





On Saturday the 23rd of September, Grand Master Mitch Kobylanski hosted the 9th annual United Southern Isshinryu Karate Kyu Fest tournament in Charlotte, NC. The event featured 130 competitors with 54 divisions spotlighting completion for Brown Below (KYU) ranks and below. Over 60+ black belts were in attendance providing training and mentoring to junior black belts. We were fortunate to have Grand Masters William Salinardi and Ronald Boucher as well as Master Peter Williams in attendance this year. Additionally, there were several promotions conducted prior to the tournament, including Tim Boykin (9th Dan), Mark Ciprich (6th Dan), Eddie Wilson (5th Dan) and Stephanie Esper (3rd Dan). Congratulations and well done to all!