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Jim,
 I just wanted to say what a great experience it was participating in your reality based courses. The people were great and it was a great exchange of ideas. You are a very good instructor with a good knowledge of the subjects.

Now for the Courses: As a student of the martial arts, with over 30 years in various Martial arts as well as the Military, with a few years in Special Operations, the course was an eye opener as to how actually unprepared I was for an immediate, unplanned attack.

The knife course in particular is an eye opener, although I have trained for knife attacks, the method you have to instill immediacy of action is scary. In classes it is easy to work a move when you plan the attack, but as you demonstrate, the real thing is unplanned and aggressive. Grabs, holds, locks, blocks are unplanned and rarely performable, the event is too fast for more than instinctive reactions.

As the Gracie system showed the vulnerability of stand up arts, I believe your system shows the vulnerability of perceived planned attacks, the prevalent method of instruction at most martial arts schools.

Your courses made me reevaluate what I thought I knew and could do in a situation. After 30 years it is time to implement some "Reality Based Training".

Thank You for your Courses and I am so glad I was part of the Beginning of this ride. I am sure the people I work with in the future will appreciate it as well.

Thank You Again

Yours Truly

Jim Hartigan

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