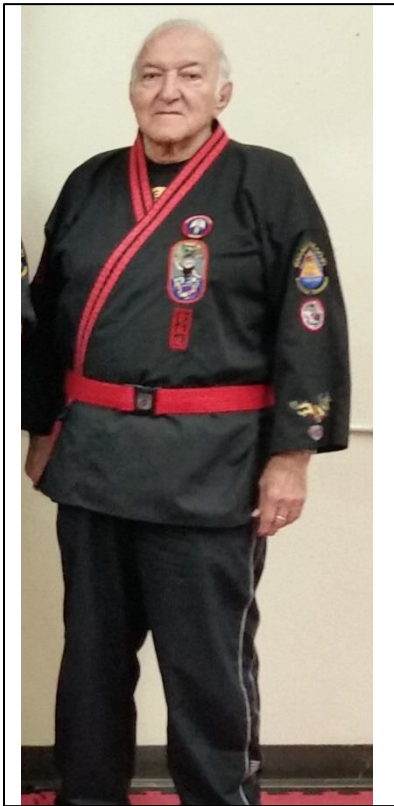


Maurice Msarsa, Ku Dan... (9th) Degree Black belt



(L-R) Maurice Msarsa, Willie Wilson, Melbert Lee Sr and Harold Long

Maurice Msarsa has been a student of the martial arts for many years. His first exposure to the martial arts was in New York City in the summer of 1952 when he enrolled in a Judo class at the YMCA. Since that time, Master Msarsa has received additional training in judo, jujitsu, Modern Arnis, and karate.

Master Msarsa started his Isshin-Ryu training under Master Harold Long in 1965. Over the years, he served as instructor at Master Long's dojos, the University of Tennessee Karate Club, Knoxville Police Academy, and for the Tennessee Valley Authority Public Safety Officers.

In addition, he participated in and conducted many seminars and training sessions. In the tournament circuit, he competed and later served as coordinator for many of the area tournaments. Master Msarsa is one of the Isshin-Ryu pioneers in Tennessee.

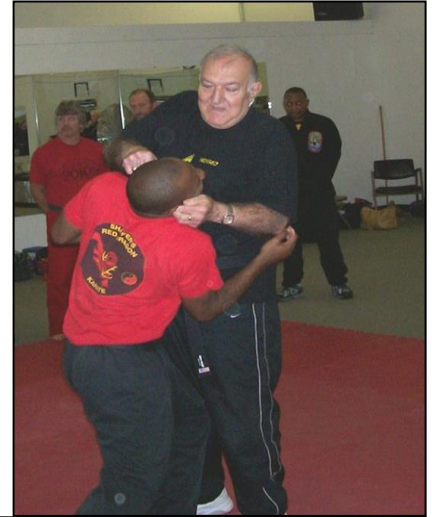
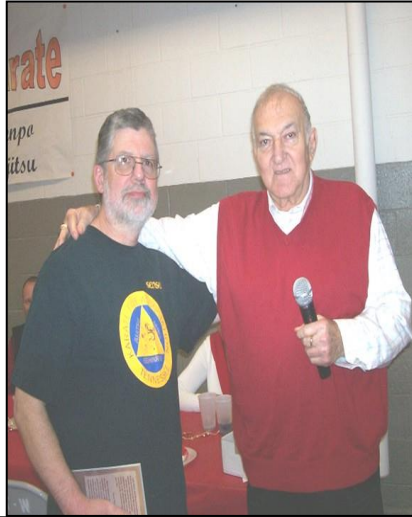
Along with his wife, Johnnie, and their son, Steve (both Isshin-Ryu practitioners), Master Msarsa has given about 500 karate demonstrations for civic organizations, church groups, schools, clubs, television, and many other functions. He has received "Instructor of the Year" award and was the first to receive the "Spirit of Isshin-Ryu" award from the Isshin-Ryu Hall of Fame (IHOF). He has served on the Board of Directors of The International Isshin-Ryu Karate Association, as well as the Isshin-Ryu Hall of Fame.



Maurice Msarsa with wife, Johnnie

Master Msarsa is one of the founders of the Isshin-Ryu Hall of Fame. He has been inducted into/and recognized by the following organizations: The Isshinryu Hall of Fame

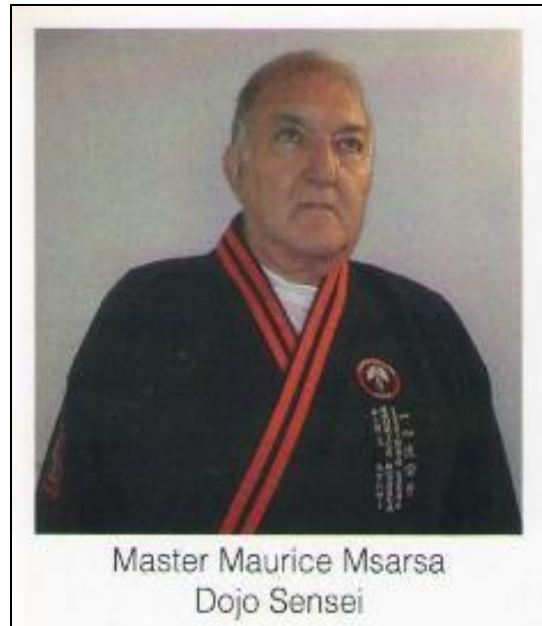
in 1995; Martial Arts Masters, Pioneers, and Legends Hall of Fame in 1998; World Karate Union (WKU) Hall of Fame in 1998; Okinawa Isshinryu Karate, and Kobudo Association Hall of Fame in 2002 and Master Msarsa is the Karate Five Dojo Sensei and Mentor.



(L-R) Maurice Msarsa speaking at 2011 Arnis Camp; shown with Karate Five's Jon Whitehead and Master Msarsa instructing attendee on technique



Above Master Msarsa presenting award to Karate Five long time student, CJ



Master Maurice Msarsa
Dojo Sensei