



Dr. Richard Fields: Hanshi Fields started with Matsubayashi Shorin Ryu karate in 1974 under Sensei Telly Lekacos, and later Shorei Goju under Hanshi Thomas Pisut starting in 1981. He received his Shodan in 1984. He was promoted to 9th Dan in February 2016 in Tennessee by Mr. Pisut and became Shorei Goju style head for the U.S. Association of Martial Artists upon Hanshi Pisut's death in 2016. Hanshi Field's focus is on teaching, and advanced waza, jitsu, breathing, and philosophy aspects of karate-do. Having been a board certified surgeon and emergency room doctor for several decades, Dr. Fields does volunteer clinic work in Tennessee and also serves as the head of the USAMA medical advisory board at tournaments and for the USAMA's Executive Board. Being the husband of Kyoshi Sue Hawkes, he serves as her closest support and advisor in all USAMA and dojo aspects. Hanshi Fields is a certified judge and referee with the USAMA, USKA USKK and also a member of numerous martial arts organizations such as IKKF, USKK, and PKC, along with the USAMA. He is the ranking adjunct instructor at the Jim Hawkes Shorin Kai hombu dojo providing a unique perspective for all the students.