

To the Members of the American Kyudo Renmei,
Kyudo a
Association of Canada
And
All the Kyuyu of the Affiliated Countries

Invitation to the 18th American Kyudo Seminar

Yoshiko Buchanan, AKR president

It is my pleasure to invite all of you to the 18th American Kyudo Seminar which takes place in Spartanburg, South Carolina this year. It takes place from the 29th of July which is the special seminar and regular seminar begins from the 30th and ends on the 1st of August. The 2nd of August is the examination day. As you have noticed the final seminar information was delayed this time however the host federation, South Carolina Kyudo Renmei, has been working very hard to organize the largest and the sole IKYF/ANKF related kyudo event in the Americas. There are a few changes in the seminar operation that have been asked by both the IKYF and ANKF. You will find **those changes** in the seminar information written by the SCKR and I sincerely would like to ask you to cooperate with the SCKR to get this seminar application process smoothly.

This year's seminar is inviting San-dan people to attend the special seminar takes place on the 29th. This will be a great opportunity for those San-dan and Yon-dan to focus on shooting technique. However contrary to the invitation to San-dan to join the special seminar there will be no Renshi test from this year, which is not very encouraging for those who have Go-dan. Go-dans may be discouraged to attend the seminar but this is still one of the best learning opportunities to all of us. Seminars are not just for taking tests but are basically the place where we train together. I do understand the feelings of Go-dans but I sincerely would like to encourage Go-dans to come to study. Go-dans are truly the candidates of future instructors. Let's keep our eyes farsighted to see the future of our kyudo.

This is, again, a great opportunity that we can come together in America to meet and practice with our kyudo friends. Both the IKYF and the ANKF will send us highly qualified instructors; Hayashi Fumio sensei, Hanshi Hachidan, Sakuma Tsuyoshi sensei, Hanshi Hachidan (2012 instructor) and Sawada Kinichi sensei, Hanshi Hachidan. So I would like to encourage all of you to join us. Do not miss this precious opportunity to improve and develop your kyudo skill and to deepen your understanding in kyudo.

This 18th American Kyudo Seminar is hosted by the South Carolina Kyudo Renmei (SCKR) and I would like to express my great appreciation for their dedication to make this wonderful kyudo event successful. The SCKR is providing great facilities with space for three shajos and an additional makiwara area, lecture rooms, dorms and the cafeteria. I'm sure everyone will enjoy shooting in such a good shajo along with such knowledgeable instructors.

I wish all of you good luck and I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2013 American Kyudo Seminar in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yoshiko Buchanan', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Yoshiko Buchanan
President, American Kyudo Renmei
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