

THE KARATE CREED

(Master Ed Parker)

*I come to you with only karate...empty hands.
I have no weapons, but should I be forced to defend myself,
My principles or my honor, should it be a matter of life or death,
or right or wrong, then here are my weapons.
Karate my empty hands.*

MISSION STATEMENT:

To teach traditional Okinawa Kenpo Karate/Kobudo as taught by the late Hanshi Seikichi Odo.

OUR FOCUS:

To be of outstanding character at all times, to carry the sword of Pride, the shield of Humility, the armor of Gratitude while riding the horse of Righteousness.

OUR PHILOSOPHY:

Never forget our roots and those who helped us to get to where we are today, to be respectful to our Sempai as well as our Kohai, to seek perfection of character through our loyalty, dedication, honor and sincerity to our God, family and teachings of the Dharma-Ryu Dojo.

OUR GOAL:

To give back to others willingly and with kindness what our teachers and mentors have given to us.

"THE SPIRIT OF KARATE"

(Sensei Paul Ortino, Jr. - 6/20/86)

*The "Spirit of Karate" lies within.
It has no race - no religion
Starts in the Dojo - wherever that may be
Goes on forever - throughout eternity.*

*It can't be bought and it can't be sold.
It lives in the humble and not in bold.
It lives in the sweat as it runs off your face,
While you practice your basics,
With power, yet grace.*

*You train and train through the strain and the pain
and you'll be back tomorrow - to repeat it again.
Some say it's crazy - some say insane
others call it Karate on the brain.*

*But beyond all the punches and all of the kicks,
and after the Katas and Self-defense tricks,
If you look in their eyes - you can see their soul
The Bridge to Budo - The Heart - The Toll
The Strive for Perfection - Their Only Goal.*

*Yes it's true that the "Spirit of Karate" is within
The doorway is practice and self-discipline
and a winner never quits - and a quitter never wins...*