



Dear Fellow Genbu-Kai Member,

We are excited to invite you to the Genbu-Kai Karate of Michigan Annual Celebration Weekend, taking place August 15-17, 2025.

This special weekend is dedicated to honoring the life, teachings, and legacy of our beloved leader, Shihan Fumio Demura. Coming together as a karate family to reflect on his influence and continue the path he paved is one of the most meaningful ways we can keep his spirit alive. It will be a time filled with training, camaraderie, and celebration—bringing together students, instructors, and friends from near and far.

Our Celebration Weekend will include seminars taught by Genbu-Kai's finest instructors, including special guest David Hines, President of the Genbu-Kai Organization. These sessions offer an incredible opportunity to learn from some of the best in our organization. We will also host a tournament and Shodan testing in both Karate-do and Kobudo.

Please note that this year, our Annual Celebration Banquet will be held separately in November, rather than during the Celebration Weekend. This change allows us to focus fully on each event and make them both truly memorable.

Hosting this event is the highlight of our year, and we hope you'll take part in this meaningful experience. To secure your spot in the seminars and tournament, please complete the appropriate registration forms. Seminar space is limited- do not hesitate to reserve your spot as soon as possible. Tournament registration forms are due July 26. Between July 26 and August 8, tournament registrations will include a late fee. After August 8th, we will not accept any more tournament registration forms.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to help and truly look forward to celebrating with you.

With gratitude,

Anthony Sorrentino  
Genbu-Kai Karate of Michigan

# LET'S CELEBRATE!

# SPECIAL GUEST INSTRUCTORS



## Sensei David Hines

8th Dan Karate | President - Demura-Ha Shito-Ryu Karate-Do Genbu-Kai

Sensei David Hines is the President of the Demura-Ha Shito-Ryu Karate-Do Genbu-Kai, carrying forward the legacy of his teacher and mentor, Shihan Fumio Demura, with skill, humility, and unwavering dedication. A native of Southern California, Sensei Hines began his Karate journey in 1965 at the age of six under Shihan Demura and has been a devoted student and practitioner ever since.

With over five decades of continuous training, Sensei Hines is recognized as one of Shihan Demura's most technically proficient and trusted students in the art of Shito-Ryu Karate-Do Genbu-Kai. His lifelong commitment to the art and to the Genbu-Kai organization is evident not only in his teaching but also in his contributions behind the scenes—having worked closely with Shihan Demura on numerous instructional videos and magazine features that have reached students around the world.

As a top-level junior and adult competitor, from 1968-98, in both domestic and international arenas, Sensei Hines has proudly represented Genbu-Kai with excellence and integrity. Today, he continues to lead with the same passion, precision, and spirit instilled in him by Shihan Demura, inspiring new generations of martial artists while preserving the rich traditions of Karate-Do.



## Sensei James Otter

7th Dan Karate | 6th Dan Kobudo | 5th Dan Batto-Do  
Chief Instructor - Pittsburg, KS Genbu-Kai

Sensei Otter is a kind, humble, and highly respected martial artist who began his journey in Karate and Kobudo in 1977 under Dean Heinitz, within Shihan Fumio Demura's Genbu-Kai Organization. With over four decades of dedicated practice, he now holds the rank of 7th Dan in Karate, 6th Dan in Kobudo, and 5th Dan in Batto-Do.

As the Chief Instructor of the Pittsburg, Kansas dojo, Sensei Otter is known for his deep knowledge, patient teaching style, and unwavering commitment to preserving the traditional values of martial arts.

In addition to his martial arts accomplishments, Sensei Otter has served as a university professor at Pittsburg State University for over 40 years, where he continues to inspire students with his wisdom, integrity, and lifelong dedication to learning.



## Sensei Christie Hines

7th Dan Karate | Senior Instructor - Santa Ana, CA Genbu-Kai

Based in Southern California, and married to Sensei Dave Hines, Christie is a warm, knowledgeable, and deeply respected martial artist with over 38 years of dedicated training in traditional Karate-Do. Her recent promotion to 7th Dan is a testament to her lifelong commitment to the art and her unwavering dedication to the teachings of Shihan Fumio Demura and the Genbu-Kai Organization.

Throughout her martial arts journey, Christie has been instrumental in preserving and sharing Shihan Demura's legacy. She has collaborated with him on instructional video projects and has been featured in documentaries honoring his life and contributions to martial arts around the world. Her insight, experience, and connection to Shihan Demura make her a valued voice in telling his story.

Christie is known for her kindness, humility, and technical excellence, and she continues to inspire students of all ages with her thoughtful instruction and genuine passion for the martial arts.

**GENBU-KAI KARATE MI**  
**CELEBRATION WEEKEND**  
**KARATE-DO & KOBUDO**  
**SEMINARS & TOURNAMENT**  
 T H E K A R A T E W A Y

**IMPORTANT:**  
 Space in each seminar is limited.  
 Please turn in your registration  
 form ASAP to reserve your spot.

Time	Friday, Aug 15th, 2025	Fee	Location
10am - 1pm	Black & Red Belt Testing: Karate, Kobudo, Batto	See Your Instructor	Genbu-Kai Karate of MI 44103 N. Groesbeck Clinton Twp, MI 48036
5:00 - 5:45 pm	Karate-Do w/Sensei Hines <i>Junior Beginner: White &amp; Yellow</i>	15	
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Karate-Do w/Sensei Hines <i>Junior Intermediate &amp; Advanced: Purple and up</i>	20	
7:15 - 8:15 pm	Karate-Do w/Sensei Hines <i>Adults: All Ranks</i>	20	
8:15 - 8:45 pm	Referee Meeting	none	
	Saturday, Aug 16th, 2025		Location
9:00 am Check in 9:30 am Opening Ceremony	Tournament <i>See Registration Form</i>	70	Stevenson High School 39701 Dodge Park Rd Sterling Heights, MI 48313
	Sunday, Aug 17th, 2025		Location
8:00 - 9:00 am	Black & Red Belt Class w/Sensei Hines	20	Genbu-Kai Michigan 44103 N Groesbeck Hwy Clinton Twp, Mi 48036
9:15 - 10:15 am	Karate Bunkai w/Sensei Hines <i>Adults and Juniors: Brown/Blue &amp; up</i>	20	
10:30-11:30 am	Batto <i>Must have a bokken or non-sharp sword</i>	20	
11:45-12:45 pm	Kama w/Sensei Otter (Kanegawa Nicho Gama) <i>Must know Kama Kihon Kata/Must have own kama</i>	20	
1:00-2:00 pm	Karate Bunkai w/Sensei Hines <i>Adults and Juniors: White/Orange/Green/Yellow/Purple</i>	20	

**THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR SEMINAR FEES**  
 Visiting Genbu-Kai members can pay upon arrival

Date:	Cash or Check , NO CREDIT CARDS Please make checks out to Genbu-Kai Karate	Check Number:
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State of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Kyu Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

## GENBU-KAI KARATE MI CELEBRATION WEEKEND KARATE-DO & KOBUDO SEMINARS & TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025

### LOCATION:

STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL  
39701 DODGE PARK RD,  
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48313

COMPETITOR CHECK-IN @ 9:00AM  
OPENING CEREMONY @ 9:30AM

Competitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Kyu (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (        ) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

### Events:

**\$70 per competitor** (for 1 or more event, includes 1 spectator bracelet)

Please check the events you will be competing in:

- 3-Point Sparring (Beginners Only)
- Karate Kata
- Kobudo Kata
- Kobudo Kumite
- Karate Kumite
- Team Kata

### **IMPORTANT**

**Registration due: 7-26-25**

**After 7-26-25: \$10 late fee**

**Registration closes: 8-8-25**

### Cash or Check Only

- Please fill out one form per competitor
- There will be a small spectator fee at the door: \$5 per person or \$10 per household, children under 5 free
- Please bring your Genbu-Kai karate passport

### **Kumite Gear**

**Karate Kumite:** Gloves, mouth guards, and groin protectors (male competitors) are **REQUIRED**. Headgear, shin guards, chest protectors, and foot pads are optional but highly recommended.

**Kobudo Kumite:** Headgear and gloves are **REQUIRED**

We will have a limited amount of gloves and helmets for competitors to use.

I, the undersigned, do hereby voluntarily submit my application for the attendance and participation in the Genbu-Kai Karate of Michigan Tournament, and do hereby assume full responsibility for any damages, injuries and loss that may incur, if any, while participating or attending. I hereby waive all claims against the promoters or sponsors of said karate tournament, L'Anse Creuse Public Schools, or Genbu-Kai Karate of Clinton LLC, individually or otherwise, for any claims or injuries I may sustain. I fully understand that any medical treatment given to me will be of first aid only.

Competitor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Total Owed\*:  \$70  \$10 Late fee after 7/26/25     \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total

Payment Method: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check# \_\_\_\_\_ (Written out to *Genbu-Kai Michigan*)

\*No refunds will be given for missed competitions or no shows. We reserve the right to refuse to allow participation to any individual.

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## TEAM KATA

MUST HAVE A TEAM OF 3

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*Team Name*

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*Team Member #1*

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*Team Member #2*

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*Team Member #3*

### **IMPORTANT**

**Please turn in by 7-26-25**

- One Team Kata Form per team.
- To participate in Team Kata, each team member must also fill out a tournament registration form as Team Kata is included in the tournament fee.

#### Team Kata Rules

- Mixed-rank teams will compete in the division of the highest-ranking member of the team.
- Each team must have 3 members – either all junior or adult.
- Each team must have a name. Be creative!
- A student may only compete on one team.
- Any formation is acceptable, but the kata must begin and end in the same formation.

**VISITORS**



## IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

### FRIDAY/SUNDAY SEMINARS:

MICHIGAN GENBU-KAI DOJO  
44103 N GROESBECK HWY  
CLINTON TWP, MI 48036  
586-913-7131

### SATURDAY TOURNAMENT:

STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL  
39701 DODGE PARK RD, STERLING  
HEIGHTS, MI 48313

## RECOMMENDED HOTELS

### MOST AFFORDABLE:

Tru by Hilton Chesterfield Township Detroit

45301 Marketplace Blvd  
Chesterfield, Michigan 48051 USA

Reservations: 833-320-9851 or Tru by Hilton

### BIGGER W/KITCHENETTE:

Towneplace Suites by Marriot

45255 Marketplace Blvd  
Chesterfield, Michigan 48047 USA

Reservations: 586-949-3333 or Towneplace Suites

## THINGS TO DO

- C.J. Barrymore's - 4 min drive
- Metro Beach - 6 min drive
- Sycamore Hills Golf Club - 9 min drive
- The Mall at Partridge Creek - 10 min drive
- Detroit Zoo - 29 min drive
- Comerica Park - 38 min drive
- Detroit Institute of Arts - 35 min drive
- Belle Isle - 39 min drive

There are many places to eat nearby and on Hall Road.