



**7th ANNUAL CELEBRATION  
IN HONOR OF  
SENSEI SHERMAN HARRILL  
& SENSEI JOE SMITH**

*Open to all Styles and Ranks*

Presented by Sensei John Kerker of Kerker's Isshin-ryu Karate School  
Sponsored by the Parkland College Karate Club and Sensei Mel Sims

**Sensei John Kerker** has instructed many successful Isshin-ryu training seminars in the United States and Canada since the passing of Sensei Harrill in November of 2002. Mr. Kerker began his training in Isshin-ryu Karate with Sensei Sherman Harrill on April 16th 1987, and has been the Carson Dojo Sempai and floor Instructor for the past 12 years. He has traveled the country assisting Sensei Harrill with his seminars since he was a green belt. Just before his passing, Sensei Harrill promoted Mr. Kerker to Yon-Dan and entrusted him with the rank of Roku-Dan, which was effective April, 2007. Anyone who has spent time with Mr. Kerker in the Dojo or at one of Mr. Harrill's Seminars knows that basics, kata, and the application of technique along with Tatsuo Shimabuku's kumite techniques are the things that will be stressed. These Seminars are open to all styles and ranks. Politics and rank aren't part of these seminars, only good training and the study of proper execution of technique. All are welcome.

A note from Sensei Kerker: "I know I cannot, nor would I ever attempt to, take Sensei Harrill's place. Mr. Harrill never trained anyone in the Dojo to be his clone, but rather that your Karate-Do training helps you to become the best person that you can possibly be. Always remember that true Karate training begins and ends with courtesy. Sensei Harrill was a shining example of this. Sensei Harrill's expressed wish was that we all remain a family of Isshin-ryu students and that we celebrate and continue the training that he bestowed upon us the same way that he did with what he learned from Tatsuo Shimabuku. Nothing at the Seminars that I instruct will change from the format or the material that Sensei Harrill presented to us. That's what I know, and that's how I honor my Sensei. I don't pretend to have all the answers about everything, but together as Isshin-ryu Karate-ka we will do our best to ensure that Sensei Sherman Harrill's way of instructing Tatsuo Shimabuku's Isshin-ryu Karate will continue and prosper."

John Kerker

1st Generation student of Sensei Sherman Harrill

2nd Generation student of Tatsuo Shimabuku

3rd generation student of Chotoku Kyan, Choki Motobu, Chojun Miyagi



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**Instructor:** Sensei John Kerker of Kerker's Isshin-ryu Karate School

**Seminar topics:** **Friday** – Weapons and Open Forum. Everyone is welcome regardless of rank or style! Please bring Sai, Tuifa (Tonfa), and Bo. Bo/Tuifa Kumite and Bo/Sai Kumite will be instructed. Extra weapons will be available.

**Saturday** (a.m.) – Shimabuku's Kumite as taught in Okinawa,

**Saturday** (p.m.) – Sanchin Kata & exercises.

<b>Registration:</b>	Friday	April 3, 2009	5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
	Saturday	April 4, 2009	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

<b>Date and time:</b>	Friday	April 3, 2008	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Saturday	April 4, 2008	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

<b>Fees:</b>	\$60.00	Pre-registration, prior to seminar (includes Friday night and Saturday)
	\$70.00	at the door (includes Friday night and Saturday)
	\$35.00	At the Door (1/2 day attendance, [9:00 to 12:30] or [1:00 to 4:30])
	\$15.00	Weapons and open forum

**Location:** **Friday** – Parkland College, room P105 (downstairs from the Gym directly across from the locker-rooms), 2400 West Bradley, Champaign, Illinois. Lockers and showers available on site.

**Saturday** – Sidney TWSP Hall, 102 East Byron, Sidney, Illinois (just North of the Business District, at the intersection of Byron and David streets). Showers are not available at this location however the Parkland College facilities are still available.

**Note:** I apologize for any inconvenience due to the change of location on Saturday. During Spring Break, beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March, Parkland College will begin construction and installation of a new gym floor. There is a map attached to this year's flyer. We will also have students available at the Comfort Inn on Saturday morning that everyone can follow to the Sidney TWSP location.

**Note:** *Instructors bringing six or more students get a door prize. Any one requiring additional information or maps please contact Mel Sims at [msims1@cpu-net.net](mailto:msims1@cpu-net.net) or [msims@parkland.edu](mailto:msims@parkland.edu), (217)649-5245 or (866)411-9290.*

**Pre-registration:** Mel Sims, 401½ Tempa Drive, Sidney, Illinois 61877



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### LODGING

Motels accessible from Neil Street exit (North) off I-74

#### **Comfort Inn \***

305 Marketview Drive  
Champaign, IL. 61821  
217-352-4055

#### **Red Roof Inn**

212 West Anthony  
Champaign, IL. 61820  
217-352-0101

#### **Super 8**

202 Marketview Dr.  
Champaign, IL. 61820  
217-359-2388

Lunch will be catered by Subway of Tolono and will be served at 12:30. Orders will be taken during registration, Saturday morning. The selection offers a 6-inch sub, chips, and a soft drink for \$5.

Following tradition, we will be dining at Alexander's Steak House Saturday evening, after the seminar.

To pre-register, please send your completed release form and check payable to:

Mel Sims  
401½ Tempa Drive  
Sidney, Illinois 61877  
[msims1@cpu-net.net](mailto:msims1@cpu-net.net)  
[msims@parkland.edu](mailto:msims@parkland.edu)  
217-649-5245  
866-411-9290

\* Sensei John Kerker and people from the Carson Dojo are staying at the Comfort Inn. When making advanced reservations at the Comfort, please let them know that you are attending the Parkland Karate Seminar, and a rate of \$70 per night double occupancy will be given. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Comfort Inn, first come - first served (Group #100105). For other accommodations, please call the Champaign Urbana Convention & Visitor Bureau at 1-800-432-5787.

**NOTE: To receive a discount on rooms while staying at the Comfort, reservations must be made prior to Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.** April, 2009 is almost booked in Champaign-Urbana. Anyone attending the Parkland Seminar and needing a room should make their reservations early.

We wish to thank Parkland College for its support of the Karate Club.

Yours in Martial Arts,  
Mel Sims



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We look forward to training with each of you!  
For your convenience, enclosed is a copy of the *REQUIRED* release form.  
Please feel free to copy if needed.

**RELEASE FORM**

\*NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\*CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ \*STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ \*ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

\*PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\*required

I, the undersigned, register myself for a seminar/workshop in martial arts techniques, which is sponsored by the Parkland College Karate Club, and taught by Mr. John Kerker of Kerker's Isshin-ryu Karate School, Inc.

I recognize the possibility of injury inherent in this activity, and I further understand that said risk may arise from, but not limited to the instruction, explanation, and/or practice and training in the subject matter presented at this seminar. I realize that all risk of injury or loss of any kind is assumed by me and I will hold harmless Mr. John Kerker, Kerker's Isshin-ryu Karate School, Inc., Parkland College, Sidney TWSP and their facility, Parkland College Karate club, their owners, officers, official instructors, other seminar participants, employees of said organizations, and their agents for any and all losses and/or injuries sustained by me as a result of this seminar.

I am in good health and physical condition and assume all cost of any and all losses and/or injuries to myself. I agree to conduct myself courteously and obey the rules set forth for training at this seminar, based on Oriental traditions, common courtesy, and common sense.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*[REQUIRED if under 18 years of age]*

**Spring 2009 Seminar, Parkland College**



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 By car

**Driving directions to 102 E Byron St, Sidney, IL 61877**

19.6 mi – about 36 mins

**A** 305 Marketview Dr  
Champaign, IL 61822

1. Head east on **W Marketview Dr** toward **Pinnacle Dr** 0.2 mi
2. Turn **right** at **N Neil St** 0.3 mi
3. Turn **left** to merge onto **I-74 E** 10.7 mi
4. Take exit **192** toward **N Main St** 0.3 mi
5. Turn **right** at **N Main St** 0.6 mi
6. Turn **right** at **E Sherman St** 0.3 mi
7. Turn **left** at **Highway 12/S Water St**  
Continue to follow Highway 12 3.8 mi
8. Slight **right** at **Highway 12/Highway 1200** 0.7 mi
9. Slight **left** to stay on **Highway 12/Highway 1200**  
Continue to follow Highway 12 2.0 mi
10. Turn **right** at **Main St** 0.2 mi
11. Turn **left** at **S Bryan St** 413 ft
12. Turn **right** at **E Byron St**  
Destination will be on the right 0.4 mi

**B** 102 E Byron St  
Sidney, IL 61877

