Born in the Bronx, New York on April 18, 1964, Kyoshi Ruben Ruiz walked into his first training hall at the age of nine, a Shotokan Karate-Do class at the local center in his home town.

His main instructor and mentor was Master Reno Moralez (Shotokan karate-do). During his time with Master Moralez, Kyoshi Ruben Ruiz was able to excel in Shotokan Karate-Do and obtain the rank of Black Belt with a Sixth Dan until Master Moralez passed on Feb. 7, 2013. Being so intrigued with martial arts, Kyoshi Ruben Ruiz also searched for additional skills in other arts by training one on one with Shihan William Oliver (Kenshikai/Kyokushin) in the mid 90s. Currently, even though Kyoshi Ruben Ruiz is the owner and master instructor for his own dojo, he seeks to grow in the martial arts by training with Shihan Jonas Nunez Jr. ( Shindo Ryu/ kick boxing). Training under these instructors, Kyoshi Ruben Ruiz has developed into a well rounded martial artist that exhibited his skills in numerous tournaments and placing first among other martial artist that were already established as rising stars in the state of New York.

Kyoshi Ruben Ruiz is a retired NYC police officer that competed on the international platform and placed first in many State Law Enforcement Martial Arts Challenges. These skills and accomplishments allowed him to train other police officers in self defense techniques that were vital on the streets of New York to apprehend criminals.

Currently, Kyoshi Ruben Ruiz has trained and taught over 800 students, police officer and military personnel in the art of Shotokan and Self Defense techniques. He facilitates seminars on domestic violence, sexual assault and abduction prevention. Kyoshi Ruben Ruiz has instructed, promoted and mentored over 25 black belts within his dojo’s ranks.

Kyoshi Ruben Ruiz is a member of the United States of America Martial Arts Hall of Fame, a member of the International Martial Arts Council of America, and a Certified Master Instructor.

At the age of 51, he has been married for 28 year to his wife and has three wonderful children. He is a devoted Christian and continues train hard and teaches under Yahweh-Nissi (under Gods banner). Because of his devotion and discipline, he continues to hope and strive to continue to make a difference in Martial Arts and his community.