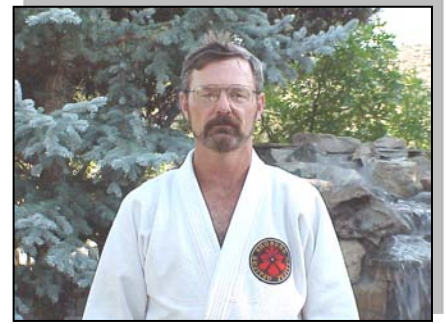


Shihan
Wayne E. Nelson
Rokudan



I was born in 1956 in Williamson, W.Va. I am the second child and second son of a retired railroader. At the age of five, my family moved to Portsmouth in southern Ohio where they still live. After graduating high school in June 1974, I went to college for a time, but events in my life changed so I enlisted in the Marines Corps on December 27, 1974. After boot camp and job training within my MOS, I went to southern California, then to Okinawa, then to Camp Lejeune, NC. For the next twenty years I was stationed on and off between Okinawa and Camp Lejeune, NC. I retired from the Marine Corps in December 1996 and reside in Jacksonville, NC where I have been teaching JuJitsu at Camp Lejeune sense 1997.

During a six year tour in Okinawa is when I met and worked for Gunnery Sergeant Robert Morton, now the *Kaicho* of Shobudo BuJitsu JuJitsu Kai. I started Shobudo as a dare from *Kaicho* Morton and after thirty days ... I was hooked. We worked out three to five days a week, many times one on one as the classes were small, usually under six students. During 1980-81, *Shihan* McGale, Morton sensei and I were the President, Vice President and Secretary (respectively) for the (OKRA) Okinawa Karate Referee Association. On several weekends, we were invited to put on demonstrations at seminars that Karate clubs were having on the beach.

As *Shihan* Vincent McGale (*Rokudan*), had retired from the Marine Corps and lives on Okinawa, I was very fortunate in my training (1979-1983) to have learned Shobudo. Having the luxury of being taught by the two highest-ranking instructors (*Kaicho* Morton and his teacher, *Shihan* McGale) below the headmaster and founder of our art (*Soke* Nakasato Shoshu), indeed was a privileged honor.

During my last tour in (1989-1995) I was again fortunate to have been introduced to the Headmaster and was able to workout with both *Soke* Nakasato and *Shihan* McGale. I attained my present rank of *Rokudan* in June 2005 during our annual seminar held in Minden, NV. Through the years, I have promoted several Dan levels and in October 2004, was honored to be inducted into the American Martial Arts Association (AMAA) Hall of Fame for the category, "Martial Artist of the Year".

At present, I conduct classes (assisted with my son) *Yondan* Krisdafer Nelson on Camp Lejeune **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.** For further information concerning classes, workshops, demonstrations or hand made weapons, e-mail me at wnelson3@ec.rr.com

Respectfully,
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