

George Kirby Publicity Sheet – updated 11/1/25



George Kirby, recipient of Black Belt Magazine's 2007 Hall of Fame Instructor of the Year Award, holds the rank of Judan [10th degree black belt], age 81, is an internationally recognized martial arts instructor and author. He has been teaching Ju-Jitsu through community service agencies since 1967. 2025 will be his 58th year of service: Burbank YMCA 1968-75, Burbank Parks Dept. from 1974-96. Santa Clarita - Recreation Division 1996-2025, Olive Vista Jr. High School, Sylmar, CA 1976-83, and College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita, CA. He has conducted ju-jitsu and law-enforcement seminars throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Israel.

Sensei Kirby was selected to serve as a Defensive Tactics Consultant for the Los Angeles Police Dept in 1994, following the Rodney King incident, serving on their Civilian Martial Arts Advisory Panel through 2007, when the CMAAP was dissolved.

He has received two letters of commendation from the City of Los Angeles for his services. He developed a Defensive Tactics program for the state of Nevada in the 1980's and has taught arrest & control techniques to private security firms and a variety of local and national law-enforcement personnel. In 2006 Sensei Kirby became a certified POST [Police Officer Standards Training] instructor. In 2007 Sensei Kirby was selected to be a member of FLEOA [Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association] and ILEETA [International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association]. He received a commendation from the city of Santa Clarita in 2025 for 30 years of teaching jujitsu through their city parks program.

Sensei Kirby was a public-school teacher for 39 years, from 1967 until his "retirement" in 2006. He has a MA degree in Social Science/Political Science, Standard Secondary Teaching Credential, Standard Jr. College Teaching Credential, and Administrative Services Credential from the state of California. He also served as a master teacher for numerous student teachers during his 39-year public school teaching career.

Using his skills as an experienced martial artist Sensei Kirby has had the opportunity to write a number of books, magazine articles, and an 8-DVD/mp4 video series. His ten books include Ju-Jitsu: Basic Techniques of the Gentle Art [1983], Ju-Jitsu: Intermediate Techniques of the Gentle Art [1985], Jutte: Power of Ten Hands Weapon [1987], Juiitsu Nerve Techniques: The Invisible Weapon of Self-Defense [2001], Advanced Jujitsu: The Science Behind the Gentle Art [2006], JuJitsu Figure 4 Locks [Black Belt Books 2009], Juiitsu: Basic Techniques of the Gentle Art – Expanded Edition [2011], Juiitsu: Advanced Techniques for Redirecting an Opponent's Energy [2015], and JuJitsu: Toward One Technique [2019], and Budoshin Ju-Jitsu: Densho [rev. 2019]. In 1992 Panther Productions released the 8-DVD video instructional series, entitled Black Belt Ju-Jitsu, now also available in mp4 format. Sensei Kirby has also written numerous articles for Black Belt, Inside Karate and other martial arts magazines as well as numerous additional "Budoshin Jujitsu" training videos, many available on YouTube.

Since 2020 Sensei Kirby has also hosted mostly bimonthly Zoom conferences on YouTube, drawing on a wide variety of international participants in addition to regular participants to discuss a wide variety of topics of interest to the martial arts community. All of the Zoom conferences [95 as of 11/1/25] are available for viewing on YouTube at "Budoshin Jujitsu Episode". You may download a summary list of all Zoom conferences at <https://budoshin.com/ZoomWrkshpList.pdf>. He also has a long history of seminars in which he taught or hosted numerous instructors from throughout the US. Information about those seminars can be found at <https://budoshin.com/store/training-seminars-2-5dan-videos/>. They're also all available on YouTube.

In addition to his instructional responsibilities, Sensei Kirby was founder and chairman of the board of directors for the American Ju-Jitsu Association from 1972-2016. He is also the founder of the Budoshin Ju-Jitsu Yudanshakai, an educational foundation in 1994.

Sensei Kirby is also active in a number of other martial arts organizations. He is affiliated with the Shorinji Ryu Ju.Jitsu Association, World Head of Family Sokeship Council, Budo Centre International, Dai Nippon Seibukan Budo, European Jujitsu Union, and International Federation of JuJutsuans.