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Newsletter – December 2012

Message from Professor Bob McKean

Seasons Greeting from Oregon:

2012 was another good year for the PJA. We made a lot of new DZR friends and strengthened our relationship with many others in the DZR community. This year the PJA began its Dojo Massage Program, under the direction of Sensei Robert Korody, KITW #19 was a great success and we awarded the title of DZR Professor to two of our longtime senior black belt members.

You will find a lot of information in this newsletter. Please feel free to share it with your students and others.

2013 is looking like it will be another very active year for the PJA. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on the mat in 2013.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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Congratulations to Professor Tom Jenkins

The 2012 Kilohana Martial Arts Association banquet was held on November 17th in Campbell, CA. Professor James Muro, representing the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, awarded Professor Tom Jenkins the DZR rank of Hachidan (8th dan).

The Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai inducted Professor Jenkins into the prestigious *Danzan Ryu Hall of Fame*. The presentation was made by Shoshin Ryu representative Professor Bill Fischer. Over 140 people attended the Kilohana banquet.

PJA Black Belts Recognized by Kilohana

Campbell, California - November 17, 2012

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance has always had a friendly and good working relationship with the Kilohana Martial Arts Association. Many of our PJA members are also members of Kilohana. A number of Kilohana members also belong to the PJA.

During the 2012 Annual Kilohana Martial Arts Association banquet, 25 members of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance were presented with black belt rank recognition certificates by the Kilohana Standards Board. The certificates recognize the Danzan Ryu ranks held by these individuals within the Kilohana Martial Arts Association. Those who received black belt rank recognition certificates included:

Rokudan: Prof. Troy Shehorn, Prof. Kevin Colton.

Godan: Michael Tucker, Chris Nicholas, Dominic Beltrami, Robert Korody.

Sandan: Kathleen Nicholas, Robbin Miller, Jesse Ellis, Kevin Lollis.

Nidan: Bruce Anders, Brandon Johnson, Isaac Leija, Gregory Nagy, Phillip Paramo, James Savage.

Shodan: Brandon Hamlet, Susan Heist, Kurt Sherman, Jim Nicholas, Kevin Bird, Donovan Ely, Noaeh Pinaire, Meghan Gainer, Jose Camba.

Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai

Since the 2010 Ohana the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance has been building a closer relationship with the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. Shoshin Ryu is very much like the PJA in regards to dedication to the arts and principles of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. Currently there are 19 PJA members who are also members of Shoshin Ryu.

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, Kilohana Martial Arts Association and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai embrace the values of honesty, integrity and professional ethics. They also strive to preserve, protect and perpetuate the teachings of Professor Henry S. Okazaki and his Danzan Ryu Jujitsu.

I encourage all PJA members to consider joining and supporting the Kilohana Martial Arts Association and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. We are all part of the same Ohana.

If you don't know much about Shoshin Ryu I would recommend that you read a book written by Professor Bryan Stanley titled, *The History of Shoshin Ryu, Volume I*. This book outlines why Shoshin Ryu was established and the people and events that shaped the organization over the past 40 years. The book can be found at www.outskirtspress.com/bookstore/9781432786458.html or www.amazon.com

For more on Shoshin Ryu go to their website, www.shoshinryu.com

PJA Black Belt Promotion

Naperville, Illinois - December 1, 2012

During the Martial Arts Training Service 20th Anniversary event, Sensei Gerald Halligan was awarded the DZR rank of Rokudan by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. Professor Bob McKean and Professor Maureen Browne made the presentation. Sensei Halligan was also presented with a PJA Mokuroku.

Sensei Halligan began his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu in 1979. While working his way up the through the ranks, he has produced 14 black belts including three who have been promoted to the rank of Godan. His students have gone on to create four DZR schools.

Sensei Halligan brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience to the PJA. His personal and professional ethics make him a well respected sensei and a valuable asset to the PJA and Danzan Ryu community. Sensei Halligan's Rokudan certificate was signed by Professors from the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, Kilohana Martial Arts Association and American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.

2012 Kilohana Instructor of the Year

Campbell, California - November 17, 2012

PJA Sensei Dominic Beltrami, of the Renkiohen Budokai, was named *Kilohana Instructor of the Year* during the annual Kilohana banquet. Sensei Beltrami was recognized by Kilohana for his teaching skills, dedication and work in protecting, preserving and perpetuating the ryu. The PJA is honored to have Sensei Beltrami as one of its school heads and for him to be named *Kilohana Instructor of the Year* by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.

New PJA Black Belt Members

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance welcomes three new black belts to our Ohana. Zachary Thomas - Shodan, Joseph Vranich - Shodan and Michael Halbert – Shodan. Zachary and Joseph are KITW alumni. We are looking forward to seeing more of these fine black belts on the mat with us in 2013.

News From Jujitsu America

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance would like to congratulate several long time members of Jujitsu American on their recent promotions.

Professor Lee Eichelberger promoted to the rank of Judan (10th degree)
Charter Member of Jujitsu America and Senior Jujitsu Student of Professor Wally Jay

Professors Richard Bunch, David Jennings and Joe Souza were promoted to the rank of Kudan (9th degree)

Professor Rudy Aguilar promoted to the rank of Hachidan (8th dan)

Sensei Eric Renner promoted to the rank of Shichidan (7th dan)

2013 Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend

Professor Bob McKean

Mark you calendar. *The 2013 Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend* will be held on **June 1 & 2, 2013**. The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance will be co-hosting the event along with the Kilohana Martial Arts Association and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. Professor Rory Rebmann will be hosting the event at his dojo, Amador Judo & Jujitsu Studio, in Livermore, CA.

The 2013 Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend will be open to DZR black belts from all DZR organizations. More information on the event will be made available in the spring.

KITW 2013

The dates for *KITW 2013* are **August 16, 17 & 18**. Put these days on your 2013 calendar. *KITW 2013* will only be open to those who have successfully “survived” at least one KITW event prior to 2013. No first time students will be accepted for *KITW 2013*.

Plans are being made to include some new subject matter instructors and to expand the regular course curriculum to include some new and exciting material such as knife sharpening skills, psychology of combat, knife wound trauma management and more. Additional information on *KITW 2013* will be coming.

Dojo Profile of One of Our Own

Martial Arts Training Service (MATS)
Naperville, Illinois

Professor Maureen Browne and her husband, Sensei John Gussman, established MATS in 1992. Their dojo provides beginning and advanced training in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu, Judo and Aikido. Students coming from 15 different countries train regularly together at MATS.

Professor Browne has been training in Danzan Ryu since 1970 and holds the rank of Shichidan (7th dan) in Danzan Ryu from Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai and Godan (5th dan) in Aikido from Birankai North American.

Sensei John Gussman began his training in Kodokan Judo in 1962 and competed on a national level until 1978. At MATS, he coaches national and international judo competitors at the junior and senior level. Sensei Gussman holds the rank of Godan (5th dan) in Danzan Ryu and Yodan (4th dan) in judo and is a nationally certified judo coach.

For more information on MATS go to their website at www.martialartstraining.com

The PJA and the DZR Ohana

Professor Bob McKean

Since our beginning, one of the goals of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance has been to be a participating and contributing member of the Danzan Ryu community and not to operate as if we were isolated on an island by ourselves. The PJA has always encouraged its members to join the other Danzan Ryu organizations and to participate in their events.

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance embraces honesty, integrity and professional ethics. We invite selected black belts to join our alliance. The quality of our membership

is more important than quantity. It is made very clear to all perspective members that we do not encourage them to drop their membership with any DZR organization they currently belong to.

We do not demand loyalty to the PJA. Loyalty should be to one's sensei and then to Danzan Ryu and the teachings of Professor Henry S. Okazaki. The PJA believes the purpose of any DZR organization is to support its members and to protect, preserve and perpetuate the teachings of Professor Henry S. Okazaki.

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance currently has 106 black belt members. Many of these black belts also belong to other Danzan Ryu organizations. Here is a breakdown of the memberships.

50	American Judo & Jujitsu Federation
34	Kilohana Martial Arts Association
19	Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai
19	Pacific Jujitsu Alliance - only DZR organization they are members of.
4	American Jujitsu Institute
2	Christian Jujitsu Association

As you can see, many of the members of the PJA belong to two or more DZR organizations.

Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu

Professor Bob McKean

An e-mail was sent out to the DZR community on September 10, 2012 with an updated copy of *The Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu*. The timeline has grown to over 65 pages. I have received numerous positive comments on the newest update. Nine additional DZR people have since contacted me with additional information for the timeline. The timeline belongs to all of you. It is part of our DZR history. If you have any historically related information that you would like to submit for the timeline, please contact me at cop2rn@aol.com. The latest update is posted on the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance website, www.pacificjujitusalliance.com.

Kodenkan Police Course – Part I

Professor Bob McKean

We have just finished video taping Part I of the Kodenkan Police Course. Part I covers 40 police self-defense arts taught by Professor Bill Montero during a special police class held in 1975. We hope to have the DVD completed and available by early 2013. Part II will include the remaining 80 arts.

Japanese Martial Arts Character Dictionary

Professor Thomas Jenkins spent several years researching and writing a Japanese martial arts character dictionary specifically designed for English speaking martial artists.

“The people of the English speaking world who study traditional Japanese martial arts are confronted with the challenge of learning the terminology of the Japanese martial arts. Conventional Japanese dictionaries supply words necessary for daily communication in society as a whole but unfortunately lack the technical words of the martial arts. The purpose of this dictionary is to provide the English reader with an accurate listing of the words and phrases of the Japanese martial arts, along with their appropriate Chinese characters, and the English translations from a martial arts point of view. The dictionary can serve as a reliable reference regardless of the reader’s skill level in the Japanese language.”

The Japanese text of this dictionary was proof-read by Dr. Kimihiko Nomura, Professor of Japanese Language and Culture, California State University, Chico, CA.

A download version of this 960 page dictionary is available for only \$60.00. For ordering or more information about the *Japanese Martial Arts Character Dictionary*, contact Professor Jenkins at:

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