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U.S.A.**

Founded in 1962 by Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro
Under the direction of Hanshi Robert Scaglione



Fall 2008 Karate News

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Greetings from Hanshi Robert Scaglione

Greetings to you,

continued karateka/deshi of Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate USA.

After the August testings & promotions worldwide we continue to forge forward with our karate training. Karate is not a theory, it must be lived...practiced, in order to reap the many benefits it offers.

As often stated, there is so much more to karate than the original reason we started training. We look forward to the next forty-six years of Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate USA and many more years after.

Karate is truly a lifetime marathon.

I thank you all for your continued efforts and input as evidenced by the many USRKUSA Dojo prospering worldwide.

Most Sincerely,
Hanshi Robert Scaglione.
Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate USA
Keep training.





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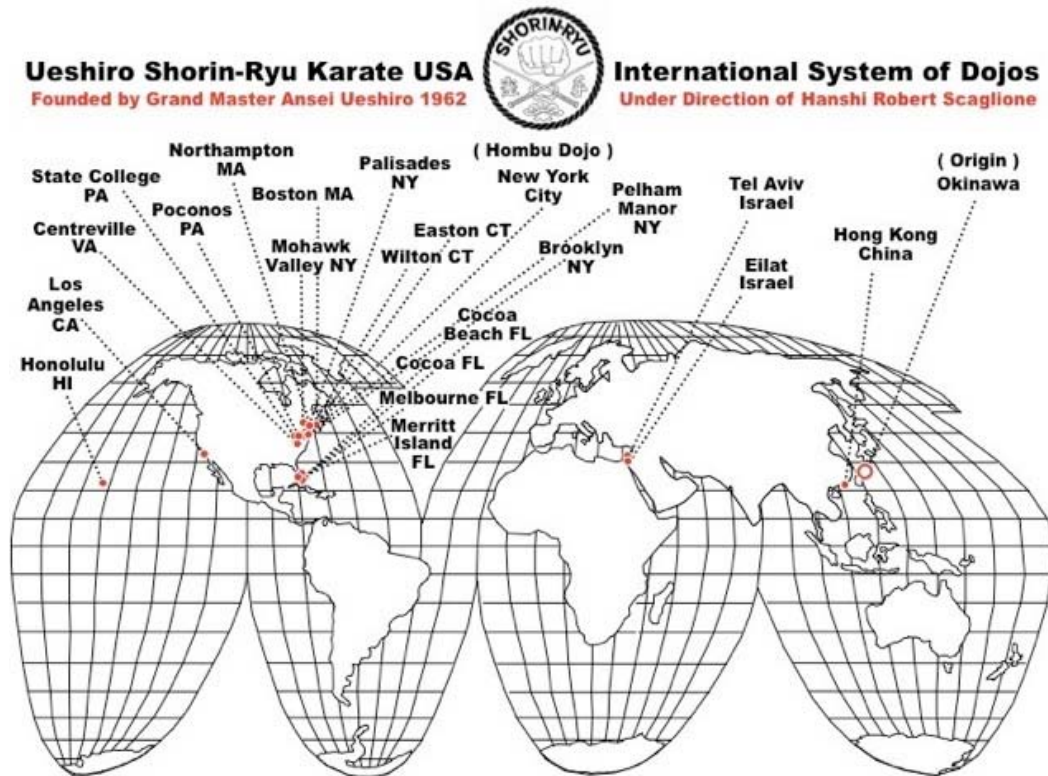
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Ueshiro Bushi Dojo

Greetings USRKUSA Family.

Again I would like to start by Congratulating Hanshi on just another one of your many achievements. Your 70th Birthday. No Karateka in the Country has logged more "On The Deck Hours".

MARK TWAINS EXPERIENCE COMES TO MIND,
IN WHICH AFTER HE HAD MASTERED THE ANALYTICAL KNOWLEDGE
NEEDED TO PILOT THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, HE DISCOVERED THE RIVER HAD
LOST IT'S BEAUTY.

-- excerpt from Zen and The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance.

Your wisdom Hanshi which you have shared with all of us as our humble navigator was to steer clear of the analytical trappings of karate mastery so that we will never loose the beauty of the flow kata, karate and life itself.

You have taught us the most essential aspect of Karate; "if you stay on the path it never loses it's beauty".

Bushi Dojo Update:

The Bushi Dojo has enjoyed a great summer. First, we had our summer promotion and tip test:

- Mark Zeizel - promoted to Ik-Kyu
- Gwilym Roddick - promoted to Ro-Kyu

We have had the pleasure of several visits from other Dojo including Sensei Tamir and Danielle Delgado from Ueshiro Suntree Dojo in Florida.



We did some improvements to the Dojo including:

- Dojo Summer Cleaning. Thanks to everyone for participating in a deep cleansing and organizing for the Dojo.
- Our improved weekday schedule is: M,W,F - 6:15- We now have classes from 6:15 to 7:30 M-W-F
- We added a Saturday Summer beach workout led by Mr. Tongret.
- Created a new website / blog at bushidojo.net.

Many thanks to Sempai Pell for his leadership and contributions to these improvements; to Sempai Scott for her continued leadership and teaching; and to Sempai Tongret for leading our Summer Beach Workouts.

Arigato Hanshi and
HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL OF US!!

Barnes Sensei
Denshi/Shihan
Ro-Kyu Dan /USRKUSA.

Brophy Sensei
Bushi Dojo Co-Shihan





Easton Connecticut Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate Club

Onegai Shimasu Hanshi,
Onegai Shimasu Kyoshi,

The Easton, CT Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate Club expresses its gratitude to Hanshi and all the other warriors who keep the organization strong. We have kept our spirit strong by training with the AIG club, Palisades, Midtown, and the special beach and Central Park workouts.

Arigato,

Sensei Dunsby



Wilton Connecticut Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate Club

Onegai-shimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei, Sempai and Deshi,

Our small core group continues to thrive and grow at the Wilton, CT club housed at AIG's gym. We continue to preserve and ensure the vitality of the traditional Okinawan karate-do with our morning pre-work classes. This karate season has been an exciting one! We held our first annual meeting of the deshi for a kampai dinner at our home. We were also represented in the attendance of the Annual Sherwood Island beach workout. Our membership has grown by an additional three students so our humble deck is quickly filling up when attendance is full.

In addition to the weekly club classes at AIG, I have begun to instruct some high school students in my basement. Although not a 'proper' dojo, we hope to grow the group and some day evolve into a more formal club/dojo. These teen guys whom I instruct are active participants in a youth ministry for which I have volunteered many years, so I have finally combined my two passions, karate and youth ministry.

Please keep our Wilton group in your thoughts and prayers. As we are all employees of AIG, training in an AIG gym facility, our daily lives have taken on the stresses of the economic turmoil that you have heard about in the news. We wish all of our karateka brethren the best of training! See you on the deck!

Domo arigato,
Keith Eng



Cocoa Beach Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Dojo

About thirty-five Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu deshi showed up at the Cocoa Beach Dojo, Sunday August 17th for our bi-annual belt testing, consisting of four hours of karate.

Arigato to the following black belts for assisting with the test: Sensei Tom DuJardin, Sensei Kurt Tezel (Shihan, Merritt Island Dojo); Sempai Connie Rutkowski; Sempai Joe Motro; Sempai Carla Eddy (Cocoa YMCA Dojo) Sempai Trevor Tezel.



Arigato to the following deshi were not testing but showed up to support those testing: Ik-kyu's: Kathleen Holland, DJ Johnson (Cocoa YMCA Dojo), Michael Motro; Ni-kyu's: Michael Adams, Sarah Parker and Joshua Adams; Yon-kyu's: Mark Mariani and Anthony Clarke. A special congratulations to DJ Johnson, aged 17, who did a breaking demonstration with four boards, a personal best.

Congratulations to the following deshi who were promoted:

Ni Kyu:

Jean Chipman
Wade Parker

San-Kyu:

Larry Lyon

Yon Kyu:

Stu Warren

Grace Kavenough

Jeff Tomberlin

Jordan Tomberlin (Merritt Island)

Helena Denmark

Kiani Mariani

Maleko Mariani

Anthony Clarke

Ro Kyu:

Jeff Wells

Jeremy Wells

Logan Clifton

Paul DeCioccio

Jamisson Dettmer

Congratulations to our sister Brevard Dojo: fifteen Suntree YMCA Dojo deshi were promoted by Shihan Tamir last Sunday; on Tuesday Hanshi is conducting a white belt test at his Dojo in Viera – the explosion in the number of students signing up for karate training at Hanshi's Dojo has resulted in Hanshi adding a second training room to accommodate all of his new students; and on August 30th the Cocoa YMCA Dojo will be conducting their belt testing under Sensei Ken Oscarson. Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate is alive and well and training hard in Central Florida !

We also had press coverage again, inß the Florida Today – view online at:

<http://www.cocoabeachkarate.com/ftsep308.html>

Arigato Goziamasu,

Sensei Des Chaskelson

Shihan, Ueshiro Cocoa Beach Karate

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A black belt is just a white belt who never quit



Ueshiro Viera Shorin-Ryu Karate Dojo

Greetings to All,

The Ueshiro Viera Karate Dojo/Club held it's "first ever" solid color belt test, 06 Sept 08. On behalf of the Viera students/deshi we thank all the Shihan/Sensei/Sempai from the four other Ueshiro Dojo/Clubs in Brevard County for your continued support & efforts in our training. Photos of the participants & test are on a posted Email.

Congratulations to the following candidates:

Yon-kyu-Green Belt

Sarah Balgo
Sydney Balgo
Jonathon Strong
Jackson Boyd
Gannon Avery(Suntree Deshi)



Go-Kyu-Two-Green Tips

Greg Strong
Brandon Strong
Kaan Okul
Ro-Kyu
Kevin Josephson
Scott McCormick
John Kiely
Tommmmy Xia(Suntree Deshi)
Syd McCormick
Michael Josephson
Shichi-Kyu-Two Green Stripes(child)
Gabriella Josephson

I would like to thank the following Karateka & Deshi for showing up to support the Viera Karate location students/deshi. Ms. Connie Rutkowski-Ni-Dan, Rick Cupoli-San-Kyu, Conner La Montagne-San-Kyu, Rick Cupoli Jr,-Yon-Kyu, David Laderwarg-Yon-kyu, Laura Wheeler-Go-Kyu, Andy Nichols-Ju-Kyu & Clayton Wolfgang-Ju-Kyu.

Our location also hosts Black Belt training on a regular basis.
Keep training. Zen Shin.

Sincerely, Hanshi Robert Scaglione



Ueshiro Suntree Florida Karate Dojo

Greetings from the Ueshiro Suntree YMCA Karate Dojo in Florida.

We continue moving forward with 5 classes per week taught by Sensei Tamir, Sensei Marchetti, Sensei Tezel, and Sempai Connie. Our evening classes average in size from 10 to 20+ deshi.

The YMCA has been an ideal mechanism for maintaining a continuous influx of new students of various ages. Sempai Connie's Wednesday 3:00 PM class is our newest addition to the schedule, accommodating those who wish to train late afternoon (after school). Our class schedule is also supplemented by numerous classes at our other nearby Ueshiro dojo[s] within 15-30 minute drive (e.g., Viera, Cocoa, and Cocoa Beach).

We often get extra joy and vigor from visitors from our nearby dojo[s]. Recently, we were fortunate to have a special visitor from one of our farthest sister dojos. Sempai Tytus

Michalski visited from the Ueshiro Hong Kong Dojo, under Shihan Alan Lai and Sensei Stephen Wong. Sempai Michalski was tested and promoted to Shodan by Hanshi Scaglione during his visit to our dojo. We also look forward to the possible near future visit of Sensei Shlomo Dadon from another one of our farthest dojo -- from Eilat, Israel. Sensei Dadon may be able to visit us this coming November-December (he also plans to visit our dojo[s] in New York and potentially others on the east coast). We keep training in anticipation. You are all welcome to visit us for both spirited Ueshiro SRKUSA training and Florida hospitality. Just let us know you are coming



and we shall take care of you. Moreover, these past few months we had representatives from our dojo visit some of your dojo[s] in in New York City, Santa Monica California, and State College Pennsylvania.

We look forward to training with you on the path of Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate-Do, following the leadership of Hanshi Robert Scaglione, in the foot steps of Master Ansei Ueshiro.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu.

Tamir Sensei
 Shihan Ueshiro Suntree YMCA Karate Dojo
 Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate USA Under the Direction of Hanshi Robert Scaglione
 Shihan

Dojo Color Coding

Viera Rec Center
 Suntree YMCA
 Cocoa YMCA
 Cocoa Beach



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Weekly Schedule of Classes on Florida's Space Coast Dojo[s]

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
6:00 PM 6:00 PM	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	3:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:45 PM	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	6:00 AM 6:00 PM	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	11:00 AM

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Ueshiro Merritt Island Karate Club

Onegai-Shimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei and all Deshi,

Domo Arigato Hanshi for continuing to be the guiding force and inspiration behind The Ueshiro Merritt Island Karate school. We are back in full swing with the start of the school year. Classes are conducted every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm at Tropical Elementary School on Merritt Island, Florida.

We have about 18 students, with a good mix of students returning from last year and new students who are unfamiliar with karate. I continue to receive help from my two assistant instructors: Clay and Kevin Tezel. My advanced students have responded well to the new students. They have been maintaining proper focus while reinforcing their knowledge of the basic techniques.



They are also serving as good examples to the newer students by demonstrating the proper respect and courtesy which is the bedrock upon which we lay the foundation of our skills.

Last April Tropical Elementary held its annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Ueshiro Merritt Island Karate students had the opportunity to display what they learned over the course of the school year. They showed no butterflies or jitters as they demonstrated stretches, basic techniques, kata and their favorite: three point arm-training.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu,
Sensei Kurt Tezel
Shihan, San-Dan
Ueshiro Merritt Island Karate Dojo



Northampton Ueshiro Karate Dojo

Onegai shimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei and deshi from beautiful western Massachusetts! We have had a busy and productive year in Northampton, starting with the:

Karate Weekend in Florida

Sensei Daniel Gobillot represented the Northampton dojo during this extraordinary training weekend on 23-24 February. The spirit of the weekend was beautifully summarized by Sensei Kurt Tezel in an email dated 26 February 2008.

Training in the Poconos

On Saturday 10 May the following made the trip to the Poconos from Northampton:

Sensei Daniel Gobillot, Sensei Chris Gobillot, Sensei Cindy Gobillot, Sensei Jean Gobillot, Mr. Lou Ruvolo, Ms. Lisa Harvey, Mr. Vern Fath, Mr. Steve Parsons, Ms. Cathie Parsons, Ms. Nancy Owen, Ms. Tracy Magdalene, Ms. Angela Pozo, and Mr. Kenneth Manin. We were very grateful for this opportunity to travel with a large group and to see this facility and to train there with our karate family. Domo arigato Barnes Sensei! Domo arigato Hanshi!

Tip Test

On 21 May 2008 the Northampton dojo hosted a tip test. The following deshi from the Bement School in Deerfield, MA, who had been training with Sensei Christine O'Hara, traveled to Northampton to test and were promoted to ro-kyu: Ashby, Mary, Sarah, Grace, and Xiao Ping.

Bryan Torres of Northampton tested and was promoted to Go-kyu.

Sensei Daniel Gobillot conducted the test. Our thanks to the board of judges, Sensei Christine O'Hara, Mr. Lou Ruvolo, and Ms. Mary McKitrick. Our thanks to the

following deshi who participated: Mr. John Sackery, Mr. Steve Parsons, Dr. Nancy Owen, Colleen Filler, Tracy Magdalene, Angela Pozo, and Kenneth Manin.

Annual Beach Workout at Sherwood Island State Park – 13 July 2008

6 members of Northampton Ueshiro Karate Dojo traveled to Connecticut to participate in the beach workout and to train vigorously in memory of Sensei Garcia: Sensei Jean Gobillot, Ms. Lisa Harvey (sho-dan), Ms. Mary McKitrick (sho-dan), Ms. Nancy Owen (sho-dan), Deb Paciulli (ik-kyu), and Kenneth Manin. Domo arigato Hanshi, Kyoshi Seeger and Kyoshi Mackay for your leadership during this workout. A special thank-you to Sensei Adam Dunsby for his wonderful hospitality following the workout.



Sensei Jean Gobillot



August Rank Promotion Test

Our rank promotion took place on 9 August 2008. The following deshi from Northampton tested and were promoted:

- Peter Gordon, ro-kyu
- Bryan Torres, san-kyu
- Dylan Kenseth, san-kyu
- Kenneth Manin, san-kyu.

We were honored to receive visitors from the Boston Chinatown dojo to test with us:
SueAnn Cheung, yon-kyu
On Nai Lai, yon-kyu

Domo arigato to the board of judges: Sensei Emiliano Mazlan (san-dan), Mr. Lou Ruvolo (ni-dan), and Mr. Steve Parsons (sho-dan); to all who attended to show their support and spirit, and to Tracy Magdalene who participated vigorously but is not shown in the photo, as she was the photographer.



A good-bye...

We bid a very fond farewell to Angela Pozo, san-kyu, who had been visiting from Spain while doing postdoctoral research in biochemistry at Mount Holyoke College. She had been training with us in Northampton since October 2006. Angela has moved to England to start a new job and to marry Andy Wright, who trained with us in 2007 during a 6-month visit with Angela.

Mr. Steve Parsons and Ms. Cathie Parsons just returned from a September visit to Scotland where they met up with Angela and Andy – where they all lifted a pint to Shorin-ryu karate on the shores of Loch Ness. Angela and Andy are training in a different style of karate now as Shorin-ryu is not available in the United Kingdom. Perhaps one of our number will take note and open a dojo there!

Domo arigato gozaimasu Hanshi!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McKitrick, sho-dan
Sensei Daniel Gobillot, Shihan, Northampton Ueshiro Karate Dojo
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Please visit our website to see pictures of our dojo.



Hombu Dojo
Headquarters
Ueshiro
Midtown
Karate Dojo
at St. Barts

Oct 2008 Newsletter submission: Ueshiro Midtown Karate Dojo

Onegai shimasu, Hanshi, Sensei and Deshi of Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu USA. The past six months have brought many challenges to the Ueshiro Midtown Dojo and the students have risen on every occasion with characteristic "Just do it!" spirit.

Northeast road trip

In early May deshi hit the roads for the Northeast road trip held at the Mount Airy Casino Resort, Mt. Pocono, PA. Sensei Chris Barnes rolled out the red and gold plush carpets for over 50 USRKUSA travelers. Domo arigato gozaimasu to Hanshi Robert Scaglione for his spirited leadership and to Sensei Barnes for his gracious hospitality at one of our organization's most glamorous training facilities.

St. Barts Athletic Center Renovation

From mid-May to mid-June the Midtown Dojo was asked to find temporary training quarters while the St. Barts Athletic Center underwent major renovations. Sensei and sempai rose to the challenge, setting up classes throughout the five boroughs: Sensei Ramson took over St. Catherine's Park on 68th St., Sensei Neff conducted classes in Prospect Park, students performed kata on the rooftops of St. Bart's for the benefit of celebrities staying at the Waldorf Towers, and the Fred Astaire Dance Studio on 46th St. became our second home during particularly inclement weather. Central Park's Belvedere Castle was the site of at least one dramatic workout. The renovation turned into a great opportunity to bring USRKUSA "out of the dojo."

On June 12 we were back in the karate studio as construction work continued off and on. Like true warriors on an extended mission, students showed tremendous fortitude putting up with dust, noise and a lack of shower facilities. Several intrepid new white belts even signed up, undaunted by our less than luxurious accommodations.

Fortunately, we were able to use the large basketball court as an auxiliary training area.

Sensei Eddie Garcia

The day following our return to St. Barts, the Ueshiro Midtown Dojo lost one of its finest and most loyal members. Sensei Eddie Garcia passed away in his sleep on June 13, 2008, after an extensive battle against liver and lung disease. Numerous tributes, reminiscences, prayers and silent observances have taken place since then to honor Sensei.



Many of us are still grieving for to have known Sensei Garcia was to have found a friend willing to lay down his life for you. Sensei's huge spirit reached into all corners of the USRKUSA organization and his belief in the philosophy and traditions of our style was unshakable. I am profoundly moved by the incredible show of support from the Midtown deshi towards the Garcia family throughout Sensei's illness. My memories of Sensei in his final year are inextricably woven with memories of your loving and helpful care. Domo arigato gozaimasu for your sincerest commitment to Sensei – one that extended far beyond the walls of the dojo.

Sands Point tip test

On June 22 we held a workout and tip test at Sands Point, Port Washington, NY. The group of about 18 assembled at the home of Ik-kyu Sam Suzuki for pre-test warm-ups, then hiked to the shore of Long Island Sound for further training, a tip test and demonstrations. Domo arigato to the board of judges, Sensei(pl) Margulis, Neff, Ms. Dominguer and Mr. Kazmi, and to brown belts Ron Ballin, Jonathan Cohen, Sam Suzuki, Henri Waelbroeck and Laura Spinner for setting the pace for the invigorating workouts. Domo arigato also to san-kyu Candace Morgan and Gerard Rath for keeping up with the advanced deshi.

Congratulations to Robert Bandel, who was promoted to Ro-kyu, one green tip, overcoming the challenges of testing in the sand. White belt Julio Semidey and his son, Julio Jr., as well as Riki and Jhett Suzuki, showed great patience working nearly 50 repetitions of Fukyugata Ichi.

After a refreshing swim in the full high tide of Sands Point, the group returned to Sam Suzuki's house for a relaxing BBQ. Domo arigato gozaimasu to the Suzuki family for their generous hospitality from beginning to end.

Late in the day several deshi journeyed to the Locust Valley Cemetery, located near Port Washington, to pay respects to Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro. It was a somber yet uplifting experience - a profound reminder of the Grand Master who brought this art form to our shores.



Sherwood Is. Beach workout

Hanshi Robert Scaglione traveled all the way from Florida to CT on June 13 to oversee the annual beach workout at Sherwood Is. State Park. Over seven Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate USA schools and clubs were represented and the marathon training lasted for more than four hours. Domo arigato to Kyoshi David Seeger for providing much instruction and sugar during the day, and to the high-ranking black belts from all the schools for their leadership.

During the workout a small but intense black belt test was conducted by Hanshi. I am pleased to announce Robert Dobrow, Director of the Ueshiro Northfield, Minnesota Karate Club, and Ron Ballin of the Ueshiro Midtown Dojo, were promoted to the rank of Sho-dan.

After the workout students and their families adjourned to the home of Sensei Adam Dunsby, Shihan of the Easton Connecticut Karate Club, for a pool-side BBQ and a compai in honor of Sensei Garcia. Hanshi led the group through many inspiring and often humorous tales of Sensei Garcia's adventures which captured the "one in a million" character of this dedicated martial artist. The entire day was a great boost to our commitment to training. Domo arigato gozaimasu, Hanshi, for your continued instruction and guidance of Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu USA.

August 10 promotion

Hanshi Scaglione returned to the Northeast to presided over our semi-annual kyu rank test, held Sunday, Aug. 10 in the St. Bart's Gymnasium. The workout before the test was a tour-de-force in both basic and advanced corrections. Domo arigato gozaimasu to Hanshi for his persistent efforts in raising the standard of students world-wide.

Promoted to Ik-Kyu:
Len Fogge

Promoted to Ni-Kyu:
Candace Morgan

Promoted to San-Kyu:
James Gasca
Ibrahima Jalloh

Promoted to Yon-Kyu:
Muhammad Jalloh
Noel Lawrence
Americo Paez
Gene Turok



August 26 tip test

Soon after the full belt promotion we held a well-attended green tip test at the Ueshiro Midtown Dojo at St. Barts. Five deshi were promoted to Ro-kyu:

Larry Saikin
Heidi Tallentire
Malcolm Callaghan
Angela Mangru
Julio Semidey

Domo arigato to the board of judges, Sensei Neff, Mr. Adams and Mr. Ballin, for their leadership and balanced judgment, and to the deshi of all ranks who came down for the workout and to lend support.

September 11 Memorial Workout

On September 14, 2008, approximately two dozen students from the Ueshiro Midtown Dojo (and one from the Easton Ueshiro Karate Club) gathered in Central Park for a workout dedicated to those who sacrificed so much on September 11, 2001, and to Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro, who also made great sacrifices in bringing Shorin-Ryu Karate to the United States. Both events have greatly influenced the lives of those who participated in the workout. It was a day for testing what we already knew and for pushing ourselves further to expand our endurance, skill and bushido spirit. Domo arigato gozaimasu to Sensei Steve Lott for co-hosting the event and to all the deshi who showed up, especially our new white belt Jaimala Patel and the many children who contributed their own unique energy to the occasion.

Other recent events

On September 16 the new separate men’s and women’s locker rooms at the St. Barts Athletic Center became available for our use. We now have access to brand new changing and showering facilities, which should go a long way towards recruitment and retention (not to mention cleanliness). Domo arigato to all the students who cheerfully put up with the inconvenience of finding unconventional changing areas. To those students waiting to resume their training: now would be a good time to dust-off your gym bag.

A Sunday class debuted on September 28, which means we now offer training seven days a week. The workout, conducted by Ni-kyu Jon Cohen, runs from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Deshi system-wide are invited to attend this, and all our classes.

Weekly Class Schedule

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
--	7:45 – 8:30am	--	7:45 – 8:30am	7:45 – 8:30am	10:45 – 11:45am	11:00 am - 12:00 noon
12:00 – 1:00pm		12:00 – 1:00pm	1:15 - 2:00pm	--	12:00 – 1:00pm	
5:30 – 7:00pm	5:30 – 7:00pm	5:30 – 7:00pm**	5:30 – 7:00pm*	5:30 – 7:00pm	--	
--	7:15 – 8:45pm	7:15 – 8:45pm***	7:15 – 8:45pm*		--	

- * Black belt class – first Thursday of each month.
- ** Green belt emphasis – third Wednesday of each month.
- *** Guest Instructor class – when announced.

Finally, I invite everyone to enjoy the MidtownKarateDojo.com website. Photographs of many events described above can be viewed on the Gallery page located at <http://midtownkaratedojo.com/Gallery.html>. Under Hanshi Robert Scaglione’s vision and leadership, we endeavor to move forward.

Kyoshi Michael Mackay

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The High School for Leadership & Public Service Karate Club

Onegai Shimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei, Sempai, and fellow Deshi,

I am back at the High School for Leadership & Public Service again this school year. We have a new principal at our school this year. The tone being set this year so far is very calm, but strict. I am personally very happy with the tone being set in this manner.

Last June I lost many of my most dedicated students. They assured me that they would continue to train in the martial arts at college. I hope to hear from and train again with them in the future. Unfortunately, I have not gotten the go ahead from my administration to start my club back up yet this school year. I am hopeful it will happen very soon. Some of my returning students have already told me they are eager to begin training again.

On a personal note my wife Kim and baby Arabella continue to do well and are the joys of my life when not training.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu,
Robert Neff, San Dan
The High School for Leadership & Public Service Karate Club



Ueshiro Pine Forest Karate School

From all of us at Pine Forest Karate School:

"CONGRATULATIONS HANSHI ON TURNING 70 YEARS YOUNG."

A message from Seeger Kyoshi:

Garcia Sensei loved karate. He had a big spirit and an even bigger heart. He was such a great friend, who made all our lives better. I was going over some of the things that he had written over the years and wanted to share them with everyone on this the first publication of our newsletter since his passing.

Below is an excerpt from Garcia Sensei's writings, in his own words:

...I wished I started karate as a little boy. My life would have been so much better, and I would have more to offer others in life. Our Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro has his own 'mark' which we in karate call a 'chop'. His 'chop' states:

*'Happy Summit, teach humanity.'
Doesn't that sound like the essence of goodness?
It certainly does to me!
That's why I love the Okinawan Karate!
Mainly it's because the Okinawan karate way is so humble, and they are a peace loving people, so kind and earthy.*



Domo Arigato Hanshi !!!

Shihan, Seeger Kyoshi 7th Dan.

Ueshiro Pine Forest Karate School in Palisades, New York

Classes are Sundays 10am - 12 & Wednesdays 7 -8:30pm

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Okinawan Karate Club of Pelham Manor

Classes at the Okinawan Karate Dojo in Pelham Manor have been suspended for the time being. We hope to resume training on Sundays and Tuesdays in the near future.

Domo arigato gozaimasu,

Kyoshi Michael Mackay

Interim Shihan, Okinawan Karate Dojo, Pelham Manor





to-te ueshiro karate dojo

Onegai Shimasu! Hanshi, Kyoshi Seeger, Kyoshi Baker, Kyoshi Mackay, Sensei & Deshi worldwide!

On behalf of the "To-Te Ueshiro Karate Dojo, Nyack, NY (Rockland County) I'm proud to announce that the To-Te Ueshiro Dojo held it's "First Ever" Tip test on Sept 15th in honor of Ansei Ueshiro's historic journey to New York, 1962.

I'm amazed and proud of our small consistent training group. I want to congratulate the following Deshi for stepping forward and passing the SRKUSA testing requirements:

Louise Maloney - Go-Kyu (Adult)
Colin Tensen - Go-Kyu (Adult)
Asha Bell - Ro-Kyu (Child 8)

Ameri Bell - Ro-Kyu (Child 5)
Max Goldstein - Ro-Kyu (Child 8)
Nurkit Lucksom - Ro-Kyu (Child 8)

Our goal in the coming year is to continue with the basics, stepping first and slowly working up to polishing the fabric of our Kata which holds our system together and which distinguishes us from all other Martial art styles. This is our signature, The Ueshiro Signature and we all must be proud to wear it and show it with joy and vigor. Kyoshi Seeger – thank you for all the sugar and setting me further on the path.

Arigato Gozimasu Hanshi and all Kyoshi, Sensei and deshi. **Just do it!**

Respectfully, Powell Sensei
Shiahn, To-te Ueshiro Karate Dojo
<http://www.to-te.org>, 845 367 7454

We train Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Noon - 1:15PM (Adult Classes) at the Nyack YMCA (35 South Broadway, Nyack, NY) and Children classes Every Sunday from 2PM - 3:15PM at the Nyack Center (58 Depew Ave, Nyack, NY)



Ueshiro Okinawan Karate Family Club

The Kaplan's are back!! This includes Noah Kaplan (Ni-kyu) as well as myself (Shihan of the club) after a yearlong trip to England while on sabbatical. Noah speaks for us both when he shared his feelings about being back:

“When I came upon the deck again I was overwhelmed by seeing the old karate spirit again. This really influenced me to improve my own spirit and double my training.”

I am continually amazed by the powerful experience of being part of a dojo, as well as part of the much larger group of Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate U.S.A.

This has been an active few months for our club. We held a spirited belt test on August 24, 2008, and now have 6 new San-kyu and 4 new Ik-kyu:

San-kyu:

- Mack Mensinger
- Alex Mensinger
- Lisa Mensinger
- Brian Mensinger
- Noam Feinberg
- Mark Feinberg

Ik-kyu:

- Anne Beattie-Moss
- Michael Ma
- Tracy Pletcher
- Lynn Pellas.

Lynn Pellas and Tracie Pletcher, both of Ik-kyu rank, continue to offer classes at Tudek Park every Tuesday and Wednesday.

In looking ahead, we are pleased to be hosts for this year's Fall Northeast Dojo Celebration event. It will take place on October 31-November 2, 2008. To reserve a spot, please e-mail me at: msk15@psu.edu.

In closing, I'd like to convey the deep sense of gratitude that all of our club members have for Sensei Sal Scaglione for his leadership, support, and friendship on and off the deck over the past year.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu,
Matt Kaplan, Shihan
Ueshiro Okinawan Karate Family Club, State College, PA



Formal Karate Workouts

1:00 pm —3:30 pm on Saturday, November 1

10:00 am—12:30 pm on Sunday, November 2

Besides the healthy workouts you can enjoy central Pennsylvania at its best. Some fun activities to enjoy are:

- Tour of the Penn State Univ Forensic Labs
- Wine or beer tasting tours
- Musical entertainment
- Fine local cuisine
- Dancing (Ballroom, Tango, etc.)
- Hiking and other outdoor activities

STATE COLLEGE IS LOCATED:

- 4 HRS FROM NYC & DC
- 5 HRS FROM CONN.
- 6 HRS FROM MASS.

WE ALSO HAVE AN AIRPORT!

Join us in celebrating Hanshi's 70th Birthday!

Contact Sensei Matt Kaplan at 814-278-1997 or email msk15@psu.edu for more information and to sign up for the event.



Hotel accommodations coming soon.





Ueshiro East Meets West Karate Club of Northern Virginia

Onegai-shimasu to All,

The Ueshiro Virginia Karate Club continues to move forward and conducted tip and belt testing on Saturday, August 16th.

Congratulations to the following deshi who are taking the next step along the path:

1 st Green Tip	Nathan Brierly
2 nd Green Tip	Murtaza Rizvi
2 nd Green Tip	Shyahn Frasier
San-Kyu	Joshua Paus
NI-Kyu	Estelle Paus
2nd Black Stripe	Jonah Markowitz
I-Kyu	Jim Davis

Domo Arigato Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro for bringing this special martial style art to the United States

Domo Arigato to Hanshi Robert Scaglione for keeping the rich history, and techniques of our style intact, while growing the SRKUSA system to 23 school locations worldwide. Happy 70th Birthday.

Domo Arigato,
Sensei Joe Knight. Co-Shihan
webmaster of www.shorinryu.com



Ueshiro Hong Kong Karate Club

Greetings from Ueshiro Hong Kong Karate Club.

We would like to congratulate our club's first Shodan, Mr Tytus Michalski. He travelled half of the world to go for his Shodan Tests in New York and Florida in August. He had the very great honor to train with many high level karateka and especially Kyoshi Seeger. He was at last promoted by Hanshi during his Florida trip.

Sensei Lai would like to thank all the Senpai, Sensei, Kyoshi and Hanshi for being so kind and so nice to Mr Michalski. Mr Michalski has learnt so much from all of you!
Domo Arigato!

Keep going Mushin!

Domo Arigato
Ueshiro Hong Kong Karate Club

Warrior Spirit





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