

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
**E. HAGIHARA SHIHAN'S**

PROMOTION TO

# 8TH DAN

**Saturday**  
**March 18th, 2017**  
**2:00pm**  
**\$50**

Please join us in celebrating Hagihara Sensei's promotion to the rank of 8th degree black belt. This historic honor was made possible by Yamada Sensei and is a real testament to Hagihara Sensei's dedication to O-Sensei's Aikido. On Saturday, March 18th, the Long Island Aikikai invites you to participate in this momentous occasion. The day will include demonstrations by various students and instructors, a class led by Hagihara Sensei, and then a catered dinner to commemorate the event. We hope you can make it!

Edward Hagihara was born in Manhattan in 1935. When he was 5 years old, his parents sent him and his brother to Japan to live with his grandparents out of fear that the internment camps would come to the east coast. After his return to the US at 13 years old, he trained in Judo under George Yoshida, eventually attaining the rank of Nidan. In the mid to late 1950's, he began to study Aikido under Yasuo Ohara at NYU. He then enlisted in the United States Army Reserves, and after 6 years of service, decided at the direction of Tohei-sensei, to go to Japan and study under the founder, at Hombu Dojo. This is where he met many of the Uchi Deshi, including Yoshimitsu Yamada Shihan, head of the NY Aikikai. After two years, he returned to the United States and founded the Long Island Aikikai, which has now been in operation for over 50 years. Hagihara Sensei has dedicated most of his life to promoting the art of Aikido and his legacy is kept alive and honored at the LIA.

**15 N. Clinton Ave. Bay Shore, NY 11706**  
**[www.liaikikai.com/event/promotion-celebration](http://www.liaikikai.com/event/promotion-celebration)**

Sleeping accommodations are available for out of town guests. Registration (see website events for details) closes Saturday, March 11th. There will be no at-the-door registration.