



Hank Hayes started his defensive tactics career at the age of 5. Learning to be successful handling oneself in NYC in the early 60's and 70's was almost a must for everybody but for a black kid on the Italian side it was mandatory.

At age 10 he formally started training the Martial / Fighting Arts and sought out the more aggressive disciplines that he could apply to his daily life on the streets of NYC.

Although the traditional aspects and disciplines he learned were helpful. He quickly found out that a large part of what he learned didn't equate to repeatable street fighting success. It was often either too complex to pull off or the planets needed to align in perfect order to combatively work. Additionally he found that many instructors tried to baffle him with their brilliance but when it came down to it they couldn't really fight themselves. Even at that young age he was already throwing out what didn't work, while keeping and applying what did.

Hank served as an executive protection specialist for 11 years working with such names as The Ramones, Taylor Dayne, Aretha Franklin and dozen's of business executives traveling around the world.

In 1997 Hank invented the No Lie Blades Training Knife and in 1999 released the No Lie Blades Edged Weapon Tactical Fighting System. His company is an official Department of Defense Contract firm with a 97% US government past performance record. As of Jan 2014 his company has officially and successfully trained over 11,412 operators from DI's (Drill Instructors), SOCOM (Special Operation Command), SF (Special Forces), fast entry groups, S.W.A.T. teams, Sheriff Dept's, Corrections, Patrol officers, Navy SEAL operators and many Force Protection units. NLB courses are now accredited in several different states.

Hank Hayes has received numerous awards, US government certificates and honorable mentions. His company, No Lie Blades holds more letters of recommendation on Department letterhead than its top three competitors' combined but his most outstanding award has been his 2012 induction into the US Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Hank and his team are known for simple and highly effective methods of results oriented tactics which keep officers, operators and good civilians coming home to their loved ones no matter what, bringing all resources to bear to win the battle every time.

Hank is most proud of his life with his wife Melissa and their five kids which radically motivate him to be the best leader and example he can possibly be.