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# ***Newsletter – September 2013***

### **A Message from Professor Bob McKean**

Greetings from Southern Oregon. Summer is near an end and many of us have been busy this summer attending DZR seminars, clinics and camps.

**In June**, I was invited to attend the 2013 Bushidokan Federation Gathering in Sparks, Nevada. Senior Professor Herb LaGue was a great host for the weekend gathering which included a black belt workout Friday night, open classes on Saturday and competitive events on Sunday. A buffet banquet was held at one of the Reno area restaurants and everyone had time to socialize and strengthen the “Ohana bond” which is becoming more common among most of the DZR organizations. The weekend instructors included Professor Richard Bunch, Professor David Scheid, Sensei Carla Bunch, Sensei Bob Reish and others.

Senior Professor LaGue is committed to supporting ‘Ohana 2014 and he will be bringing many of the members of his federation to the event. Sr. Professor LaGue will be hosting ‘Ohana 2016.

**In August**, Professor Larry Nolte and I were invited to attend the 2013 Shoshin Ryu Reunion in Cerritos, California. This was our first time attending a Shoshin Ryu Reunion. The values of ‘Ohana are very much alive and well in the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. Numerous classes for all levels of kyu and dan ranks were held all day Saturday and a kata tournament was held on Sunday.

On behalf of Shoshin Ryu, Senior Professor Bill Randle presented Professor Larry Nolte with the rank of Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) along with a red obi. Professor Nolte was being recognized for his 50+ years of dedication and commitment to honoring, protecting, preserving and perpetuating the teachings of Professor Henry Okazaki and Professor Bud Estes. I was honored to be presented with one of Shoshin Ryu’s most prestigious awards, the Luciani Service Award, by Senior Professor Mike Chubb.

Professor Nolte and I had plenty of time to socialize and strengthen our family ties with our Shoshin Ryu brothers and sisters. A special thanks to Professors Mike Chubb, Bill Randle, Roy Center, Bill Fischer, Kevin Dalrymple, Jon Jacques, Carlos Gallegos and Brian Stanley for their hospitality and friendship. We will be looking forward to seeing you at 'Ohana 2014.

**In September**, I was invited to attend the 2013 Jujitsu America Convention in Foster City, California. Professor Richard Bunch invited me to be one of the guest instructors at their 35<sup>th</sup> annual convention. The workout on Saturday went well as did the tournaments on Sunday. Professors Rory Rebmann, Hans Ingebretsen and I attended the Saturday night banquet. The values of 'Ohana are also very much alive and well in Jujitsu America. Jujitsu America is supporting 'Ohana 2014 and is committed to participating in this event. We are looking forward to seeing our friends from Jujitsu America at 'Ohana 2014.

Congratulations go out to Eric Renner, Joe DeBattista and Lawrence Boydston who were awarded the title of Associate Professor by Jujitsu America. And to Professor Richard Bunch who was elected President of Jujitsu America and to Sensei Chris Peterson who was elected Vice President.

A special thanks to Professors Willy Cahill, Richard Bunch, Joe Souza, Ron & Sue Jennings, Eric Renner, Rudy Aguilar, Joe DeBattista, Sensei Chris Peterson and the rest of the Jujitsu American family for being such great hosts.

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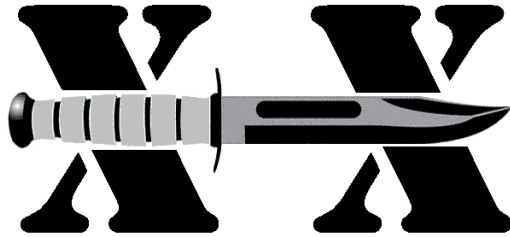
### **PJA Website**

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance website, [www.pacificjujitsualliance.com](http://www.pacificjujitsualliance.com) has recently been updated. Karen Lollis has stepped down as our webmaster. She was instrumental in designing and updating the PJA website for several years. I would like to thank Karen for the work and time she provided to make the PJA website one of the premiere DZR websites.

## New PJA Members

By Professor McKean

I would like welcome Sensei Michael Larson (Sandan) and Sensei Davida Kwoka (Nidan) as the newest members to the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. Both Michael and Davida are students of Professor Richard Bunch of the Nikko Jujitsu School in San Jose, CA. Michael and Davida live in Millbrae, CA and were among those who attend the 2013 Danzan Ryu 'Ohana Black Belt Weekend.



## 20 years of Knives in the Woods

1993-2013

by

Chris Nicholas



With every martial art society there are milestones that are celebrated. Some are done in grand fashion, and some are done in a discrete backwoods camping grounds...obscured by tall redwoods and fog...with all participants in camouflage and protective gear. The latter would be the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Knives In The Woods (KITW) held August 16-18, 2013.

It was in 1993 when Master Combat Knife Instructors Robert Krull, Don Richardson, and Robert McKean started an “invitation only” training camp that focused on military combat knife techniques and use. The curriculum developed from years of experience in the SpecOps Community and in Law Enforcement has led to one of the most intensive training weekends any martial artist could imagine.

Both Master Krull and McKean were students of Prof. William Montero. Although there was an eleven year gap between their attendance of the Pacific Judo Academy, chance brought them together and a strong bond was developed between the two. Both men were interested in the combat arts of knife fighting and received their early instruction from Prof. Montero. As a captain in the Hawaiian Territorial Nation Guard, Prof Montero would escort Prof Okazaki to the Military bases in Hawaii and assist in the teaching of hand-to-hand combat and knife fighting to US soldiers. Master Krull continued to refine his knowledge of knife fighting during his military service and martial arts career. Master Richardson and Master Krull met through the martial arts but knew of one another through the Military SpecOps community. Both men, along with Master McKean, spent years working and refining the knife program into what it is today.

During the first 10 years the camp was held at Master Krull’s ranch home in Calistoga CA. This beautiful wooded hillside ranch was the inspiration for the course name “Knives in the Woods”. After Master Krull’s passing in 2004, the remaining two Master Instructors, along with the new Master Combat Knife Instructors Mike Tucker and Chris Nicholas, have conducted classes in Arizona, New York, Nevada, and Northern California. Keeping to the tradition of invitation only and preserving and protecting the deadly arts learned at the hands of Master Krull, only 143 people have participated in the program since its inception.

The August 2013 weekend celebration was attended by 33 veterans of the KITW program, many of whom have attended between five and ten events. This alumni only workout saw participants traveling to Crescent City CA from Southern California, the San Francisco Bay area, Florida, and New York, amongst other places. For this special event, the KITW instructors were told to take off the red shirts and enjoy the weekend as the four Master Instructors took the lead.

Participants took to the field, and after a short warm up, the work began. New drills and concepts were shared after a short review of the basics. Participants were then treated to a special lecture and field demonstration from Dr. Jim Warren, Major, U. S. Army Reserve, as he taught knife wound trauma management. After that it was time for the Gauntlet exercise. The name says it all as students fight their way through the field one opponent at a time.

Master Richardson, Master Chief, USN Retired, a Veteran of the Viet Nam war, gave insight into the mindset required for physical confrontation and how to cope with the realities of violence. This lecture gave students and instructors alike an opportunity to ask in depth questions from a Master Instructor with over 20 years experience in the SpecOps community.

After lunch, participants learned how to sharpen knives to a razors edge. Then it was back in the field for the final hours of training for the day. This was followed by a fantastic steak dinner prepared by the host dojo. This was not the end of the day though and the customary “pupu” session was held back at the hotel. Master Instructors sharing stories and life experiences, as well as, creating bonds between participants that will last well beyond the weekend.

On day two, participants entered the field bruised, battered, and sore. This did not slow down this group though as they were reviewing drills and new material from the previous day. Soon participants were steaming in the morning cool and the mood was set for day two. Dr. Warren gave an addition lecture on chest wound trauma and students were given the chance to sharpen knives and hone their skills on any area requested.

When it was time to close the event, this year’s course survivors received a certificate of completion and a special 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary KITW patch. Three new people were inducted into the Concrete Warrior Knife Society and each of the “walking wounded” was presented with a special black and blue heart to acknowledge their continued hard work despite injury.

Having participating in almost all of the KITW events and having taught the system for 10 years, I was proud to share my knowledge and watch the continued progress of those who have dedicated themselves to this unique following. I am proud to be continuing a legacy passed to me that is not for all to see. A system of training that pushes the physical and mental limits of all its participants. And as I started the long drive home, Master Richardson sent a note to say Master Krull would be proud of all who were in the field this weekend.

...still moving forward and continuing a promise made to Bob Krull 9 years ago!

*Chris Nicholas holds the rank of Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu and is one of the founding members of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. He is also a charter member of the Concrete Warrior Knife Society, the ranking body for the Knives in the Woods program. Chris is currently one of four Master Combat Knife Instructors and has been instructing the blade since 2003.*



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## **'Ohana 2014**

*Mark your calendar now. Do not miss this event.*

***We are now taking pre-registrations online. We have a special package price and a special gift to the first 100 people who register***

Special thanks to Professor Bob Hodgkin for displaying the 'Ohana 2014 banner at the AJJF Rocky Mountain Convention in American Fork, Utah, July 12-14, 2013.

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and Kilohana Martial Arts Association are hosting 'Ohana 2014 on June 20-22, 2014 in Santa Clara, California. Hotel information, registration and other information can be found on the 'Ohana 2014 website.

There is a new historical photo loop on the 'Ohana 2014 web page. A list of instructors and their bios are being added as they are received. Check out who we have for guest instructors. The list will be expanding over the next year.

**[www.ohana2014.com](http://www.ohana2014.com)**

Kilohana Martial Arts Association, American Jujitsu Institute, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, Jujitsu America and the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation have placed information about 'Ohana 2014 on their websites. Some have placed the 'Ohana 2014 flier in their newsletters. A big thanks goes out to the DZR 'Ohana for coming together to help us promote 'Ohana 2014.

'Ohana 2014 is open to all members of the DZR community.

# Japanese Martial Arts Character Dictionary

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*The Hidden Symbols of the Japanese Martial Arts*

Japanese - English    English - Japanese

**Thomas R. Jenkins**

Some of the many subjects found in this dictionary: Aikido (way of harmony) Aikijujutsu (techniques of gentle accord) Amma (Japanese massage) Battojutsu (sword cutting) Bungei (literary arts) Bushido (way of the samurai) Butsido (Buddhism) Chado (way of tea) Haiku (Japanese poetry) Heiho (military strategy) Iaido (way of sword drawing) Jodo (way of the staff) Jojutsu (staff techniques) Judo (way of suppleness) Jujutsu (techniques of suppleness) Kalbogaku (anatomical terms) Kappo (resuscitation methods) Karate (empty hand combat) Kendo (way of the sword) Kempo/Kenpo (Chinese fist method) Kyudo (way of archery) Kyusho (vital points of the body) Naginata (halberd techniques) Ninjutsu (arts of subterfuge) Reigisaho (Japanese etiquette) Ryuha (Japanese martial systems) Seifukujutsu (healing arts) Shinto (Japanese ancestral religion) Sumo (Japanese wrestling) Zen (meditation).

The Japanese Martial Arts Character Dictionary is now directly available to you as an INTERNET DOWNLOAD for \$40.00. This unique, meticulously researched 960 page Kanji Dictionary is a must have for the serious student of the Japanese martial arts. Great gift for all levels of Japanese martial artists. The Dictionary is in PDF format which is compatible with most media devices. Not sold in stores. To order your Dictionary please contact the author at: [tjenkins@saber.net](mailto:tjenkins@saber.net)