

Clarence wilder, an extraordinary martial artist and person



Sensei Clarence Wilder

This year we are honored by having Clarence Wilder, Sensei with us again, working on the field and “under the tent” during the day, teaching Uechi-ryu with his special emphasis and interpretation. This year, Clarence will be honored by his peers, in a ceremony on Saturday evening, where he will be raised in rank to Hanchidan (8th degree black belt). IUKF honors only one individual a year in this moving and memorable ceremony.

Dr. Paul Giella, moderator for the evenings ceremony, will introduce sensei Al Wharton to his peer group, family and friends, by describing all the accomplishments and talents of this very special person. Following the introduction, Clarence will perform the three primary kata of Uechi-ryu for the assembled seniors and guests.



New! Performance Test for Participants!

Bill Glasheen has put together a fitness test that can be completed within 30 minutes. Think you are in great shape? Here is your opportunity to join the elite “FireDragon” club. . . And earn a shoulder patch for your gi and lapel pin for your belt. This test will be given at the annual Summer Fests and selected dojo.

Are you “FireDragon” worthy? :)

Traditional Workout Friday Morning

In 2004, Steve Perry suggested that we have at least one “super sized” traditional workout at camp. I agreed and thus began the Friday morning 2.5 hour traditional Uechi workout. The session will be able to accommodate students of all ranks and skill levels. **This year we will be focusing on “core” Uechi-ryu and all the neat applications**

and techniques available by studying the system. Many senior Uechi teachers will be joining George Mattson at this featured session. Join us on the field Friday morning from 9-11:30AM Bring your water bottle with you and be sure to wear a hat and cover all exposed skin with sun block. **Oh yes, don’t forget your feet!**

Kinder-Gentler Era

I don’t know about you, but I sure do miss those days when Uechi-ryu meant one organization, one leader and the only emphasis was on “crossing hands” in the dojo. Everyone supported everyone else and our yearly reunions at camp were packed with fun loving, hard working practitioners. Today the

big dojo have no interest in working outside their corporate environment. Few organizations are capable of holding their seniors together beyond shodan and karate itself is taking a beating from all the new programs that claim they can “do it” faster & better. Uechi was the last traditional system from Okinawa to fall victim to all these human weaknesses and we, the students and teachers of Uechi-ryu can only remember those kinder, gentler days. . .



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