

BIO

Sensei Mike Nazar

8th dan Uechi Ryu Karate

Mike Nazar, Sensei was introduced to Uechi Ryu by John Ray and began his Karate training in 1974 in Austin, Texas after relocating from New Jersey to complete his studies in Architecture at the University of Texas.

Mike stayed committed to his karate training over the years and is a direct student of Grand Master Kiyohide Shinjo, most recently earning the rank of Hachidan in 2021. Mike gained proficiency in 1980, has been teaching Uechi Ryu Karate since the early 80's and moved from teaching at the University to opening his own in-home Dojo in 1993. He has been a member of the Kenyukai Association since 1981.

The best way to describe Nazar Sensei is that he loves Karate and brings that spirit to his training and teaching. He is proud to have been a competitor at National and International levels, hosted many Karate events including multiple Koshukai, Texas Warrior Weekends and other special visits and trainings. He has been to Okinawa many times, most recently in October of 2024 where he experienced close communication with Shinjo Sensei and worked closely with the Okinawan Sensei to encourage the next generation to carry on the Legacy that Grandmaster Shinjo has dedicated his life to. Nazar Sensei is proud to be invited to the 2025 Spirit of the North and especially to support Mason Bergeron as one of the next generation Sensei.

