



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

Advanced 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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