

# TAA Memorial Day Gasshuku 2021

## Online Instruction from these fabulous instructors:



## Bill Witt Shihan

8<sup>th</sup> Dan, Shihan

Senior Instructor, [Takemusu Aikido Association](#)

Senior Instructor, [Aikido of Silicon Valley](#)

Witt Sensei began Aikido practice in 1967 at the Aikikai Hombu Dojo. His first Aikido teacher was the Founder, Morihei Ueshiba. Has lived in Japan on several occasions beginning 1967 and was one of the first foreigners to train at the Iwama Dojo, Japan. He has been described as "the man who built the bridge to Iwama".

He translated Volumes One and Two of Saito Morihiro Shihan's "Traditional Aikido" texts.

# Hans Goto Shihan

7th Dan, Shihan

Chief Instructor, [Bay Marin Aikido](#), San Rafael, CA

Hans Goto Sensei has over 40 years of experience in the martial arts. His main focus has been Aikido with extended residential training in Iwama, Japan, under Saito Morihiro Shihan. He was the first non-Japanese to be a long-term uchideshi with Saito Shihan. He has also studied Judo, Tai Qi Quan, and Wushu. His articles have appeared in Aikido Journal and Black Belt magazine.

He serves as President of the [Takemusu Aikido Association](#).





## Hoa Newens Shihan

7<sup>th</sup> Dan, Certified Instructor Trainer

Chief Instructor, [Aikido Institute Davis](#), Davis, CA

Hoa Sensei began his training in 1967 under Dang Thong Phong Sensei. He studied with Seiichi Sugano Sensei, then came to the Aikido Institute in 1978. He was Dojo Cho at Aikido Institute of Oakland, where he trained in Iwama style Aikido, before establishing the Davis dojo. He has published six [DVDs](#) on Aikido technique.

*Hoa Sensei's teaching has its foundation in the dojo code:*

*I always look, listen and learn.*

*I bow with humility to receive from O-Sensei, the Sensei, and fellow students.*

*I do my best, share and persevere in my practice.*

## Kim Peuser Shihan

7<sup>th</sup> Dan, Certified Instructor Trainer

Advisor, [Aikido Institute](#), Oakland, CA

Instructor, [Mendocino Aikido](#), Mendocino, CA

Kim Sensei has studied Aikido in the United States and in Japan beginning in 1974. He studied intensively for several years in Oakland and Iwama. He first traveled to Iwama in 1977 to train under Saito Shihan as uchideshi and later spent several additional months as sotodeshi. He is the Senior Advisor of the Aikido Institute in Oakland, California, and serves on the Board of the Takemusu Aikido Association.





## Bernice Tom Shihan

7<sup>th</sup> Dan, Certified Instructor Trainer

Chief Instructor, [Sunset Cliffs Aikido](#), San Diego, CA

Bernice Tom Sensei began Aikido in 1974 at the Aikido Institute in Oakland. From 1975 to 2002 she made more than ten visits to Iwama, Japan, to study with Saito Morihiro Shihan, including living in Iwama for four years. She began teaching at Sunset Cliffs Aikido in 1985 and became Chief Instructor in 1990. From 1988 to 1995 she hosted Saito Shihan annually. She holds the fifth level scroll ("Menkyo Kaiden") as a teacher of Aiki-ken and Aiki-jo awarded by Saito Shihan.

## Wolfgang Baumgartner Sensei

7<sup>th</sup> Dan, Certified Instructor Trainer

Chief Instructor, [Aikido Berlin Karow](#), Berlin, Germany

Wolfgang Sensei is a graduate of the Aikido Institute in Oakland, California. He holds the Menkyo Kaiden from Saito Sensei to teach Iwama-Style weapons. He founded Reno Aikido Co-Op, North Lake Tahoe Aikido, and Aikido Arts Center Santa Fe. He moved to Germany in 1992 to start the Aikido Berlin Karow dojo.

He was uchideshi under Saito Shihan at the Iwama Dojo and hosted Saito Shihan in the United States and Germany on numerous occasions. He is an accomplished artist and professional bodyworker.

He is on the Board of Directors of the TAA and is the founder of the Memorial Day Weekend Gasshuku.

