



Bujinkan Bukeyashiki Dojo

House of Honor and Respect

武神館武家屋敷道場



Q. What does *Bujinkan* mean?

A. Divine Warrior house.

Q. Who is Dr. Maasaki Hatsumi? (Courtesy of livingvalues.com)

A. Dr. Hatsumi is the 34th Grandmaster head of nine koryu or feudal-era traditions passed on to him by his teacher, Toshitsugu Takamatsu - the last combat Ninja of the 20th Century. Masaaki Hatsumi graduated from Meiji University in Tokyo, with a major in theater studies, and osteopathic medicine. Soon after graduation he opened a bone clinic in his home town and his practice continued on a steady basis until about 1990 when his travel and movie schedule seemed to take all his time. Grandmaster Hatsumi is the author of over a dozen books and more than 50 videos on the martial traditions of the Bujinkan Dojo. He has been featured in almost every magazine relating to the subject in Japan, and many others throughout the world. He has authored countless magazine and newspaper articles on the martial arts, ninjutsu, and on "how to live a natural life." He wrote, directed and acted in 50 episodes of the Japanese television series "Jiraya." He acts as a consultant for various plays and movies to ensure that what is being portrayed is done correctly and with historical accuracy.

Dr. Hatsumi's home displays an elaborate collection of awards, certificates, letters of friendship, and honorary titles from some of the most elite organizations in the world. Some of them have been listed below:

Title of Knighthood by the German National Historical Culture Federation, at Frankfurt.

Received the Papal Award, an Apostolic blessing from the Vatican, on behalf of Pope John-Paul II.

Honorary Doctorate degrees in Human Sciences and Philosophy from the U.S.

Honorary member of Texas Rangers.

Honorary member of Arizona Rangers.

Received the Cross Medal and Sun Medal from Juan Carlos King of Spain.

Honorary award from the Spanish Secretary of State for the Intelligence Agency.

Received an honorary Doctorate from the Manchester School of Osteopathy.

Awarded the title Todo Hanshi (Master teacher of the way of the sword) on February 11th by Nakazawa Toshi, President of Zen Nippon Todo Renmei (Japan Sword Federation).

Received an award from London Metropolitan Police Headquarters.

Received an award from the City of Belfast, Northern Ireland

Voted by U.S. "Blackbelt" Magazine 1986 Instructor of the Year.

Received Letters of thanks from Prince Charles's secretary.

Certificate of Friendship from President Mitterand of France.

Letters of appreciation from US Presidents: Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, and Bill Clinton.

F.B.I. Federal Bureau of Investigation Certificate of Friendship

Pentagon America National Department of Defense Certificate of Friendship

Received the Shakai Bunka Korosho "Contribution Prize for Society and Culture" and Kokusai Bunka

Eiyosho "International Cultural Honour Prize" awarded by Nihon Bunka Shinkokai "Japan Culture

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Promoting Association, signed by the Emperor of Japan.

Received the Sekai Bunka Taisho "World Cultural Grand Prize" award in the division of Martial Arts, issued by the Sekai Heiwa Bunka Rengo "World Peace and Culture Federation".

Honorary Citizen of the state of Texas & cities of Los Angeles, California, Atlanta, Georgia, Dublin, Jordan Valley, Burton Village, and New Mexico.

S.A.S. England Special Forces Certificate of Friendship

Royal Marines (England Navy) Certificate of Friendship

In Japan, Dr. Hatsumi is also sought out as a speaker and television personality. He is past Chairman of the International Division of the Japan Literary Artist's Club. He is also an accomplished musician and singer, playing guitar and ukulele for several years in a Hawaiian band. Masaaki Hatsumi currently teaches 3 times per week at The "Honbu Dojo" (Main training hall known as 'Bujinden' or Divine Palace) in Noda City, Japan. He is married to wife, Mariko, a famous Japanese dance teacher.

Q. What is the Bujinkan?

A. The Bujinkan is the name of the organization created by Grand master Masaaki Hatsumi (Soke). What the bujinkan teaches is called Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu. Budo Taijutsu is a traditional Japanese martial art that teaches how to use timing, distancing, and angling to defend yourself and your loved ones. It also consists of bone breaking and joint manipulations, multiple attackers and weapons. Budo Taijutsu also consists of striking, grappling, choking and rolling. This is NOT a sport and there are no competitions for Bujinkan members. We train in a safe environment but with an emphasis on reality. Budo Taijutsu is as much mental as it is physical.

The Bujinkan contains 9 warrior schools (ryu):

Takagi Yoshin Ryu - "High Tree, Raised Heart School" - Jutaijutsu

Kukishinden Ryu Hoppo - "Nine Spirits School" - Hikenjutsu

Shinden Fudo Ryu - "Immovable Heart School" - Dakentaijutsu

Gyokko Ryu - "Jeweled Tiger School" - Koshijutsu

Koto Ryu - "Tiger Knocking Down School" - Koppojutsu

Gikan Ryu - "Truth Loyalty and Justice School" - Koppojutsu

Togakure Ryu - "Hidden Door School" - Ninjutsu

Gyokushin Ryu - "Jeweled Heart School" - Ninjutsu

Kumogakure Ryu - "Hiding in the Clouds School" - Ninjutsu

Q. What does Bukeyashiki mean?

A. A samurai's residence. A house of honor and respect.

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Q. Who is Mike Reina?

A. Shidoshi Mike Reina has been training in the Bujinkan since 1995 and travels to Japan at least once a year in order to keep his training current with Japan. He also attends numerous seminars held by many talented Shihans through out the tri-state area. Head instructor for the Bukeyashiki Dojo.

Other Accomplishments:

Master Mason (32 Degree) - Garfield Lodge No. 276

Scottish Rite - Valley on Northern NJ

Adoniram Council No. 9

Masonic Club - Lyndhurst, NJ

Clinton Chapter No. 37

Trinity Commandery No. 17 (Officer)

Knight Mason No. 10

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