

## MUKASHI KINDAI RYU MARTIAL ARTS



**Shodai Soke Rick Boyer**

*Shodai Soke* Boyer (1<sup>st</sup> generation Head-Family) was born September 28, 1939 in Fairfield, Illinois, USA. In 1964 at the age of 24 he began his study of the martial arts under the instruction of *Jusandai Soke* Albert C. Church (13<sup>th</sup> generation Head-Family) in Charleston, SC. The late *Jusandai Soke* passed away in 1980. Although he was the soke of the martial arts system Kamishin Ryu he still was called *Shihan* by some of his older students. *Shodai Soke* Boyer was under the influence of several styles of martial arts while a student of *Jusandai Soke* Church. Such arts were Shaolin Ji Kempo, Kooha Kempo Tetsuken Ryu Karate, Hakkoryu Ju-Jitsu, Kaminshin Ryu, and various Okinawan weapons (Kobudo).

In 1966 *Shodai Soke* Boyer moved to Raleigh, NC to work in radio broadcasting and engineering. While keeping up his training he would travel to Charleston, SC once a month for further training. While in Raleigh, NC he was introduced to Shito-Ryu Karate by *Shihan* Richard Baillargeon (8<sup>th</sup> degree black belt) of the Seishin-Kai Karate Union.

He opened his first dojo, the Raleigh Karate Club. At a clinic he attended, on June 28, 1968 in Wilmington, NC, *Shodai Soke* Boyer received his first black belt (shodan) after being tested by a panel of black belts. One of the black belts on the panel was *Shodai Soke* Clement Reidner who became a lifelong friend.

Along with his karate training *Shodai Soke* Boyer was training in Hakkoryu Ju-Jitsu. He personally made trips to Akron, OH to train under *Renshi Kaiden* James Benko, the highest ranked master of Hakkoryu Ju-Jitsu in the USA at that time. In 1969 he received his black belt (shodan) in Hakkoryu Ju-Jitsu. While in Raleigh, NC he became a training consultant to the Raleigh Police Department. He worked closely with the Raleigh Police Department to develop

training programs in officer self-defense, night stick tactics, and riot control. He was accepted as a police instructor in to the National Police Self-Defense Association. He worked with the Raleigh Recreation Department in developing and instructing special female self-defense seminars. He also had a special female self-defense program Monday through Friday mornings on WRAL-TV, Channel 5.

In 1969 *Shodai Soke* Boyer moved back to Charleston, SC. *Soke* Church cross-trained him and graded him a *Sandan* (3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt) in Kamishin-Ryu and was instrumental in helping him open a new dojo, The Southeastern School of Self-Defense, which was in operation until *Shodai Soke* Boyer's death. The Southeastern School of Self-Defense served as the Honbu (headquarters) for the Mukashi Kindai Kokusai Rengokai.

For the next several years *Shodai Soke* Boyer trained under *Jusandai Soke* Church and operated the Southeastern School of Self-Defense. In 1971 he moved his school and family to Summerville, SC and became a member of Kamishin Ryu Nippon Kobudo Rengokai (Japanese Ancient Weapons Society).

In the early 1970's his friend *Shodai Soke* Reidnar, who is the director of the Christian Black Belt Association, contacted *Shodai Soke* Boyer and soon became a member and continued his training with *Shodai Soke* Reidner in Hakkoryu Ju-Jitsu. *Shodai Soke* Boyer is listed in the "Who's Who Book of Christian Martial Artists."

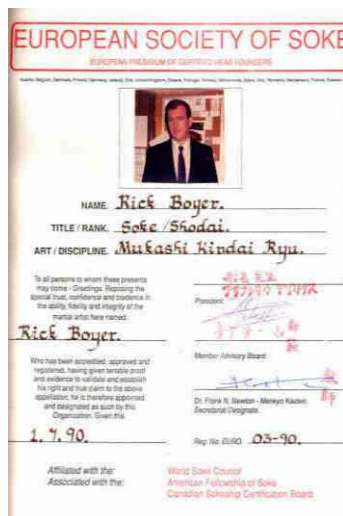
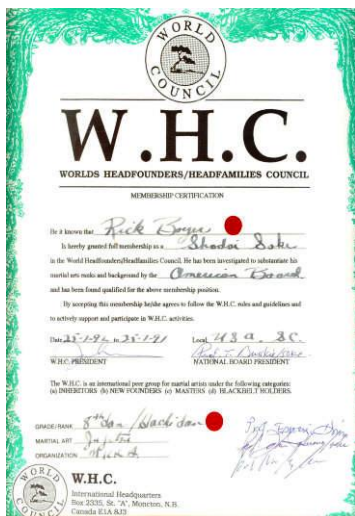
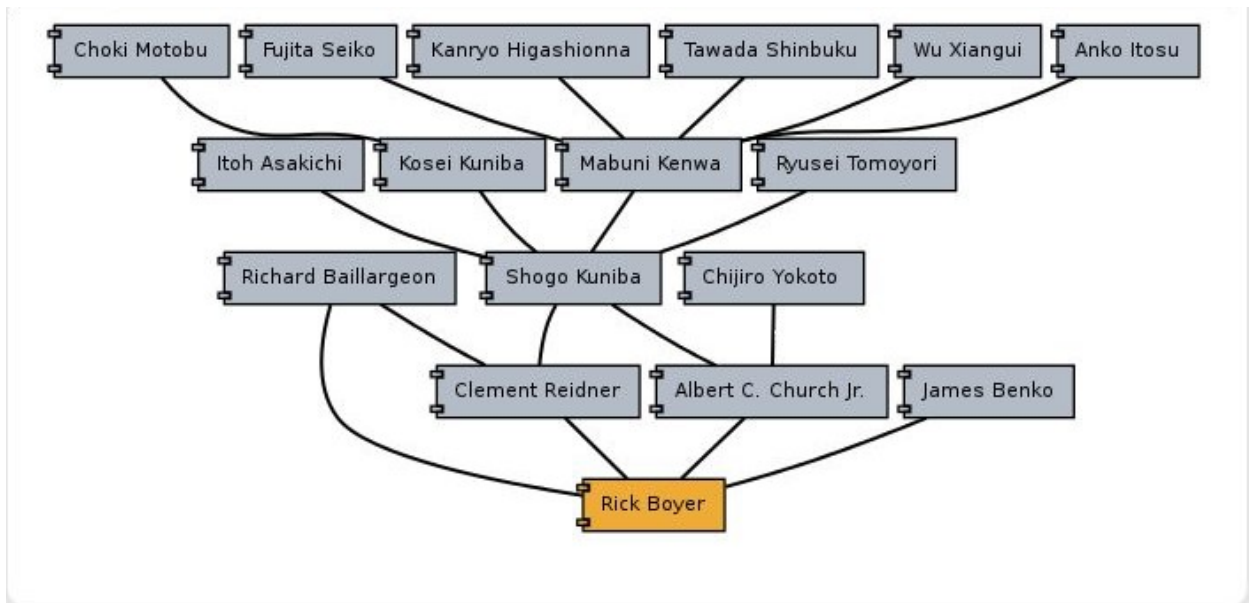
In 1978 he became a commissioned police officer for the town of Summerville, SC working nights and weekends for five years. This afforded him the opportunity to develop and test various techniques, mostly in Ju-Jitsu and the PR-24 side-handle baton. The last two years ('82 & '83) he made the most conduct warrant arrests, such as drugs, disorderly, rape, robbery, and assaults for the Summerville Police Department.

During his police duties he received valuable training in SWAT anti-terrorist and hostage release techniques at Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA. He formed and was captain of the Summerville Police Department's first competition pistol team. He is an avid competitor in non-police combat competitions with the pistol, rifle and shotgun. He has won many events. He is a staff instructor with SC Chapter of the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers. Although he has been out of law enforcement since 1983 he still remains a consultant to the Summerville Police Department.

In 1983 *Shodai Soke* Boyer began formulating plans to develop his own style of martial arts. By the summer of 1987 the style of Mukashi Kindai Ryu was founded. After several years of

refinement he was afforded the opportunity to have his art reviewed for official recognition. In the spring of 1990 in Butler, PA and after having gone through a screening process for the World Soke Council, which represented over 30 countries, he presented his martial art style.

The council reviewed, evaluated, and certified Mukashi Kindai Ryu as a valid new style of martial arts with Japanese lineage through the instruction of Rick Boyer in the Japanese martial arts by Jusendai Soke Albert Church, Jr. (Kamishin Ryu, Motobu-ha Shito-ryu, Hakkoryu Jujitsu), Shodai Soke Clement Reidner (Shiho Karano Ryu, Motobu-ha Shito-ryu, Hakkoryu Jujitsu), Shodai Soke Richard Baillargeon (Motobu-ha Shito-ryu), and Shihan-Renshi James A. Benko (Hakkoryu Jujitsu). The council further certified Rick Boyer as the *Shodai Soke* (founder and head of family/style) of Mukashi Kindai Ryu (MKR) with the initial rank of *Hachidan* (8<sup>th</sup> degree black belt) at his request. In 2000 the council recognized Soke Boyer as Judan (10<sup>th</sup> degree black belt).



*Shodai Soke* Boyer holds a personal menjo from Saigon Andrew Tamper who recognized him as *Shodai Soke* in Mukashi Kindai Ryu. Saigon Tamper passed away March 9, 2004. This organization is currently known as the World Headmasters Council of Martial Arts. He is also recognized as a *Shodai Soke* by the North American Fellowship of Soke, the European Soke Fellowship, and the Canadian Soke Fellowship.

In his martial arts career *Shodai Soke* Boyer has earned eleven different black belts of different levels and in various styles since 1964:

❖ Mukashi Kindai Ryu	Judan (10 <sup>th</sup> Degree)
❖ Kooha Kempo Karate	Godan (5 <sup>th</sup> Degree)
❖ Shiho Karano Karate	Godan (5 <sup>th</sup> Degree)
❖ Shiho Karano Ju-Jitsu	Godan (5 <sup>th</sup> Degree)
❖ Tetsuken Ryu Karate	Godan (5 <sup>th</sup> Degree)
❖ Kamishin Ryu Karate	Sandan (3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree)
❖ Shito Ryu Karate	Nidan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree)
❖ Hakko Ryu Ju-Jitsu	Nidan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree)
❖ Seishin Kai Karate	Nidan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree)
❖ Kamishin Ryu Nippon Kobudo	Shodan (1 <sup>st</sup> Degree)
❖ Shaolin Ji Kung Fu	Shodan (1 <sup>st</sup> Degree)

On June 6, 2010 *Shodai Soke* Boyer unexpectedly passed away at his home in Summerville, SC at the age of 70.



### Nidai Soke Don Brookshire

*Nidai Soke* Brookshire (2<sup>nd</sup> generation Head-Family) was born January 20, 1964 in Greenville, SC and came to Clemson University as an undergraduate in August of 1982. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Management, Summa cum Laude from La Salle University and a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies from Excelsior College. *Nidai Soke* Brookshire graduated from the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College, Class 36 and received a Master of Public Administration degree with High Honors from Columbus State University on December 14, 2010. He graduated from Regent University with a Master of Divinity Degree on May 6, 2017. He is an ordained minister in the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC), which is a founding jurisdiction of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).

*Nidai Soke* Brookshire was hired by the Clemson Police Department in July of 1987 and was eventually promoted to lieutenant for the Support Services Division. *Nidai Soke* Brookshire had various assignments at the department including patrol officer, advanced traffic accident investigator, D.A.R.E. instructor, specific skills instructor, defensive tactics instructor and spontaneous knife defense instructor for the department. He is also a trained crime prevention officer, victims advocate, and instruct women's self-defense classes on a continuing basis. *Nidai Soke* Brookshire was promoted to Systems Administrator (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer) for the City of Clemson and served as a Summary Court Judge for the Town of Central. *Nidai Soke* Brookshire is a retired Captain of Anderson County Sheriff's Office the fifth largest local law enforcement agency in South Carolina. He currently serves as a Network Manager for Anderson County Technology Services.

He began studying Taijutsu at Clemson University in the fall of 1986 to the spring of 1987 and was unable to continue his instruction after his instructor graduated. *Nidai Soke* Brookshire studied Isshinryu Karate under Hanshi Phil Little (10th Degree) from August of 1992 until the summer of 1993 when he began studying



under Shihan Chris Eadie (6th Degree) of Eadie's Martial Arts School of Self-Defense (EMASS). Shihan Eadie was teaching Tang Soo Do Karate and Goshin Ju Jutsu. Shihan Eadie became affiliated with Mukashi Kindai Ryu (MKR) in February 1994 and *Nidai Soke* Brookshire cross-rated in MKR Karate at that time. *Nidai Soke* Brookshire was appointed a Sempai (assistant instructor) in October of 1994.

Shihan Eadie decided to formulate his own style of martial arts in the spring of 1997 and Shizoku Ryu Martial Arts was born. *Nidai Soke* Brookshire was cross-rated in the new style of Shizoku Karate and kept his rating in Ju Jutsu. He also continued to be rated as a Sempai. Shihan Eadie discontinued his affiliation with MKR at this point (1997). Shortly, thereafter, EMASS closed its doors to the public.

*Nidai Soke* Brookshire continued to train in private for a while and in April of 1998 he contacted *Shodai Soke* Rick Boyer (10th Degree & Founder) of MKR and requested to be re-affiliated with Mukashi Kindai Ryu. *Shodai Soke* Boyer graciously accepted *Nidai Soke* Brookshire's request. On September 1, 2008 *Nidai Soke* Don Brookshire was appointed *Soke-Dai* (Successor) of MKR by *Shodai Soke* Rick Boyer.

*Nidai Soke* Brookshire is the head instructor of the Seisho Karate School, which is the honbu (HQ) of MKKR, and was recognized as the legitimate inheritor of Mukashi Kindai Ryu and the *Iemoto* and *Nidai Soke* (Headmaster and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Head-Family) by the Boyer Family on July 1, 2010. As the owners' of Mukashi Kindai Kokusai Rengokai and initial officers of MKKR the Boyer Family awarded *Nidai Soke* Brookshire the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> degree black belt) and appointed him Kaicho (President) of Mukashi Kindai Kokusai Rengokai on July



1, 2010. Nidai Soke Brookshire's rank of Judan and inheritance of Mukashi Kindai Ryu as Nidai Soke has been formally recognized by the All Japan Ju-Jitsu International Federation as of September 3, 2012 and he is a member of the AJJIF World Headmasters Council of Martial Arts. Nidai Soke Brookshire is a lifetime member of the Christian Black Belt Association and has been recognized by the CBBA as the Nidai Soke of Mukashi Kindai Ryu with the rank of Judan.

Nidai Soke Brookshire is a lifetime member of the Christian Martial Arts Council, Gospel Martial Arts Union, and the Police Martial Arts Association. He is a member of the International Martial Arts Council of America and was inducted into the U.S. Martial Arts Hall of Fame June 27, 2015 as a Distinguished Grandmaster.

