



Dear Master,

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It is with great pleasure to inform you of the upcoming seminar of Master Christopher “Topher” Ricketts chief instructor of Kali Ilustrisimo USA in November 2007. The Sydney seminar will be held at the *Australian Jow Ga Kung Fu Academy* in Foster St. Surry Hills. Master Ricketts will also be conducting a seminar in Melbourne, and will be available for other seminars and workshops during his stay in Australia.

It is Master Ricketts’s vision to share his knowledge and skill of the Kali Ilustrisimo System to the martial arts community in Australia and to further promote an understanding of one of the many effective bladed weapon arts of the Philippines. Master Ricketts was also instrumental in the formation of Bakbakan International.

The founder and creator of the Kali Ilustrisimo system is *Grand Master Antonio (Tatang) Ilustrisimo*. Revered in the Philippines for his sword and edged weapons skills and ability, Grand Master Ilustrisimo’s skills were refined from actual life and death combat and thus, this is why he was acknowledged by many of the Philippine’s leading masters for his practical and authentic bladed weapon skills. As a veteran of the resistance against the Japanese occupation in the Philippines during WWII, “Tatang” developed an efficient system of sword and knife fighting techniques which entails “*straight to the point*” attacks combined with highly effective yet practical footwork. Master Christopher Ricketts was a long time student of Grand Master Ilustrisimo and is currently regarded as one of the five highest ranking instructors of the art in the world.

In addition to being one of the senior disciples of the revered Grand Master Antonio Ilustrisimo, Master Ricketts was also the highest ranked black belt and designated successor of the late founder of *Lameco Eskrima*, *Grand Master Edgar G. Sulite*. With teaching credentials in several martial arts systems, as well as being a professional boxing trainer, he has dedicated his life to martial arts.

A much sought after instructor, Master Ricketts has taught bladed weapons and combat tactics to the US Special Forces (Delta Force), as well as the South Korean Special Forces and units of the Philippines Special Forces. Presently he continues to teach throughout the USA.

It would be an honor to have you and your students come along and share the learning experience under the training of Master Christopher Ricketts.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Yours sincerely,

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For more information on Master Christopher Ricketts and the Kali Ilustrisimo System please visit: www.ilustrisimousa.com.

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