



## Pacific Jujitsu Alliance

### A note regarding the PJA Traditional Rank Structure

Sensei Chris Nicholas - PJA President

In 2022, the Senior members of the PJA discussed returning to the 5 Dan structure of Kodengan Jujitsu used by both Master Okazaki and Dai Sensei William Montero. Sensei McKean made the final decision to return to a 5 Dan ranking system in May 2022. This decision included the wearing of only a simple black belt with embroidered kanji of gold or red.

The ranks would be as follows:

- Black Belt - Rank 1
- Advanced Black Belt - Rank 2
- Black Belt Instructor - Rank 3
- Senior Black Belt Instructor - Rank 4
- Master Black Belt Instructor - Rank 5

The goal of the PJA is to support the Sensei and his Dojo on their path in the Martial Arts. Allowing the Dojo Sensei to choose the path he wishes to follow, allows that Sensei to express his best practice in propagating the teachings of Kodengan Jujitsu.

## **P.J.A. Promotion Certificates**

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### **Master Black Belt Instructor – Rank 5**

Robert McKean  
Chris Nicholas  
Robert Korody  
Troy Shehorn  
Gerry Halligan  
Daniel Butler  
Frank Borges  
Tom Lang  
Jon Sylvia  
Ashley Rebmann

Danny Barrett  
Bill Thorndike  
Robbin Miller

**Senior Black Belt Instructor – Rank 4**

Jeff Baxter  
Kathleen Nicholas  
Nancy Soares

**Black Belt Instructor – Rank 3**

Tim Brown  
Eric Soares (Deceased – posthumously awarded)  
Kevin Lollis  
Charlie Fielder  
Brandon Johnson  
Bruce Anders  
Isaac Leija  
Susan Heist  
Dan Sisson  
Andriy Yevsyev  
Noah Pinaire  
Donovan Ely  
Brian Rice  
Ross Anthony  
John Fiore

**Advanced Black Belt – Rank 2**

Rick Heilmann  
Mark Allen  
Sam Kennedy  
Dan Tiburcio  
Phillip Palamo  
Dorian Brito  
Kevin Bird  
Vikram Sarath  
Edy de Leon  
Marian Rice

**Black Belt – Rank 1**

Bob Opsal  
Mark Landreth  
Rick Colbaccina

Stephanie Wong  
Chris Wong  
Mike Vorhis  
Eric Dionisio  
Jose Camba  
Jon Sagnep  
Jim Nicholas  
Brandon Hamlet  
Tucker Plunk  
Meghan Gainer  
Craig Phildius  
Kurt Sherman  
Taylor Furry  
Shelly Wheeler  
Armand Gilbert  
Dan Hansen  
Martin Huerta  
Janine Simpson  
Jesse Siegrist  
Dallas Wauters  
Rebecca Groendyk  
Mitch Stephens

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