Hansman began his Martial Arts training in 1972 when he took his first karate class and began wrestling in 1975. From 1980-1983, while at Carmel High School, Mr. Hansman trained in Shorei Goju Ryu under Shihan Doug Adamson. Upon graduation, Mr. Hansman entered the United States Marine Corps and received Martial Arts training while at boot camp in San Diego, CA, and while attending Military Police school in San Antonio, TX. Mr. Hansman was then stationed at Parris Island, SC for the next three years and continued his Martial Arts training. Mr. Hansman is qualified to teach the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program (MCMAP), MCO 1500.54A.

In 1987 he was assigned to the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Security Bureau/Marine Embassy Guard Program. Training was conducted at Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA; FBI Headquarters Quantico, VA; and Department of State Headquarters Washington D.C. He was then posted to Freetown, Sierra Leone. While in West Africa, he trained a group of Sierra Leonean Army member's self-defense during joint training exercises.

From 1988-89 he was posted to Buenos Aires, Argentina. During his tour in South America, Mr. Hansman taught a self-defense class at the American Embassy.

From 1989-90 he was posted to Istanbul, Turkey. As the A/Detachment Commander, Mr. Hansman was in charge of the Marine Embassy Guards training program where he implemented Karate and self-defense as part of their training. Mr. Hansman also had the opportunity to train with Turkish Commandos and members of the Israel Defense Forces in Krav Maga.

Upon Mr. Hansman's Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps in 1991, he went to work as a Deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Department. In 1992 Mr. Hansman joined the Indianapolis Police Department as a Patrol Officer. In 1997 Mr. Hansman was awarded IPD's highest honor; The Medal of Valor from Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. He also received two Medals of Bravery from the Indiana chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Hansman continued his training in Shorei Goju Ryu with Hanshi Sensei Herb Johnson. Hanshi Johnson named Mr. Hansman his "Most Outstanding" student in 2001, at the Professional Karate Commissions Awards ceremony.

Mr. Hansman won the 2000 PKC Indiana State Championship in Weapons; the 2001 PKC Indiana State Championship in Weapons and Fighting; and the 2001 PKC International Championship in Weapons. Other awards include: 2nd Place, Fighting, 1982 AAU Indiana State Karate Championships; 2nd Place, Weapons, 2001 PKC National Championships and 3rd Place, Fighting, 2001 PKC National Championships. He is a PKC Tournament Official and officiated at the 2001 World Police and Fire Games in Indianapolis, Indiana with Herb Johnson, Bill Wallace, Glenn Keeney, Phil Morgan, Fumio Demura and Arlene Limas.

In 2003, Shihan Hansman began training with Hanshi William R. Hayes, a direct senior student of Grandmaster Eizo Shimabukuro, 10th Dan, Shorin Ryu.

In 2004, Sensei Hansman was awarded the Eddie Bethea Humanitarian Award for "Exemplary Behavior and Dedication to the Martial Arts Both In and Out of the Dojo".

Mr. Hansman is currently a Roku Dan (6th Degree Black Belt) in Shorei Goju Ryu and Okinawan Kobudo and a Yon Dan (4th Degree Black Belt) in Shobayashi Shorin Ryu and continues to train with Hanshi Bill Hayes, Mark Knox, Tony D'Angelo, Tommy Revell and the members of the Shobayashi Kan.. Mr. Hansman has also trained with Bill Wallace, Glenn Keeney, Robert Bowles, Eddie Bethea, Eberhard Welch, Phillip Koeppel, Noel Smith, Doug Perry, Jim Logue, and Chosei Motobu, 10th Dan, Motobu Ryu, son of Grandmaster Choki Motobu.

Mr. Hansman frequently travels to Okinawa, Japan and trains at the Okinawa Perfectual Budokan in Naha with Jyosei Yogi, 9th Dan, Kounan Ryu and Kobudo; with Eizo Shimabukuro, 10th Dan Shorin Ryu at his Honbu Dojo in Ginoza; with Morio Higaonna, 10th Dan, Goju Ryu at his Honbu Dojo in Tsuboya, with Tetsuhiro Hokama, 10th Dan, Goju Ryu at his Honbu Dojo in Nishihara and with Hiroshi Akamine, 9th Dan, Shorin Ryu and Ryukyuu Kobudo in his Honbu Dojo in Tomigusuku.