



Marlene Hawkes: Sensei Marlene Hawkes is the younger sister of founder Master James H. Hawkes. She began her karate practice in 2003 with the late Hanshi Tom Pisut. He was the USAMA Stylehead for Shorei Goju received the rank of Sandan in Shorei Goju in 2013. In 2004, she began joining classes at Jim Hawkes Karate off and on, and in 2013, put her full focus on the Hawkes Shorin Ryu style. She also began weapons training in 2004 with IKKF membership under Bruce and Ann Marie Heilman. Currently, she teaches beginner youth karate and is a part time office administrator at Jim Hawkes Karate. She has been a tournament competitor since 2005, recently winning 1st place in kata at the 2015 Jim Hawkes Karate Memorial Tournament and in 2016 was ranked 3rd in the NM points standings and 4th in the USAMA National points standings for Black Belt Women Kata. She is an integral part of the hombu women's executive group, and is an example of perseverance for all Jim Hawkes Karate-ka.