



## Pacific Jujitsu Alliance

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# ***Newsletter – July 2018***

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

The PJA welcomes two new schools to our Ohana. As you know, the PJA is not a large Danzan Ryu organization. We have always stressed quality over numbers. The quality of our school heads and black belts speaks for itself. Our focus has always been on protecting, preserving and perpetuating the teachings of Professor William Montero and other noted and respected black belt students of Professor Okazaki. We do not just teach Professor Okazaki's *Esoteric Principles*, we practice and promote them. I am very proud of our members and the dedication of our school heads.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

#### ***Siefukujutsu Intensive Weekend***

Hosted by Professor Kenneth Eddy

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July 28 – 29, 2018

Reno, Nevada

#### ***Bob Krull Memorial - 25<sup>th</sup> Annual K.I.T.W.***

Hosted by Sensei Robbin Miller

August 17, 18 & 19, 2018

Crescent City, California

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## **PJA Black Belt Promotions**

June 9, 2018 - Noah Pinaire, Donovan Ely & Brian Rice to Sandan. Marian Rice to Nidan, Livermore, CA. Students of Professor Chris Nicholas.

## **New PJA Schools**

### *Pacific Ohana Self Defense Dojo*

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## **Other Danzan Ryu Promotions**

The PJA would like to extend congratulations to:

Professor Ken Eddy was awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute - June 2, 2018

Professor Janice Okamoto was awarded the rank of Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute at – June 2, 2018

Chris Peterson is awarded the title of Danzan Ryu Professor by Jujitsu America – June 2, 2018

## **Shingin No Maki Course Graduate**

Professor McKean



Sensei Kathleen Nicholas with Professor McKean

After an intense advanced training course of instruction, Sensei Kathleen Nicholas became the 19th graduate of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance *Shingin no Maki* course.

The PJA continues to teach *Shingin no Maki* in the same manner as it was passed down by Professor William Montero. *Shingin no Maki* is an advanced list taught only by the sensei to his individual students. The course is taught to only two black belt students at a time. It is never taught as a group seminar or clinic and is only taught to the direct students of the instructor.

Professor Montero was very specific on how *Shingin no Maki* was to be taught. *“Shingin should never be prostituted and taught for money. There is a special relationship between the sensei and the student that needs to be preserved.”*

Sensei Kathleen Nicholas (#19) completed her training on April 15, 2018. Sensei Nancy Soares (#14) assisted with the training by being uke for Sensei Nicholas. Professor Chris Nicholas (#2) acted as my assistance as he is being prepared to instruct his own black belt students on *Shingin no Maki*.

The spirit and traditions of *Shingin no Maki* that have been passed down to us by Professor Montero are being protected, preserved and perpetuated by the Professors of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.

## PJA Black Belt Promotions

Professor Chris Nicholas



Left to Right – Bryan Rice, Prof. McKean, Prof. Nicholas, Noah Pinaire, Donavon Ely, Kathleen Nicholas. Front – Marian Rice.

During the first week of June, the Pacific Self Defense Academy held Black Belt Testing. Although it was more an ALL school testing as each student showed their stuff as Black Belts progressed through the boards.

During Tuesday night class, the group started with Yawara and worked their way through Nage, Shime, and Nage 2. Then it was Thursday night and Shime 2, Oku, and Oku 2 were covered. All the students did well. Unfortunately, injuries started to plague the exams. Saturday was going to be a hard finish.

I kept in touch with the injured and they did not sound optimistic. As Saturday arrived and we were preparing to start the day, it was apparent that the injured could not continue. So only two candidates took the floor for the remainder of the exam.

It was a successful day with positive comments from all the board. After many years of watching and guiding, I was proud to put my signature on their certificates and endorse their ranks. Congrats to: Noah Pinaire, Sandan and Jujitsu Sensei; Donovan Ely, Sandan and Jujitsu Sensei; Brian Rice, Sandan and Jujitsu Sensei; Marion Rice, Nidan; Brandon Rice, Nikyu; Kyra Rice, Yellow Belt.

## **Update on PJA goings on in the East ...**

Professor Robert Korody

As the PJA East Coast Director, I have been making the rounds of our affiliated dojos for training and test preparation of the respective Sensei over the past year to assist the candidates for their upcoming examinations.

On the weekend of March 10th I was hosted by Sensei Ross Anthony, in Naples FL, for two days of hard training and test prep review. Sensei Anthony is the head of Warrior's Playground Jujitsu and recently promoted two students to Shodan. Topics covered included general review of the basic boards for refinement of technique consistent with advanced rank as well as a complete review of Shinin no Maki and miscellaneous arts. Despite some bumps and bruises from repetitive ukemi we had no injuries, a good showing was made by all. Sensei Anthony will be testing for Sandan in the near future and will be well prepared as evident by his demonstrated technique. Sensei Anthony is also a 9 year veteran of the Collier County Sheriff's Office and one of a number of active duty and retired sworn law enforcement officers who are also PJA school heads. Also, training with us that weekend, and preparing for his Nidan examination, was Dr. Jim Warren. Doc Jim is known to many of you from his professional instruction and expertise in medical aid at previous K.I.T.W. weekends. Dr. Warren is a veteran of two tours of duty in the Iraqi theater of operations and continues to serve as a Major in the US Army Medical Corps.

Heading north, I was hosted by Sensei John Fiore, of Koa Jujitsu in Buffalo NY, on the first Thursday of May. Sensei Fiore is also currently preparing for his Sandan examination and also preparing his senior student and brown belt Mike Certo to test for Shodan. Thanks again to Mike for "taking the beating". Mike served as uke for a

complete review of Shime II as well as the basic boards and miscellaneous arts. Also, on the mat with us was Sensei Joe Pisano, a jujitsu colleague for years and original instructor to Sensei Fiore.



Left to Right  
Sensei Joe Pisano, Sensei John Fiore, Mike Certo, Professor Robert Korody

It had been awhile and felt like old times to be on the mat with my friend Joe again. Sensei Fiore is also a Special Investigator for the Amherst Police Department and an 18 year law enforcement veteran.

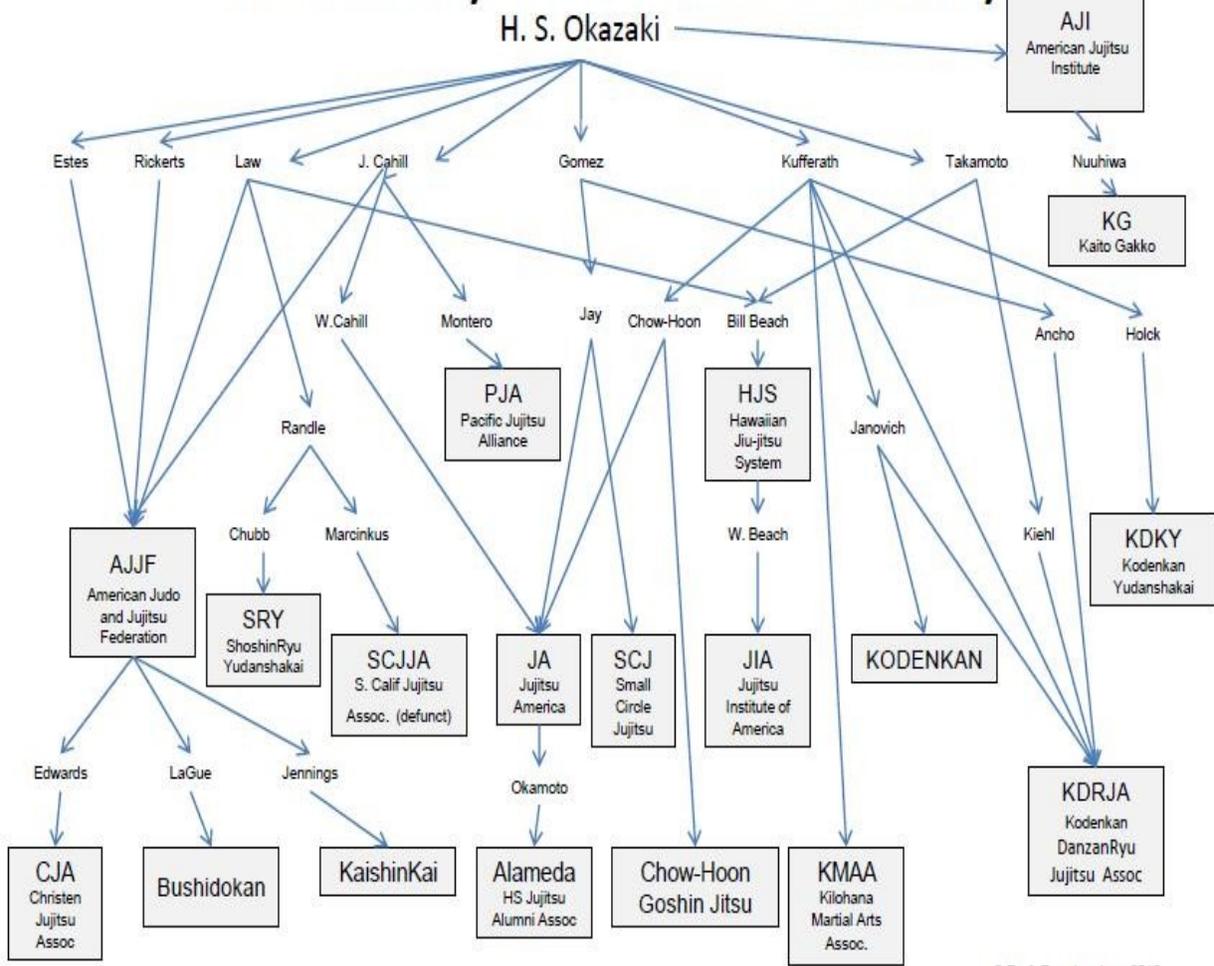
Following the model recently presented by Professor Chris Nicholas, the intention is to have the candidates test together on a specified upcoming future weekend in California when test preparation is complete. All PJA ranks and members are encouraged to attend.

We are fortunate as an organization to have so many men and women of law enforcement and the US military who selflessly serve their community and country as part of our PJA family and we are proud to have them as school heads and black belts.

In kokua, Professor Robert Korody

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