

19th Annual K.I.T.W.

Combat Knife Training Course

August 10, 11 and 12, 2012

Hosted by Sensei Robbin Miller

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Participation Fee: \$125.00.

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due by June 15, 2012.

The balance of \$75.00 is due by the August 10, 2012.

Participation fee goes up to \$175.00 after July 15, 2012.

Space is limited so pre-registration is a must

Fee includes: Friday night lecture, two days of intense hands on field training, 1 dinner and 2 lunches. A certificate of participation and a course tee shirt will be awarded upon course completion.

Registration Information

Registration forms, equipment list, lodging and course requirements can be obtain from Sensei Robbin Miller at randsmiller@frontier.com. This course is open to Danzan Ryu brown belts and above (green belts with the approval of your sensei), active military personnel and sworn law enforcement personnel.

This is a physically and mentally demanding course. You will have the opportunity to learn and to test your warrior skills in a controlled and safe environment.

Instructors

Professor Bob McKean and other KITW staff instructors

New and expanded course material has been added to the 2012 KITW

About K.I.T.W.

The K.I.T.W. Combat Knife Course curriculum is based primarily on the military knife fighting arts that were taught by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki to American troops in Hawaii during World War II. Professor Okazaki was often assisted by one of his black belt students, Professor Bill Montero, when he taught hand-to-hand combat classes to American soldiers and marines. Years later, Professor Bill Montero taught these military knife fighting arts to two of his black belt students, Bob Krull and Bob McKean.

In 1992 Bob Krull and Bob McKean began teaching these military combat knife arts to selected Danzan Ryu students, law enforcement officers and military personnel. Since then the course curriculum has been expanded to include other western military combat knife fighting methods. A series of Native American Indian warrior knife fighting methods were included in the basic course curriculum in 2004. In 2011 a specialized block of instruction on Knife Wound Trauma Management was added to the K.I.T.W. advanced courses.

The K.I.T.W. Combat Knife Course is physically and mentally demanding. This is not a course for sideline black belts or armchair commandos. Filling out a course application does not guarantee you a slot in the class. Those with felony criminal backgrounds, anger management issues and with domestic violence, alcohol or drug abuse backgrounds need not apply. All applications are closely reviewed and participants are hand selected by a committee of K.I.T.W. Instructors.

A course application, health questionnaire, background questionnaire and a liability waiver will be sent you upon your request. This information is kept strictly confidential. Once your application has been approved you will be sent a list of mandatory safety equipment that you will need to bring with you. You will also receive additional information about the course location and lodging.

As previously stated, K.I.T.W. is a physically and mentally demanding course. Safety is a priority with us. No live knife blades are used during our training course. Each student is provided with a training knife that has been made especially for K.I.T.W. The use of mandatory safety equipment is strictly enforced. All training drills and activities are closely supervised by our staff of experienced instructors. All activities come to an immediate stop if any unsafe condition is observed. The few injuries that have occurred have been very minor. In the event of an injury, we have one or more licensed EMTs on training staff and a well stocked first aid and trauma kit at the training site. K.I.T.W. gives you the opportunity to learn new combat knife skills and to test those skills in a safe and controlled environment.

We usually start our weekend course on a Friday night with a 2-3 hour indoor introduction lecture. On Saturday we move to our outdoor training facility which is located in a costal forest just a few minutes outside of Crescent City, California. Saturday is spent working on basic cutting drills, target recognition and movement. The day usually ends with several runs through the "gauntlet". Sunday starts early with a review of the material covered on Saturday, sentry takeouts and Apache drills. The weekend ends with a one-on-one elimination competition, using specially made paint knives and with the presentation of certificates and awards.

Class size is limited to 40 participants and classes tend to fill up quickly. Early registration is strongly recommended. Besides the lead instructor, there are normally between 6 and 12 additional instructors in attendance to help with the training. Over 80% of our classes are made up of return graduates.

We are starting to plan the K.I.T.W. 20th anniversary event to be held in August of 2013. This special weekend of training will only be open to those who have completed a K.I.T.W. course prior to 2013.