



Sensei Jeff Perkins
Chief Instructor

8th Degree Black Belt Okinawa Isshinryu Karate

8th Degree Black Belt Tokushinryu Kobudo

5th Degree Black Belt Okinawa Shorinjiryu Karate

5th Degree Black Belt RyuKonKai Kobudo

Jeff Perkins began his martial arts training in 1972 with an Isshinryu Karate self defense class taught by his brother-in-law, Edward Babicz. From this class he moved on to formalized training in Isshinryu Karate at the *Black Belt Institute* in Inkster, Michigan. This dojo was owned by Sensei Norbert Donnelly and formerly owned by Michigan Isshinryu pioneer, Sensei Doug Noxon. Jeff was a successful tournament competitor in the Michigan and surrounding area winning numerous honors in Jiyu Kumite (free sparring), Bogu Kumite (full contact sparring with body armor), Kata and Kobudo (weapons).

Jeff is a retired Police Lieutenant with over 36 years experience. He has an Associate in Arts Degree in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, and a Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Leadership.

1972 – Began the study of Isshinryu Karatedo, Black Belt Institute, Inkster Michigan.

1978 - Promoted to ShoDan (1st Degree Black Belt) in Isshinryu Karate by Sensei Edward Babicz.

1983 - Futher study of Isshinryu Karate under Sensei Sam Santilli and Sensei Willie Adams.

1983 - Promoted to NiDan (2nd Degree Black Belt) in Isshinryu Karate by Michigan representatives of the American Okinawan Karate Association.

1986 - Began the study of Okinawa Shorinjiryu and RyuKyu Kobudo from Sensei Roy Osborne.

1986 - Promoted to SanDan (3rd Degree Black Belt) in Isshinryu Karate by the National Board of Directors of the AOKA.

1990 - Further study of Isshinryu Karate under Sensei A.J. Advincula, 1st generation student of Isshinryu's founder, Shimabuku Tatsuo.

1990 - Promoted to YonDan (4th Degree Black Belt) by Sensei A.J. Advincula.

1993 - Promoted to GoDan (5th Degree Black Belt) by Sensei A.J. Advincula.

1994 - 1st trip to Okinawa. Further study of Okinawa Karate and RyuKyu Kobudo under Tokumura Kensho Sensei and Iha Kotaro Sensei.

1997 - 2nd trip to Okinawa. Attend seminars with Akamine Eisuke Sensei's RyuKyu Kobudo group and Motoburyu with Uehara Seikichi Sensei.

- 1997 - Further study of Isshinryu Karate under Sensei Sherman Harrill, 1st generation student of Isshinryu's founder Shimabuku Tatsuo.
- 1998 - Promoted to NiDan (2nd Degree Black Belt) in RyuKyu Kobudo RyuKonKai by Iha Kotaro Sensei.
- 1998 - Promoted to RokuDan (6th Degree Black Belt) in Isshinryu Karate by Sensei A.J. Advincula.
- 1999 - 3rd trip to Okinawa. Further study of Okinawa Karate Kobudo.
- 2001 - Co-founder of the Okinawa Budo Kai Dojo in Livonia, Michigan
- 2002 - 4th trip to Okinawa. Further study of Okinawa Karate Kobudo
- 2002 - Promoted to SanDan (3rd Degree Black Belt) in RyuKyu Kobudo RyuKonKai by Iha Kotaro Sensei & Sensei A.J. Advincula.
- 2002 - Promoted to NaNa Dan (7th Degree Black Belt) in Isshinryu Karate by Sensei A.J. Advincula and the Okinawa Karate Kobudo IsshinKai.
- 2002 - Anniversary of 30 years in the Okinawa Martial Arts.
- 2004 - 5th trip to Okinawa. Further study of Okinawa Karate Kobudo.
- 2004 - Promoted to YonDan (4th Degree Black Belt) in RyuKyu Kobudo RyuKonKai by Iha Kotaro Sensei, 9th Dan.
- 2006 - 6th trip to Okinawa. Further study of Okinawa Karate & Kobudo.
- 2006 – Runner-up Isshinryu Hall of Fame Male Instructor of the Year.
- 2007 – 7th trip to Okinawa. Promoted to GoDan (5th Degree Black Belt) in RyuKyu Kobudo RyuKonKai by Iha Kotaro Sensei, 10th Dan.
- 2008 - Promoted to GoDan (5th Degree Black Belt) in Okinawa Shorinjiryu Karatedo by Sensei Roy Osborne, 8th Dan.
- 2008 – Appointed USA Mid-West Director of the *Isshinryu Okinawa Traditional Karatedo Association* by Sensei Uechi Tsuyoshi & Sensei Karl Hovey.
- 2009 – 8th trip to Okinawa. Further study of Okinawa Karate & Kobudo. Awarded *Appreciation Certificate* from Nakazato Joen Sensei, 10th Dan, for dedication to Okinawa Martial Arts & Culture.
- 2009 – Appointed 1st President of the *Isshinryu TomoNoKai* by Tokumura Kensho Sensei, 9th Dan, Okinawa.
- 2010 – Inducted into the Isshinryu Hall of Fame. Also runner-up Isshinryu Hall of Fame Male Instructor of the Year.
- 2011 - Promoted to Kyoshi, Hachi Dan (8th Degree Black Belt) in Tokushin Ryu Kobudo by Tokumura Kensho Sensei, 9th Dan.
- 2012 - 9th training trip to Okinawa. Anniversary of 40 years in the Okinawa Martial Arts.
- 2013 - Promoted to Hachi Dan (8th Degree Black Belt) in Isshinryu Karate on December 14th by Sensei Harold Mitchum, 10th Dan, Sensei Tom Lewis 9th Dan and the Board of the United Isshinryu Karate Association.
- 2014 – Inducted into the International Karate & Kickboxing Hall of Fame. Isshinryu Karate 8th Dan recognition certificate from Sensei Tyrone Melton, 9th Dan.

2015 – 10th training trip to Okinawa. Participate in demonstrations for the 3rd anniversary of Tokushinryu Kobudo.

2016 – Appointed to the Board of Directors of the World United Isshinryu Karate Association.

2017 - Awarded Isshinryu Hall of Fame “Dojo of the Year” & World United Isshinryu Karate Association “Master Harold Mitchum Lifetime Achievement Award”. Begin teaching Defensive Tactics at the Wayne County Regional Police Academy.