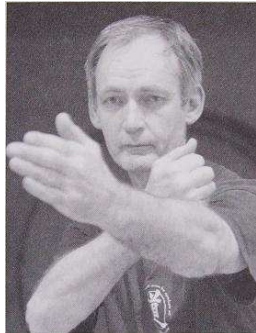


Instructor Profile

Alexander (Sandy) Marwick



Born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1951, Sandy started his journey in the martial arts in 1968 when he began training in Shotokan Karate at the Aberdeen Karate Club under its founders John Anderson and John Allan.

Training was traditional and concentrated on self-defence with little sport content.

The club is still running now as the Aberdeen Shotokan Karate Club.

Graded to Black Belt in 1972 Sandy has trained under several of the top British and Japanese instructors in

Shotokan Karate, receiving 3rd Dan from Hirokasu Kanazawa in 1977. During this period Sandy ran several Karate clubs while serving in the Royal Air Force and trained in Boxing and Judo while also taking up mountaineering, parachuting and expedition training.

Sandy served in the British Army from 1979 to 1988 and began his study of Bujinkan Taijutsu in 1984, taking part in the first UK seminar in Taijutsu under Bo F. Munthe and the first UK Taikai by Hatsumi Soke.

Graded to 1st Dan in Bujinkan Taijutsu in 1987, Sandy was graded to Shidoshi (5 Dan) at the Paris Taikai in 1997 under Soke Hatsumi and has continued his training by organising Taijutsu clubs in Hereford and Hemel Hempstead.

He has taken part in numerous UK courses and international Taikai and completed several trips to Japan to train with Soke Hatsumi and the Shihan instructors of the Bujinkan Dojo.

During his career in the Army Sandy utilised his martial arts experience and knowledge to teach Goshin-Ryu Karate and to plan and organise unarmed combat training for service personnel as part of a post he held as CQB (Close Quarter Battle) team leader while teaching service personnel in the use of weapons and tactics. He also completed the Army Combat Survival Instructor and Close Protection Instructor courses and obtained several other specialist service qualifications.

After leaving the Army in 1988 Sandy worked in London as a Security Consultant and security team leader for well-known businessmen with international interests and ran his own company training security personnel and private organisations in Europe in Close Protection techniques, security management and survival skills.

He now works for the Metropolitan Police where in addition to his police role he instructs police officers in officer safety and self-defence techniques.

Current grade - Shidoshi