



# Pacific Jujitsu Alliance

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## ***Newsletter – May 2015***

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

#### **About the PJA**

I frequently receive inquiries from DZR school heads and DZR black belts about affiliating with the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. Most of the information relating to PJA membership can be found on the PJA website, [www.pacificjujitsualliance.com](http://www.pacificjujitsualliance.com).

The PJA is a black belt organization where applicants are invited to join. An application and a check does not necessarily guarantee acceptance into the PJA. An applicant must be recommended by at least two PJA members in good standing and is then reviewed by our membership committee. The PJA has never been concerned with being a large DZR organization. To us quality is more important than quantity. Good moral, ethical and professional conduct is the desirable quality we look for in any prospective member.

The PJA, like most DZR organizations, is dedicated to preserving, promoting and perpetuating Danzan Ryu Jujitsu and the Esoteric Principles of DZR. The PJA is a group of like minded *individuals* who would rather spend their time on the mat learning, teaching and promoting DZR than sitting in a board room trying to agree on how to change the ryu, which was lovingly given to us by Professor Henry S. Okazaki, and self promoting our egos as the absolute authority on DZR.

Unlike one DZR organization, the PJA does not demand or seek control over its school heads and black belts. We do not demand our school heads, and Professors, to sign an organizational contract which requires:

- “Loyalty to the \_\_\_\_\_ above all other organizations and groups.”
- “All of your students need to be registered \_\_\_\_\_ registrants (members).”

- “All of your students need to test with the \_\_\_\_\_ for their Black Belts. We expect this of all our School Heads.”
- “Full support and promotion of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ events.”

Over 75% of the PJA membership belongs to two or more DZR organizations. We encourage our members to join and participate with other professional and ethical DZR organizations. The PJA believes first loyalty is to one's sensei and then to the ryu. If you are a sensei, you also have a loyalty to your students. We discourage black belt applicants from “jumping ship” from any DZR organization in order to affiliate with the PJA without good cause or reason.

The PJA follows the DZR tradition of a 5 dan rank system. Senior dan ranks, and the title of DZR Professor, are based on ones individual merit including proficiency, understanding and teaching the ryu as well as moral, ethical and professional integrity. Loyalty to any one organization is not a factor that is considered for advancement in the PJA.

Only a competent sensei can be a PJA school head. Currently the PJA has twenty-two active schools. Ten school heads hold the title of DZR Professor; two are Rokudan, five Godan, two Yodan, two Sandan and one Nidan. Experienced and competent senior black belt school heads know the ryu well enough to teach it and to promote their own students. When requested, the PJA will assist a school head with his or her black belt testing but the bottom line is, the sensei knows their own students better than anyone else. A PJA school head knows the general accepted DZR testing curriculum for the different ranks of black belt. The PJA is there to assist the school head and not to dictate every aspect of their curriculum and to enforce a very narrow, restrictive and specific “kata”. The PJA “kata” is broadly defined and is based on the principles and concepts of each of the arts. There is more than one way to do each of the arts of DZR. We teach people the ryu and not to just take an exam. Our Shodan exams commonly run two or more hours.

The PJA is not a money making organization. We have no annual dues, only a one time \$25.00 membership registration fee. We currently offer group insurance for PJA schools heads, and their students, for \$15.00 a year per person. There is a \$20.00 rank certificate fee and a \$5.00 fee for PJA gi patches. We use this money to help cover the cost of materials.

The PJA is a very low maintenance and simple organization. Our time is spent on the mat helping each other and promoting DZR and living the Esoteric Principles of DZR to the best of our ability.

If anyone has questions about the PJA, please feel free to contact me at, [cop2rn@aol.com](mailto:cop2rn@aol.com)

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## **Recent PJA Black Belt Promotions**

Professor Bob McKean

I would like to congratulate the following PJA black belts who received rank promotions by the PJA. These individuals have earned their rank for their skill, efforts and dedication to Danzan Ryu Jujitsu.

Professor Troy Shehorn – Shichidan (May 16, 2015) student of Professor Larry Nolte

Dominic Beltrami – Rokudan (May 16, 2015) student of Professor Bob McKean

Robert Korody – Rokudan (May 16, 2015) student of Professor Gerry Halligan

Danny Barrett – Godan (May 16, 2015) student of Professor Bob Krull

Isaac Leija – Sandan (May 16, 2015) student of Sensei Dominic Beltrami

Jim Savage – Sandan (March 29, 2015) student of Sensei Robbin Miller

Kevin Bird – Nidan (May 16, 2015) student of Professor Chris Nicholas

Shelly Wheeler – Shodan (December 6, 2014) student of Sensei Stan Miller

Armand Gilbert – Shodan (April 2, 2015) student of Professor Troy Shehorn

## **Congratulations to our PJA Members**

*Congratulations to PJA Professor Troy Shehorn who received the title of AJJF Professor during the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Annual National Convention in San Ramon, CA – March 14, 2015. Professor Shehorn was also the recipient of the Professor Ray Law Award for 2015.*

*Congratulations to PJA member Rich Borba who received the title of DZR Professor from Professor Gene Edwards during the Christian Jujitsu Association Convention in Riverside, CA – January 16, 2015*

## **New PJA Dojo & Black Belt Members**

By Professor McKean

I would like to welcome our newest dojo and Black Belt members to the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.

DOJO - Ronin Kan  
Sensei Bruce Anders  
Oceanside, CA

DOJO – Apollo Jujitsu  
Sensei Jim Warren  
Apollo Beach, FL

Greg Wyatt - Sandan  
Student of Sensei Jon Sylvia

Dan Sisson – Nidan  
Student of Professor Mike Chubb

Scott Kennedy - Nidan  
Student of Professor Barb Gessner

Shelly Wheeler – Shodan  
Student of Sensei Stan Miller

Armand Gilbert – Shodan  
Student of Professor Troy Shehorn

Peter Krasucki - Shodan  
Student of Sensei Professor Barb Gessner

Steven Chen - Shodan  
Student of Sensei Professor Barb Gessner

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual K.I.T.W.

## Combat Knife Training Course

**August 21, 22 and 23, 2015**

Hosted by Sensei Robin Miller

Fudo No Sei Kaku

1493 Northcrest Dr.

Crescent City, CA 95531

(707) 954-5534

[randsmiller@frontier.com](mailto:randsmiller@frontier.com)



**Participation Fee: \$125.00.**

*A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due by July 18, 2015.*

*The balance of \$75.00 is due by the August 17, 2015.*

*Participation fee goes up to \$175.00 after July 18, 2015.*

*(KITW Instructors - \$50. KITW Master Instructors - \$25)*

**Space is limited to 40 students so pre-registration is a must**

**Fee includes:** Friday night lecture, two days of intense hands on field training, 1 dinner and 2 lunches. A certificate of participation and a K.I.T.W. course survivor t-shirt will be awarded upon completion of course.

## Registration Information

Registration forms, equipment list, lodging and course requirements can be obtain from Robbin Miller at [randsmiller@frontier.com](mailto:randsmiller@frontier.com). or Bob McKean at [cop2rn@aol.com](mailto:cop2rn@aol.com). This course is open to Danzan Ryu brown belts and above (green belts with the approval of your sensei), active and honorably discharged military and sworn law enforcement personnel.

*This is a physically and mentally demanding course. You will have the opportunity to learn and to test your warrior skills in a controlled and safe environment.*

***Are you up for the challenge?***

## Instructors

Master Combat Knife Instructors Bob McKean, Mike Tucker and Chris Nicholas,  
in addition to other qualified KITW staff instructors

*New and expanded course material has been added to the 2015 KITW*

This is a Pacific Jujitsu Alliance sanctioned event.

A \$5.00 PJA event fee is required for all participants who are not PJA members.

Forms will be available on site – Friday night.

## About K.I.T.W.

The K.I.T.W. Combat Knife Course being presented is based on the military knife fighting arts taught by Professor Henry Okazaki to American troops in Hawaii during World War II. Professor Okazaki was often assisted by his black belt student, Professor Bill Montero, when he taught his hand-to-hand combat classes to American soldiers and marines. In turn, Professor Bill Montero taught these military knife arts to his students, Bob Krull and Bob McKean.

In 1992 Bob Krull and Bob McKean began to teaching these western style combat knife arts to selected Danzan Ryu black belts and law enforcement personnel. Over the years the course material was expanded to include additional British, German, French, Spanish, Russian and Israeli military combat knife fighting techniques. In more recent years, a series of Native American warrior knife techniques were included to the lesson plan. In 2011 a two hour block of instruction on knife wound trauma management was added.

K.I.T.W. respects the many different types and styles of knife fighting. K.I.T.W. is not based on any Asian martial arts system. The K.I.T.W. curriculum is taken primary from Western military combat knife fighting techniques.

K.I.T.W. is a physically and mentally demanding course. This is not a course for sideline black belts or armchair commandos. **All applications are reviewed and participants are hand selected by a committee of K.I.T.W. Instructors.** Those with felony criminal backgrounds, anger management issues, and those with questionable honesty and integrity need not apply. *We have turned applicants away.* Many of our participants are current and retired law enforcement and military. We prefer to have only quality participants.

A list of mandatory safety equipment you will need to bring to the course will be provided to you along with your application, health questioner, background questioner, and liability waiver. **All information is kept confidential and is destroyed after one year from the event date.** NOTE: If you do not bring the required safety equipment, you will not be allowed to participate.

As stated above, K.I.T.W. is a physically and mentally demanding course. Safety comes first in our training. Injuries that have occurred have been very minor. All training drills and activities are closely supervised by our staff of trained instructors. All activities come to an immediate halt if unsafe conditions are observed. In the event of an injury, we have licensed EMT's, and a well stocked first aid and trauma kit, at the training site.

K.I.T.W. gives you the opportunity to learn new combat skills and to test your skills in a safe and controlled environment.

We start our weekend course on Friday night with a 2-3 hour indoor introduction and lecture. On Saturday we move to our outdoor training facility which is located in the costal forest just a few minutes outside of Crescent City, California. Saturday is spent working on basic drills and cutting methods. The day usually ends with several runs though the "gauntlet". Sunday starts early with a review of the material covered on

Saturday, sentry takeouts and Apache drills. The day ends with a friendly paint knife elimination competition, the presentation of certificates and awards.

Lunch is provided on Saturday and Sunday along with a steak dinner on Saturday. Meals are provided at the training site.

Where to stay:

1. There is usually room at the dojo. Bring your own sleeping bag. Contact Sensei Robbin Miller for details.
2. The training site is also a campground for RV's and tents. Contact Sensei Robbin Miller for details.
3. Curly Redwood Lodge  
701 US Hwy 101 S.  
Crescent City, California 95531  
(707) 464-2137  
[infor@curlyredwoodlodge.com](mailto:infor@curlyredwoodlodge.com)

## **The Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu**

Professor Bob McKean

A revised copy of *The Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu* is attached to this e-mail. Please feel free to share it with others. This 78 page document is not copyrighted. It is being made available free of charge to the Danzan Ryu community for historical and educational purposes. The history of Danzan Ryu does not belong to any one person. It belongs to the Danzan Ryu family – our Ohana.

All entries are based on information obtained from historical documents, newspaper articles, personal interviews, Danzan Ryu newsletters and website postings from many of the Danzan Ryu organizations.

Persons holding themselves out with a professor's title from "dubious sources," and persons who have requested that their name not be listed for personal reasons have been removed. Names and information have not been excluded or omitted for reasons of personal or organizational bias.

Additions and corrections are welcome. Please contact Professor Bob McKean at [cop2rn@aol.com](mailto:cop2rn@aol.com)

# New DVDs on Stick and Cane Fighting

## Essential Stick & Cane

Combative Techniques for Martial Artists



**More than 200 techniques** with the 3-foot stick or standard hook-handled walking cane presented in **3 DVDs** with **4.5 hours of video**. A **270-page Instructor's Manual** has descriptions of all techniques and how to teach them, as well as notes on movement, leverage, self-defense, medical implications, and stick fighting traditions.

From **Tom Lang**, 5<sup>th</sup>-degree black belt, *Danzan Ryu Jujutsu* and 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree black belt, *Muso Shinden Ryu Iaido* (Japanese sword drawing). Author of ***The Stick and Cane in Close Combat*** and ***The Jo: The Japanese Short Staff***.

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### DVD 1: 96 Techniques, run time 105 minutes **\$39.95**

#### **BASIC COUNTERS TO UNARMED ATTACKS**

- List 1 Two-Handed Counterattacks
- List 2 One-Handed Counterattacks
- List 3 Countering a Wrist Grip
- List 4 Countering a Same-Side Grip on a Stick
- List 5 Countering a Cross-Side Grip on a Stick
- List 6 Countering a Two-Handed Grip on a Stick

#### **ADVANCED COUNTERS TO UNARMED ATTACKS**

- List 7 Countering a Reach
- List 8 Countering a Punch
- List 9 Countering a Kick
- List 10 Chokes and Necklocks
- List 11 Throws

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### DVD 2: 90 Techniques, run time 105 minutes **\$39.95**

#### **CANE TECHNIQUES**

- List 12 Hook-Handled Cane Techniques
- List 13 Hooking Cane Techniques
- List 14 Straight Cane Techniques
- List 15 Countering a Grip on Your Cane Hand
- List 16 Cane-Taking Techniques

#### **COUNTERING ARMED ATTACKS**

- List 17 Disarms from a One-Handed Stick Attack
- List 18 Disarms from a Two-Handed Stick Attack
- List 19 Countering a Club or Stick Attack
- List 20 Countering a Knife or Sword Attack

#### **MASTER'S TECHNIQUES**

- List 21 Master's Techniques



**DVD 3: 48 Techniques, run time 50 minutes \$29.95**

**STICK-HANDLING TECHNIQUES**

List 22 Striking Patterns with a Stick or Cane  
List 23 Rolls with a Stick  
List 24 Exercises with a Stick

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Essential Stick & Cane

## **PJA Website**

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance website, [www.pacificjujitsualliance.com](http://www.pacificjujitsualliance.com) is currently being updated and we anticipate it being completed soon. We apologize for the delay.

# 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) Bungel (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) Selfukujutsu (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)