THE JAPANESE WARRIOR: The Importance of Kata in Physical, Psychological and Spiritual Training

Talk & Q&A with Dr. David A. Hall
Professor, Montgomery College
Friday, February 8, 2013
6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Japan-America Society of Washington DC
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Join us on Friday, February 8, for a talk with David Hall as he discusses with JASW members and friends the history and culture of Japanese martial arts. Dr. Hall writes that Japan's warrior culture contains a "rich tapestry of historical, social, religious, and martial elements.”

Dr. Hall can be considered one of the notable authorities on Japanese martial arts. His talk will cover not only the history and culture of Japanese martial arts, but also the process it took to compile over 4000 entries into his book Encyclopedia of Japanese Martial Arts. Martial arts demonstrations will be performed

Dr. David A. Hall has trained in Japanese martial arts for over 45 years, both in the U.S. and in Japan. He continues to train and teach under the auspices of the Hyobyoka/Hyobyokan, an organization he founded in California and then moved to Rockville, MD. In addition to his martial studies, David Hall was ordained as a Buddhist priest in 1978, and integrated his religious training with graduate research, receiving a Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies/Military History from the University of California, Berkeley. He was co-director of the International Hoplology Society to study combative behavior, systems, and performance; was awarded a Fulbright fellowship for study in Japan; and is the author of numerous published papers on both martial arts and topics related to Buddhism. Dr. Hall is currently a professor at Montgomery College in Maryland, where he is also a Director of CyberWatch, a National Science Foundation-supported center dealing with information assurance and security.

Dr. Hall’s new book, Encyclopedia of Japanese Martial Arts, will be available for purchase from JASW for $40, which is 30% off the retail price. Purchases must be made in advance on-line at www.jaswdc.org. Deadline for purchase in time for the program and signed by Dr. Hall is the morning of Monday, February 4.

Encyclopedia of Japanese Martial Arts

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