

# The Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu

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**1890**

- Seishiro Okazaki, the future founder of Kodokan Judo / Danzan Ryu Jujitsu, is born in Kakeda, Fukushima prefecture, Japan – January 28.

**1893**

- Marion Anderson, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born.

**1896**

- Waka, Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki's first wife is born in Japan – September 20.

**1898**

- Curley Freedman, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Ekaterinoslav, Ukraine, Russia. – March 21.
- Hawaii is annexed as a territory of the United States – July 7.

**1899**

- Raymond "Ray" Law, future co-founder of the American Judo and Jujitsu Federation, is born in Roundup, Silver Bow County, Montana – November 6.

**1903**

- Genkichi Okazaki, brother of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Japan – September 17.

**1904**

- Theodore "Tony" Muran, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Budapest, Hungary – March 12.

**1905**

- Charles "Charlie" Wagner, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Hawaii – March 9.
- Denzel Eddy Muggy, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Douglas, Nebraska – October 5.

**1906**

- Richard "Rick" Rickerts, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in California – July 18.

- Bing Fai Lau, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Chung Shan, China. – September 23.
  - Moves from China to Hawaii in 1919.
  - In the 1930s he begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sonny Chang and Charlie Wagner.
  - Receives his Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) – 1941.
  - Receives his Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan) and Mokuroku scroll from Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – November 3, 1942.
  - During the 1940's he was an instructor at the Kodenkan and Kaheka Lane Dojo. His students included John Chow-Hoon, Kimo Hatchie and Sam S. Luke.
  - He also studied Tai Chi, Kenpo and Kung-Fu under Bing Nam Yap and Yang Kong Bing.
- Seishiro Okazaki travels by steamship from Japan to Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, arriving on September 28.

#### **1908**

- Juan D. Gomez, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Spain – January 21.

#### **1909**

- Seishiro Okazaki moves from Honolulu to Hilo, Territory of Hawaii.
- Seishiro Okazaki is diagnosed with tuberculosis.
- Merlin “Bud” Estes, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Jackson Hole, Wyoming – October 1.

#### **1910**

- Seishiro Okazaki begins his study of Judo, at the age of 19, under Kichimatsu Tanaka, a Professor of Judo, at the Shinyo Kai Dojo in Hilo.
- Florendo Visitacion, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is born in the Philippines.

#### **1911**

- Siegfried “Sig” Kufferath, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and founder of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, is born in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii – February 16.

## 1912

- William “Bill” Ah Moo, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born – March 24.
- John Kalie Cahill, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Hawaii – September 5.
- Juan D. Gomez, future black belt student of Professor Seishiro Okazaki, moves to the Hawaiian Islands.
  - Becomes one of the charter members of the American Jujitsu Guild.

## 1913

- Abigail Cahill, future wife of Professor John Cahill and Professor with the American Jujitsu Federation, is born in Hawaii – November 24.

## 1914

- Sam S. Luke, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii – May 7.
  - In 1941 he joined Professor Okazaki’s dojo in order to learn self-defense to protect himself from the neighborhood bullies. He lived his boyhood in “Hell’s Half-Acre”, reputedly the toughest neighborhood in Honolulu.
  - Receives his Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) in 1941.
  - In 1948 he becomes the assistant, under Bing Fai Lalu, at the Keheka Lane Dojo.
  - Chief Instructor at the Kamehameha School for Boys from 1949 to 1954.
  - Appointed chair of the AUU Judo Committee - 1950 to 1957.
  - Served as coach for the Hawaiian team at the first AAU Judo Championship held in San Jose, CA – 1953.
  - Chief Instructor at Punahou School from 1955 to 1957.
  - Elected president of the American Jujitsu Institute – 1951 to 1956 and 1964 to 1975
- Bert Aspinall, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Iowa – August 2.
  - Becomes a student of Professor Ray Law – 1956.
  - Promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Ray Law - 1958

## 1915

- Richard S. Takamoto, future black belt student and son-in-law of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in the territory of Hawaii – March 16.

## 1916

- William “Bill” Montero, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in the Territory of Hawaii.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, and John Kalie Cahill, 1935.
  - Became one of John Cahill’s first students at the Hui Mikimiki dojo. Later he becomes John Cahill’s first black belt under the direction of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
  - Captain in the Hawaiian Territorial National Guard during WWII.
- Ester Ikuko Azumi, Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki’s step daughter and future wife of Richard Takamoto, is born in Hawaii – April 3.
- Markham Spencer, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and Bokendo training partner of Bill Montero, is born – July 25.
- Aloysius “Al” Holtmann, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Chicago, Illinois – November 23.

## 1917

- Seishiro Okazaki studies the Hawaiian fighting arts of Lua from native Hawaiian, David Kainhee.
- Genkichi Okazaki, brother of Seishiro Okazaki, moves to Hawaii from Japan.
- Stephen Byzek, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Waltersburg, PA – Jan 11.
- Wah Leong “Wally” Jay, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and founder of Small Circle Jujitsu, is born in Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii - June 15.

## 1919

- John Robert “Jack” Wheat, Jr., future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Seattle, Washington – February 23.
- William Morris, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Fresno, CA – December 2.
  - Mid 1950s begins his study of Danzan Ryu with Professor Ray Law.
  - Professor of English at Napa Jr. College, Napa, CA.

- Promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Ray Law – 1956
- U.S. Army WWII veteran.

## 1920

- Bernard Baptise, future student of Professor Seishiro Okazaki and American Jujitsu Institute Professor, is born on Kauai, Territory of Hawaii – September 8.
  - U.S. Army veteran.

## 1921

- Antone “Tony” Gonzales, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii – April 2.
- Norm Carl Nelson, future Professor with the American Jujitsu & Jujitsu Federation and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born – April 11.
- Carl Beaver, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and co-founder of Jujitsu America, is born in Lynch, Harlan County, Kentucky - July 27.
- John Ogdan, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in California – October 14.

## 1922

- Seishiro Okazaki is promoted to Shodan by Kichimatsu Tanaka at the Shinyo Kai Dojo in Hilo.
- Hachiro Okazaki, son of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Hilo, Territory of Hawaii – January 7.
- Seishiro Okazaki fights and defeats western boxing champion, Carl “Kayo” Morris in a public fight match.

## 1923

- Emil “Curley” Freedman, Jr., future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Los Angeles, CA. – May 23.
- Bernice Jay, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and wife of Professor Wally Jay, is born on the big island of Hawaii – January 11, 1923.
  - As a child, she learned Hawaii Lomilomi massage from her Great Aunt Maile Moku, a full blooded Hawaiian.
  - She begins her study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Wally Jay and Tony Gonzales – 1944.
  - Trained in Kodokan Judo from Moon Watanabe and learned “chokes” from Wallace Takabayashi.

- She received her Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) in 1947 and her Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan) in 1949 from Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- “I was awarded my black belt just in time to go to the special class that Professor Okazaki taught every ten years”.

## 1924

- Seishiro Okazaki leaves Hilo, Territory of Hawaii, for Japan to spend five months visiting various Jujitsu dojos and collecting techniques that will later be included in his Kodokan Judo system – September.

## 1925

- Seishiro Okazaki returns to Hilo, Territory of Hawaii, from Japan – February. He receives the Judo rank of Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) from the Kodokan.
- David Kawaiikoolihihi Nuuhiwa, future student of John Cahill and Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in the Territory of Hawaii – December 30.
  - “Uncle” David loved the water and spent a lot of time during his early years at the beach, becoming both an accomplished surfer and a member of the Waikiki Beach Boys.
  - He learned most of his Danzan Ryu from John Cahill.
  - “In terms of martial arts, Professor Nuuhiwa took much of what he had learned from Professor Okazaki and Professor Cahill and worked it into a new style of his own creation, Kaito Gakko. The system was believed to have originated between 1935 and 1945.”

## 1926

- Seishiro Okazaki moves from Hilo to Maui, Territory of Hawaii.
- Joseph Holck, future Dai Shihan of the Kodokan Yudanshakai and co-founder of Kajukenbo, is born in the Territory of Hawaii.
  - Born Joichi Matsuno. Name is changed to Joseph Holck due to World War II because of the anti-Japanese feelings against any American citizen of Japanese Heritage.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu at the Kodokan under Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – 1938.
  - Later trains under Bing Fai Lau and Sig Kufferath at both the Kodokan and Kaheka Lane dojos.
  - Stationed in Germany during the occupation of Europe – Hand-to-hand combat instructor for the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry division Non-Commissioned Officers Academy.
  - Returns to Hawaii and begins Kodokan Judo under Professor T. Inouye, former All-Japan Collegiate Champion – 1948.

- Becomes one of the five co-founders of the eclectic Hawaiian bred martial arts system Kajukenbo along with Adriano Emperado, Peter Choo, Frank Ordonez and Clarence Chang. 1947 – 1949.
    - Is credited with bringing Danzan Ryu Jujitsu and the “JU” to Kajukenbo.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) in Judo by the Kodokan Institute, Japan – 1951.
  - 1964 - Moves to Tucson, AZ and takes over the Kodenkan of Tucson dojo which was started by his brother, Roy A.V. Holck in 1962.
  - Promoted to Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu by the American Jujitsu Institute – 1964.
  - Retired U.S. Army Colonel.
- Lamar Norbert Fisher, future Senior Professor (Judan) of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Chico, CA – April 25.
    - U.S. Army WW II veteran.
    - Began his Danzan Ryu training under Professor Bud Estes – January 1947.
    - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Bud Estes – 1950.
    - Promoted to Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan) by Professor Bud Estes – 1951.
    - Promoted to Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) by Professor Bud Estes – 1954.
    - Promoted to Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) by Professor Bud Estes – 1956.
    - Sensei of Nibukikan Dojo, Chico, California – 1972.
    - Promoted to Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) by Professor Bud Estes – 1972.
    - Promoted to Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) – 1985.
    - Promoted to Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
  - Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki teaches women’s class on Maui, assisted by Watanabe Sensei.

## 1927

- Seishiro Okazaki is listed in the Maui directory as “Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki”. This is believed to be the first time he publishes name as “Henry”.
- Lee Eichelberger, future student of Professor Wally Jay, is born in Fresno, CA – February 9, 1927.
  - U.S. Navy veteran.
  - Began his training under Professor Wally Jay – 1966



- Promoted to Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Shodan – 1971
- Received the title of Danzan Ryu Professor – 1988
- John Ah Chin Chow-Hoon, future student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Kipahulu, Territory of Hawaii – March 5.
  - U.S. Army veteran.

## 1928

- Kenneth Regennitter, future American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Professor, is born – January 14.
  - Was instrumental in obtaining recognition for jujitsu from the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).
  - Held medals in AAU Judo, Karate and Jujitsu.
  - U.S. Army veteran
- Bill Beach, future American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Professor and founder of The Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System, is born in Baxley, GA – December 15.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Ray Law, Oakland, CA. – 1949.
  - While stationed in Hawaii, he trains under Professor Richard Takamoto.
    - Promoted to Nikyu (2<sup>nd</sup> level brown belt) – 1951.
  - Organizes the first judo and jujitsu club at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL – 1954.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation. The certificate is signed by Professors Ray Law, Bud Estes, Dick Rickerts and John Cahill – the founding fathers of the AJJF.
  - Certified as a Police Defensive Tactics Instructor by the Florida Police Standards Council – 1967.
  - U.S. Navy veteran.
- Professor Francisco “Cisco” Limbago, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and American Jujitsu Institute Professor, is born in Wahiawa, Territory of Hawaii. – April 23.
  - He begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu while in high school and receives his Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) in 1948.

- He became a member of the American Jujitsu Institute during the early 1950s and served as its secretary and then president from 1988 to 2001.
- U.S. Army veteran.
- Ramon Lono Ancho, Jr., future student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association Professor, is born in Hawaii – September 28.
  - U.S. Army veteran.

## 1929

- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki publishes his book, *The Science of Self Defense for Girls and Women*.
- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki moves from Maui and purchases the building at 801 S. Hotel Street, Honolulu and opens the Nikko Sanitorium of Restoration Massage.

## 1930

- Charles “Charlie” Kalani, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii – January 6.
  - Begins training under Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki in 1939 at the age of 9.
- Chuck Smith, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Indianapolis, Indiana – July 22.
  - Begins his Danzan Ryu training with Professor Carl Nelson at the age of 24.
  - Helped start the judo and jujitsu program in the physical education department at Chico State College, CA – 1968.
- Libert Kuulilunaililo O’Sullivan, future Professor and Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) with the American Jujitsu Institute and Kilohana Martial Arts Association, is born in Honolulu, Hawaii – September 14.

## 1931

- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki opens the Kodenkan dojo at his Hotel Street residence.
- The first Kodenkan class consisted of Hachiro Okazaki (son of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki), Kawashima Kiyoshi, George Harbottle, William Simao, Y.S. Kim, and Benjamin Marks.

## 1932

- Curly Friedman, Charles Wagner, Richard Rickerts, Harold McLean, Bob Glover and Denzel Muggy enroll as students at the Kodenkan Dojo under the direction of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- James Musselman, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Chico, CA – February 17.
  - Begins his Danzan Ryu training, at the age of 16, under Professor Bud Estes at the Chico Judo & Jujitsu Academy – December.
  - Established the Hollywood YMCA Judo & Jujitsu Club (CA), Oroville Judo & Jujitsu Club (CA), Eureka Judo & Jujitsu Club (CA), Las Vegas YMCA Judo & Jujitsu Club (NV), Sparks Judo & Jujitsu Club (NV), and the Kodenkan Institute, Inc. in San Carlos, CA - 1982

#### **1934**

- Betty S. Okazaki, daughter of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is born in Hawaii – February 3.

#### **1935**

- Richard Rickerts, future co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, enrolls in the Army & Navy YMC Jujitsu Class with instructor Professor Harold E. McLean, a student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki. Professor Richard Rickerts goes on to produce Danzan Ryu legends Tony Muran, Steve Byzek and Al Holtmann.
- Willy Cahill, future Professor and co-founder of Jujitsu America, is born in Honolulu, Hawaii – November 21.
  - Willy's father, John Cahill Sr., was an instructor under Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
  - Willy began his martial arts training under his father while living in Hawaii.
  - In 1947, the Cahill family moved to California, and the following year opened the Cahill Judo Club in Daly City.
  - Professor Willy Cahill became the head instructor of the Daly City dojo after the passing of his father in 1962.
  - In 1963 Professor Willy Cahill built a new dojo in San Bruno. In 1970 the school won the first in a string of nine California State Judo Championships and five consecutive United States Judo Association National Championships.
  - As a Judo coach, Professor Willy Cahill coached teams at the Olympics, Goodwill Games, World Judo Championships, and the Pacific Rim Judo Championships.
- Sam C. Luke, future Judan and President of the American Jujitsu Institute, is born in Hawaii.
  - Begins his training in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu at the age of 10 (1945) under his father, Sam S. Luke – a black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.

- Promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute – 1952.
- Taught DZR at the Kamehameha Boys School, Mikilua Dojo in Nanakuli and at the Navy Housing Area III Dojo near Pearl Harbor.
- U.S. military veteran – having served in the Navy Reserves, Hawaiian National Guard and the Army Reserves.

### **1936**

- Professor Uto, Jujitsu Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) arrives from Japan and teaches class at the Army & Navy YMCA – September 15.
- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki treats Mrs. John Burns (wife of the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii) through her third pregnancy using restorative massage.
- Curly Freedman, Charles Wagner, Richard Rickerts, Harold McLean, Bob Glover and Denzel Muggy receive their shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) from Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Yoshikazu Yamashita, the first Kodokan Judo 10<sup>th</sup> dan (Judan) passes away at the age of 71.
- At a dinner at Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki's home, Charles Wagner and others received instruction from Professor Kosokabe on the history and ethics expected from Judo instructors.

### **1937**

- Siegfried "Sig" Kufferath, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – September.
- Tony Muran, future black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki while serving in the U.S. Navy. He was assigned to the battleship New York.
- Harold E. McLean, black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away – September 23.
  - Harold E. McLean called "Professor" by newspaper reports at that time.
  - He was credited with giving the initial idea of the forming of the American Jujitsu Guild.
  - Was reported to be the first Caucasian instructor under Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and taught classes at the Army & Navy YMCA.

### **1938**

- Dr. Jigoro Kano passes away aboard the S.S. Hikawa Maru, having attended the International Olympic Committee meeting in Cairo, Egypt. Dr. Kano had proposed that Tokyo be the site of the 12<sup>th</sup> Olympic Games.

- Richard Rickerts, Bob Glover, Curly Friedman and Charlie Wagner are presented their Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – May 5.
- Louise Imiko “Imi” Okazaki, youngest daughter of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki is born – October 10.
  - She begins her study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu, under her father, along with her sisters, Betty and Myrtle, when she was a child.
  - They also learned jujitsu from Iwalani Tanaka and Jackie Wong.
  - In the early 1960s, Imi, and there two sisters, studied judo under Sensei Keiko Fukuda, the highest ranked female judoka in Kodokan Judo.
  - Imi taught both Kodenkan and Kodokan techniques until 1970 when she had to retire for health reasons.
  - In 1993, Professor Clyde Zimmerman encouraged Imi to come out of retirement and return to teaching
- Sr. Instructor Degree (sandán) certificates were awarded to Richard Rickerts, Charlie Wagner, Denzel Muggy, Curly Freedman, and Robert O. Glover by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – December 1.
- Bud Estes, future co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – October 17.

## 1939

- Bud Estes, future co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is presented his Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – March 9.
  - The first student of the Army & Navy YMCA to receive a black belt since Richard Rickerts & Denzel Muggy took over the dojo after the death of Professor Harold McLean.
  - Returns to the U.S. mainland and begins teaching Danzan Ryu Jujitsu on the front lawn of his parent’s house in Chico, CA. – April.
- Ray Law, future co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is presented his Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – April 22.
- The ***American Jujitsu Guild*** (later to become the American Jujitsu Institute) is founded. Charlie Wagner is its first president – September 19.
- Ray and Marie Law establish the Law’s American Judo & Jujitsu School in Oakland, CA. This becomes the first full time Danzan Ryu dojo on the U.S. mainland.
  - The first location was at 327 21<sup>st</sup> Street in Oakland, CA. Because of a quick and large growth in membership, the dojo moved to 3846 Grand Ave. and then to 3917 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA.
- Tony Muran and John Cahill are presented their Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – May 5.

- Marion “Andy” Anderson is presented with his Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Juan Gomez is presented with his Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki begun teaching his black belt students Shinyo no Maki – February 1. (from the notes of Richard Rickerts)
- Jane Carr, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born (L. Jane Thomas) in Nevada, Iowa – February 11.
  - She started classes at Redding Judo Academy and began training under former high schoolmate Tom Ball and Mike Byrne – 1960.
  - Moves her training to the Chico Judo & Jujitsu Academy under Professor Bud Estes – 1962.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1964.
- Tom Ball, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Weed, CA – September 5.
  - Begins his Danzan Ryu training in 1957, at the age of 17, with Sensei Bud Odom.
  - Promoted to Shodan 18 months later in 1958 from Professor James Musselman. Receives his Nidan in 1960, Sandan in 1962, and Yodan in 1964.
  - Sensei of Shinji Kai Dojo, Fort Jones, CA.
  - Retired high school science teacher.

## 1940

- Gary DeGarmo, future Professor with the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, is born in Los Angeles, CA – February 29.
  - Begins his training in Danzan Ryu under Sensei Lee Garrett – 1962
  - Receives his Shodan from Sensei Lee Garrett – 1965
  - Joins Medford Judo Academy, under Professor Larry Nolte, - 1969
- Al Holtman and Sonny Chang are presented with their Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – May 5.
- Elmo Baldwin is presented his Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – May 15.
- Robert Cahill, brother of John Cahill, is presented his Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – November 25.

- John Cahill begins teaching at Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki's dojo. He calls his club, Hui Miki Miki. Bill Montero is one of his students.

## 1941

- John Cahill graduates from the Nikko Restoration Sanitorium.
- Steve Byzek and Bill Ah Moo are presented with their Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – May 1.
  - This occurred during the first graduation class of the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Herb LaGue, future Bushidokan Federation Professor and founder of Danzan Ryu Zenyo Bujutsu, is born in Reno, NV – June 12.
  - Began his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu – 1968.
  - Received his Shodan from Professor bud Estes – 1970.
- Richard Rickerts, future co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, leaves Honolulu for the U.S. mainland – December 6.
- Imperial Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, starting World War II – December 7.
- John Chow-Hoon begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Bing Fai Lau and James Chang.
- Richard Rickerts and Denzel Muggy are taught the remaining arts from the Shingin no Maki list – November 4. (From the notes of Richard Rickerts).
  - November 5 – Farewell dinner is held for Denzel Muggy.
  - November 6 – Denzel Muggy is transferred to the Philippines by the U.S. Navy.

## 1942

- Sig Kufferath is presented with his Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Rory Center, future Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Professor, is born in Valeria, Kentucky – February 20.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Carl Dudoit, Las Vegas, NV. – 1963.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute – 1970.
- Denzel Eddy Muggy, black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, is taken prisoner in the Philippine Islands while serving in the United States Navy. He survives the Bataan Death March and later dies in a Japanese prison camp – June 10.
- Larry Nolte, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Medford, OR. – February 24,

- Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Tom Ball, Medford, OR. – 1958. There was not a formal dojo at that time.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – September 2, 1960.
    - Shodan certificate was signed by Professors Bud Estes, James Musselman, Carl Nelson, Ray Law and John Cahill.
  - Retired school teacher.
- Thomas “Tom” Jenkins, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Los Angeles, CA. – October 29.
    - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Bud Estes at the Chico Judo & Jujitsu Academy – 1958.
    - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1961.
    - U.S. Army veteran.
  - John Congistre, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in San Francisco, California – March 7.
    - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Ray Law at the age of 10 – 1952.
    - Promoted to the rank of shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Ray Law – 1958.
    - U.S. Air Force Veteran.
  - Russ Coelho, future Professor with Chow Hoon Goshin Jitsu and the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, is born in Honolulu, Hawaii – August 30.
    - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Tony Gonzales, at the age of 9, at the St Anthony’s Judo Club, Kailua, Oahu – 1953 to 1958.
    - Trains at the McCully Dojo under Professor Libert O’Sullivan, McCully, Oahu, 1958 – 1960.
    - Los Altos Aiki-Jitsu Dojo, 1960 – 1964, and the Nikko Jujitsu-Mt. View, Mountain View, CA, under Professor Sig Kufferath, 1965 – 1971.
    - Promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) under Professor Sig Kufferath – March 1965. Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan) – March 1966
      - Student of Professor Sig Kufferath, 1960 thru 1971 & 1994 thru 1999.
      - Studied Aikido under Professor Koichi Tohel, 1965 thru 1969.
    - Becomes a charter member of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association - 1996



- Joe Souza, future Professor with Jujitsu America, is born in San Francisco, CA. – July 27.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor John Cahill, Cahill's judo & Jujitsu, South San Francisco, CA. – 1957.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) – by Professor Willy Cahill – 1964
  - Promoted to Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan) – 1967 and Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) – 1969 by the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Bing Fai Lau receives his Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan) and is presented with his Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – November 3.
  - His instructors were James “Sonny” Chang and Charles “Charlie” Wagner.
  - The Mokuroku is signed by James “Sunny” Chang.

### 1943

- The American Jujitsu Guild officially changes its name to the **American Jujitsu Institute**.
- William “Bill” Montero receives his Rank Three (Sandan) from the American Jujitsu Institute, signed by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – August 23.
- Sig Kufferath graduates from the Nikko Restoration Sanitorium.
- William “Bill” Montero is presented with his Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Bill Montero graduates from the Nikko Restoration Sanitorium – November 15.
- Bud Estes receives his Rank Three (Sandan) from the American Jujitsu Institute, signed by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – August 23. Estes did not return to Hawaii during World War II. The certificate was sent to him by mail.
- Emil “Curley” Freedman receives his Rank Four (Yodan) from the American Jujitsu Institute, signed by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – October 16.
  - From the October 16, 1943 edition of the *Honolulu Advertiser*: “... one of the first local judo experts to receive an instructor’s diploma from Prof. Henry S. Okazaki, dean of Island instructors, entered the Navy recently...”
- Gene Edwards, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation and founder of the Christian Jujitsu Association, is born in Chico, CA. – January 24.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu under Professor James Musselman at the Orland Judo & Jujitsu Academy (CA) – 1959.
  - Promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1959.
  - U.S. Navy veteran.

- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki is arrested and detained by the U.S. Military Authority – December 13, (ISN-HJ-924-CI)
- Hachiro Okazaki, son of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, marries Ruth Hifumi Suzuki.
  - They have three children: a daughter, Sharyn and twin sons, Keith and Clyde.

#### 1944

- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki is released from custody – February 8. His travel and activities are restricted by the U.S. Military Authority.
  - Stephen Byzek is credited for assisting in the release of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki from U.S. Military detention.
- Wally Jay, Sonny Hapai, Ester Azumi, Harry Wee, L. Wee and Albert Yee are presented with their Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Jack Wheat receives his Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) from Instructor Bill Ah Moo and Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.

#### 1945

- Jack Wheat, Jerome Tarutani and Antone Gonzales are presented with their Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Sig Kufferath receives his Rank Three (sandán) from the American Jujitsu Institute, signed by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Jack Wheat graduates from the Nikko Restoration Sanitorium.
- Robert “Bob” Krull begins his martial arts training in Hawaii at the age of 9.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor William “Bill” Montero, Pacific Judo Academy, San Jose, CA – 1958.
  - Promoted to Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) by Professor William “Bill” Montero. One of three people promoted to that rank by Professor Montero.
- John Chow-Hoon receives his Rank One (shodan) from Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki. He was later assigned to assist Ester (Azumi) Takamoto with the women’s self-defense classes.
- Michael “Mike” Chubb, future DZR Professor and co-founder of the Southern California Jujitsu Association and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Santa Monica, CA. – January 8.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei Bill Randle at the Santa Monica YMCA, Santa Monica, CA. – 1960.
  - U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

- Formal surrender of Imperial Japan aboard the battleship Missouri – ending World War II – September 2.
- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki's wife dies.
- Wally Jay receives his Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan)

## 1946

- Steve Byzek receives his Rank Three (sandán) from the American Jujitsu Institute, signed by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – November 3
- Frank Kam, A.B. Ogden and Walter Burgo are presented with their Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- John Cahill, and family, moves to the U.S. mainland.

## 1947

- Glen Watanabe, James Lindsey and Mitchell Keahahuna are presented with their Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu with Sensei Steve Paulding – 1966.
  - Promoted to Shodan by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1969.
- Patrick "Pat" Browne, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Berwyn, IL. – November 9.
- The American Jujitsu Institute (formerly the American Jujitsu Guild) was officially incorporated on July 29 in the Territory of Hawaii. Its officers at the time are listed on official documents as:

Henry S. Okazaki – Honorary President  
 A.M. Glover – President  
 Juan D. Gomes – Vice-President and Director  
 Henry O. Pfaender – Secretary and Director  
 John K. Cahill – Director  
 William Ah Moo – Director  
 Marion W. Anderson – Director  
 Clay Bishaw – Director  
 Jack Wheat – Director  
 Wallace (Wally) Jay – Director  
 Shozo Yamamoto – Director  
 Isami Shishido – Director  
 Siegfried (Sig) Kufferath – Director  
 Joseph Choy – Director  
 Jerome Tarutani – Director

- Rory Rebmann, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Danville, IL – August 2.

- Begins his study of Danzan Ryu at the age of 12 under Professor Ray Law – 1959.
- Promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – April 4, 1964.
- Starts the Amador Judo & Jujitsu Club, Livermore, CA. – 1973.
- Don Cross, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, begins his Danzan Ryu Jujitsu training, under Professor Ray Law in Oakland, CA – at age 9.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Ray Law – 1964.
  - Produces a series of 10 instructional video tapes on Danzan Ryu Jujitsu and massage.
- Clyde Charles Zimmerman, future Professor with Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Los Angeles, CA. – November 1.
- Bill Montero, and family, moves to the US. Mainland.
- Joe Holck begins to instruct his concepts of the self defense system he developed in 1947 as one of the founders of Kajukenbo. The system of self defense was reintroduced as Matsunoryu Goshinjitsu – Defensive Arts School of the Pine Field.
  - His sons. Barry Holck and Vinson Holck were the first black belts of Matsunoryu Goshinjitsu – 1975.
  - The responsibility of perpetuating the techniques of Matsunoryu Goshinjitsu went to Vinson Holck.

## 1948

- Selected black belt students of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki graduate from his Special Black Belt Class – February 28.
 

Graduates include: Carl Beaver, Wally Jay, Bernice Jay, Sig Kufferath, Richard Takamoto, Ester Azumi Takamoto, William Ah Moo, Jack Wheat, Marion Anderson, Steven Byzek, Ben Apo, Tsuto Azumi, Ted Korosu, Michael Nizo, Francis Loo, Julia Kahakui, Jackie Wong, Joe Choy, Jackie Wong, Raymond Yee, George Ito, Joe Daniels, Clay Bishaw, Walter Burgo, Richard Heirakug, Valentine Fagaros, George Kahaumia, Glen Watanabe, Julie Vierra, George Kaina, Jerome Tarutani and Iwalani Tanaka
- Carl Beaver, Wally Jay and Stephen Byzek are presented with their Kaidensho by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki. Verified by copies of original certificates.
- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki suffers from a stroke that leave him partially paralyzed – July.
- The first organization of Danzan Ryu schools on the U.S. mainland was named Northern California Judo & Jujitsu Association. This organization later becomes the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.

- The first Northern California Judo & Jujitsu Association convention was held in a small Italian restaurant in Oakland after a clinic and tournament at Professor Ray Law's dojo. The following were in attendance: Ray and Marie Law, Bud Estes, John and Abbie Cahill, Lamar Fisher, Carl Lundin, Dave and Betty Thorson, Dick and Helen Rickerts and Glenn Smith.
- The ***American Judo & Jujitsu Federation*** is founded by Richard Rickerts, Ray Law, Bud Estes and John Cahill – all black belt students of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Professor John Cahill, co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, opens Cahill's Judo Academy in Daly City, CA.
- David Scheid, future Professor with the Bushidokan Federation, is born in Oakland, CA. – August 1.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Kitty Smith at the San Lorenzo Boy's Club, San Lorenzo, CA. – June 1963.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – January 16. Certificate signed by Richard Travers, Professors Bud Estes, Lamar Fisher, Bud Fuller and Kitty Smith.
  - U.S. Army veteran.
- James Anothony "Jim" Marcinkus, future Professor and co-founder of the Southern California Jujitsu Association, is born in Gardner, Massachusetts – September 5.
  - At age 10 he begins his study of Danzan Ryu under Professor William Randle in the Santa Monica YMCA's "Junior Judo" program.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) at the age of 17 – 1965.
  - Was the chief instructor at Penmar Jujitsu Kai in Venice, CA. for 17 years and promoted approximately 45 black belts.
  - Had been a board member of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation until 1980.
  - Served 23 years in the U.S. Army Reserves – rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.
  - Passed the California bar Exam in 1981 and worked as a lawyer until the time of his death in 2000.

## 1949

- Carl Beaver, Bernice Jay, Julie Vierra and Joe Holck are presented with their Mokuroku by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- John Cahill receives this Rank Five (godan) from the American Jujitsu Institute, signed by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – September 18.

- Steve Byzek and Sig Kufferath receive their Rank Four (yodan) from the American Jujitsu Institute, signed by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Richard Rickerts, John Cahill, Ray Law and Bud Estes, become the founding Professors of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation. Certificates are signed by all four making them Professors in the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation - May 1.
- Bill Montero is awarded his Instructor Black Belt certificate by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – May 1.
- Bill Montero receives his Rank One (Shodan) from the International Kendo Institute, Honolulu, HI – January 5. , Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki signs the certificates as an advisor.
- Bill Montero opens the Pacific Judo Academy in San Jose CA.
- Hachiro Okazaki, son of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, takes over the day-to-day operations at Nikko.
- Jack Wheat receives his Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) from Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Kenneth Eddy, future Professor with the American Jujitsu Institute, is born in Reno, Nevada – February 25.
  - Begins his study of martial arts in 1964 – Kukishin Ryu.
    - Received his Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) in 1969 and Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan) in 1971.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu at the Sparks Judo & Jujitsu Club under Professor Herb LaGue – 1974.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1979.
- Berry Holck, son of Joe Holck and future Kodenkan Yudanshakai Professor, is born in Honolulu, Hawaii – July 13.
- William “Bill” Fischer, future Professor with the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Compton, CA. – October 1.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Mike Chubb, Fountain Valley YMCA, Huntington Beach, CA. – 1971.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Chubb – American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1977.
  - American Jujitsu Hall of Fame – 2005.
  - Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame – 2005.

## 1950

- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki suffers another stroke – September.

- Bill Beach, future founder of The Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System, begins training under Professor Ray Law in Oakland, CA.
- Daniel “Danny” Saragosa, future Professor with the American Jujitsu Institute, is born in Hilo, HI – June 21.
  - Begins his study of Kenpo Karate under Professor Ernest Rodrigues, former vice president of the American Jujitsu Institute – 1962.
    - Was undefeated in tournament kumite competition for over eight years.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Francisco Limbago – 1965.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute – December 14, 1970.
  - Worked for the Honolulu Police Department for 28 years. He retired in 1998 at the rank of lieutenant.
- Dale Kahoun, future Professor with the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, is born in Tacoma, WA. – August 15.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei Ben Patterson, Eureka, CA. – 1969.
  - Becomes charter member of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
  - Holds the rank of Judo Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) from the United States Judo Association.
  - Retired police officer.
- Wally Jay moves to Alameda, CS. He begins teaching at the Carollo School of Judo in Oakland, CA.

## 1951

- Robert “Bob” McKean, future Professor with the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and Kilohana Martial Arts Association, is born in Yreka, CA – February 20.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei Dan Drake at the Yreka Judo Academy, Yreka, CA – 1969.
  - Receives his Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) from the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1973.
  - Becomes a student of Professor Bill Montero at the Pacific Judo Academy, San Jose, CA – 1974.
  - U.S. Navy Reserves, 1984 – 1992.
  - Retires at the rank of lieutenant after 27 years of law enforcement service with the Milpitas Police Department, Milpitas, CA – 2001.

- Co-founder of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.
- Charter Member of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
- Doug Kiehl, future co-found and Professor with the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association, is born in Carlisle, PA. – March 10.
- Professor Bill Montero receives his Rank Four (Yodan) from the American Jujitsu Institute – May 5.
  - The certificate is signed by Professor Hachiro Okazaki as instructor, Jack Wheat as vice president and Wally Jay and Siegfried Kufferath as committee members. There was no signature for president.
- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki has a massive stroke – June.
- Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, founder of Kodenkan Judo / Danzan Ryu Jujitsu passes away in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii – July 12.
- Carl Beaver moves to California and settles in Bellflower.
- Libert O’Sullivan receives his Mokuroku from Hachiro Okazaki, son of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
- Hachiro Okazaki disassociates with American Jujitsu Institute, citing political in-fighting.
- Glen Smith becomes the first person awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei William E. Gessner, East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA. – June 1969.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1975.
- Len Riley, future Professor with Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Kansas – November.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu at Golden West College under Sensei Mike Chubb – Fall, 1976.
  - U.S. Navy veteran.
- Michael “Mike” Lynch, future Professor with the Southern California Jujitsu Association, is born in Los Angeles, CA. – July 1.
  - Started his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei David Bellman at the Torrance YMCA Dojo, Torrance California – 1976.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1978.
  - Received Instructor Title under Professor Wally Jay, Jujitsu America, 1980.



- Studied Shito Karate under Sensei Fumio Demura in 1970. Eventually attaining the rank of Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan).
- Member of the U.S. Jujitsu Team, 1988 – 1992.
- Sworn law enforcement officer for 25 years.
- U.S. Army veteran (1972-1976)
- Timothy “Tim” Lynch, future Professor with the Southern California Jujitsu Association, is born in Los Angeles, CA. – July 1.
  - Began Started his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei David Bellman at the Torrance YMCA Dojo, Torrance California - 1974.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1976.
  - Co-trained under Tony Muran from 1977 – 1981.
  - Received Instructor Title under Professor Wally Jay, Jujitsu America, 1980.
  - Member of the U.S. Jujitsu Team, 1991 – 1992.
  - Receives the rank of Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) from the Hikari Ryuza Bujutsu International – 2009.
  - Retires at the rank of Deputy Chief after 34 years of law enforcement service.
  - California State National Guard veteran (1984-1990)
- Tom Hill, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Honesdale, PA. – December 25.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu under Sensei Doug Kiehi, Kodengan Dojo, Warminister, PA. – 1972.
  - Was promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1978.
  - Becomes a student of Professor Patrick “Pat” Browne, 1980 – 1996.

## 1952

- Sig Kufferath is elected as president of the American Jujitsu Institute and the first Professor after the death of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki – September.
- Vinson Holck, future Professor with the Kodengan Yudanshakai, is born in Honolulu, HI – April 26.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Hachiro Okazaki, Jack Wheat, and his father, Joseph Holck, at the Hotel Street Kodengan Dojo, Honolulu, HI. – 1957.

- Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Shihan Joseph Holck and the American Judo & Jujitsu Institute – 1968.
  - Promoted to Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) in Kajukenbo, by Sijo Adriano Emparado and the Kajukenbo Self-Defense Institute – 2001.
- “Danzan Ryu is the original jujitsu system incorporated in Kajukenbo by Professor Joseph Holck.”*
- Retired career Police Officer & U.S. military veteran.
- The International World Judo Federation is formed in Parris, France by Risei Kano, son of the late Dr. Jigoro Kano.
    - Ray Law becomes the liaison Director between the IWJF and the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.

### 1953

- Bill Montero becomes the second person awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – December 6.
  - Certificate #1480 is signed by Professors John Cahill, Ray Law, Richard Takamoto, Raymond Duke Moore and Bud Estes.
- Dennis Estes, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Pullman, WA. – June 4.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei Jay Monahan, Pullman Judo School, Ryu Kyu Jitsu, Pullman, Washington – 1959.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by his father, Sensei Arthur Estes – 1982.
- First Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) National Judo Championship is held at San Jose state College, San Jose, CA.
  - Some of the DZR black belts present included Sam S. Luke, Wally Jay, William Montero, Sig Kufferath, Ray Law, John Ogden, Bud Estes, Lamar Fisher and Dominic Carollo.
  - Hawaiian team coached by Sig Kufferath wins the team event.
- The International World Black Belt College, headed by Ray Law, is founded.

### 1954

- William “Bill” Randle begins his Danzan Ryu training in Oakland, CA under Professor Ray Law.
- Irene Swanson, future Shihan with the Kodenkan Yudanshakai, is born in Schweinfurt, Germany – February 19.
  - Begins her study of Matsunoryu Goshinjitsu under Shihan Vinson Holck at Amphi Middle School Dojo, Tucson, Arizona – 1985.

- Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) in Matsunoryu Goshinjitsu from the Kodenkan Yudanshakai – September 1989.
- Begins her study of Danzan Ryu under Shihan Barry Holck at the Jacobs Y Budokai in Tucson, Arizona – 1989.
- Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the Kodenkan Yudanshakai under Sensei Mark Fitzsimons-Chan, Kodenkan Center of Tucson – 1996.
- Promoted to Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan) by the Kodenkan Yudanshakai – 1999.
- Barbara “Barb” Gessner, future Professor with the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Philadelphia, PA – April 16.
  - Begins her study of Danzan Ryu under Dr. William Gessner at the East Stroudsburg Kodenkan (East Stroudsburg University) East Stroudsburg, PA. – 1972.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1975.
  - First recipient of the Professor Burt Aspinal Award for Outstanding Member of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1988.
  - Recognized as a Professor of Danzan Ryu by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – 2012.
  - Receives the Professor Ray Law Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Youth of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 2012.
- Jack Wheat, Joe Holck, Sig Kufferath and Joe Choy receive their Rank Four (Yodan) from the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Anthony “Tony” Janovich, future DZR Professor under Professor Sig Kufferath, is born in Santa Clara, CA. – April 16.
- Richard Bunch, future Professor with Jujitsu America, is born in Campbell, CA.

## 1955

- Professor Bill Montero leaves the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation and establishes the ***Allied Schools of Self Defense of America*** along with Duke Moore and Ray Laymon. The organization’s roster contained 10 schools but was later disbanded around 1958.
- Bill Montero receives the title of Danzan Ryu Professor from the Allied Schools of Self Defense of America – March 18.
  - The certificate is signed by Professor Raymond Duke Moore, Raymond Lamon and Del Caustaudo.
- Geoffrey “Geoff” Lane, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Lodi, CA.

- Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu with Sensei Armand Brett (a student of Professor John Cahill) at Chico State University – 1976.
- Became a student of Sr. Professor Lamar Fisher – promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1979.
- Hans Ingebretsen, future Professor with the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, is born in Eureka, CA. – October 31.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu under Sensei Ben Patterson, Eureka, CA. – 1974.
  - Becomes a charter member of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association - 1996

## 1956

- Marie Law, Lucille Estes, Lamar Fisher and Abbie Cahill are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Kevin Colton, future Professor with the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, is born in Los Angeles, CA. – October 19.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu under Sensei Joe Burlin, Pacific Palisades YMCA, Pacific Palisades, CA. – 1966.
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  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Jim Marcinkus, Penmar Judo Kai – American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1976.
- Bob Karnes, future Professor with the Bushidokan Federation, is born in Alaska – October.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu under Sensei Ginny Kizkie, Yama Arashi Majo, Sparks Recreation Center, Sparks, NV – March 1981.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Herb LaGue – 1986.
  - Promoted to Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.

## 1957

- James Musselman and Norm Carl Nelson are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.

## 1958

- The American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is incorporated as a California non-profit corporation.
- Betty Maillette, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, begins here training in Danzan Ryu under Professor Ray Law.
  - Promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) 1962.

## 1959

- Professor Sig Kufferath moves from Hawaii to California, leaving his position as president of the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Wally Jay receives his Rank V (Godan) from the American Jujitsu Institute – April 5.
- Sheryl Hager, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born (Sheryl Dean) in Redding, CA. – May 23.
  - Begins her study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under her father and mother, Jim Dean and Jane Dean (Carr), at the Redding Judo Academy - 1966
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1977.
- Professor Bill Beach is appointed as Southeastern Regional Director for the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Rick L. DeHaven, future Professor with the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Orange, CA. – August 12.
- Hawaii becomes the 50<sup>th</sup> state – August 21.
- Hachiro Okazaki, son Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, closes doors to Nikko & Kodenkan. Building is torn down and is replaced by the present structure.

## 1960

- The Medford Judo Academy opens at 104 W. First St, Phoenix, Oregon.
  - The Medford Judo Academy celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held at the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley, CA.
- At the 1960 Northern California Judo Federation's Black Belt Judo Championships the Danzan Ryu competitors were not recognized as holding judo ranks. Danzan Ryu black belts were demoted to judo brown belts and brown belts to judo white belts. Even Professor John Cahill was demoted from Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) to Ikkyu (brown belt). After winning many of the judo event titles, the Danzan Ryu competitors were promoted back to their original ranks in judo except Professor John Cahill who was given the rank of Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan). Politics like this in the judo world still haunts the judo organizations today.
- Professor Sig Kufferath moves to Santa Clara and joins Professor William "Bill" Montero at his Pacific Judo Academy, San Jose, CA.
- David Hallowell, future Professor with the Christian Jujitsu Association is born in Napa, CA – April 6.
  - Begins his study of DZR under Professor Gene Edwards in 1980.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> day) by Professor Edwards – 1984.

- Served on the Christian Jujitsu Association's Board of Professors/Directors as the Chief Financial Officer and Directors of Exams.
- Sensei of the Yama Kei Kan Dojo in Napa Valley, CA. - 2004
- Richard Bunch, future Professor under Professor Sig Kufferath, begins his study of Danzan Ryu under Professor Sig Kufferath and Professor Bill Montero at the Pacific Judo Academy in San Jose, CA.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Sig Kufferath and Professor Wally Jay at the Nikko Jujitsu School in Mt. View, CA – 1969.
  - Was designated as Associate Instructor to Professor Sig Kufferath – 1970.
  - Promoted to Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) by Professor Sig Kufferath – 1979.
- The Ryu-Jujitsu system is started by James M. Moynahan Jr., a student of Professor Ray Law, in Pullman, Washington.
  - The organization operates as a unifying agency within the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation for the Washington and Idaho areas.

## 1961

- Redding Judo Academy is established in Redding CA – September 1.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Berkeley, CA.
- Professor Bill Montero receives his Rank V (godan) from the American Judo & Jujitsu Institute – August 31.
  - NOTE: For a short period the American Jujitsu Institute had changed its name to the American Judo & Jujitsu Institute.
  - Antone Gonzales signed the certificate as president, Michael Nizo as standards committee chairman (1948 graduate of the special black belt class), Harold Palimmo and Samuel S. Luke as committee members and Libert O'Sullivan as secretary.
- James Muro, future Professor with Jujitsu America and the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Charles Kalani and John Chow-Hoon in Monterey, CA.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute under Professor John Chow-Hoon – January 1966.
  - Holds the first Sports Jujitsu tournament in Pacific Grove, CA. – 1977.
  - Charter member of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, Jujitsu America and the Hawaiian International Society of Martial Arts.

## 1962

- Professor John K. Cahill Sr., student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in San Mateo, CA. – July 5.
  - Knowing that he was terminally ill, Professor Cahill asked Professor Bill Montero to teach his black belts the “upper boards” after his passing. Professor Montero held special weekend classes, for several months, and taught Shinin No Maki, Shinyo No Maki, Kappo and Shingin No Maki to Willy Cahill, Joe Souza and other black belt students of Professor Cahill.
- Sensei James M. Moynahan Jr., student of Professor Ray Law, authors a book titled, *Police Ju Jitsu*, published by Charles C. Thomas: Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 62-10163.
- Robert “Bob” Hodgkin, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is born in Portland, OR. – September 25.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Gene Edwards, Calistoga Jujitsu, Calistoga, CA. – 1982.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation under Sensei Dennis Estes – March 6, 1987.
  - Graduate of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – Danzan Ryu Seifukujitsu Institute Mod 1 and Mod 2 courses.
- Ron Jennings, future Professor with American Jujitsu Institute, Jujitsu American and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Larry Nolte, Medford Judo Academy, Phoenix, OR. – 1962.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – February, 1966.
- Bryan Stanley, future Professor with the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Santa Fe Springs, CA. – November 17.
  - Began his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Mike Chubb, Black Belt Karate, Westminster, CA. – 1984.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – Professor Rick DeHaven – September 1990.
- Tony Gonzales is elected president of the American Jujitsu Institute.

## 1963

- Emil “Curley” Freedman, student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away in Honolulu, HI – January 19. Buried at Punchbowl Cemetery with full military honors.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Oakland, CA.

- Professor Willy Cahill, son of Professor John Cahill, moves Cahill's Judo Academy to San Bruno, CA where it remains as an active dojo today.
- Jon Jacques, future Professor with Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Bell Flower, CA. – January 18.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu at the Downey YMCA, Downey, CA. – 1975.
- Mike Esmailzadeh, future Professor with the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, is born in Idar Obserstein, Germany – November 16. At 12 years of age he moves to the United States.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor David Bellman, Torrance, CA – 1976.
  - Also trains under Professors Tony Muran, Tim Lynch, Dom and Helen Carollo.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the Southern California Jujitsu Association – December 6, 1981.
  - Becomes a charter member of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association – 1996.
- Robert Korody, future Professor with the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, is born in Greensburg, PA. – December 12..
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu under Sensei Gerry Halligan 1991.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1999
  - New York State licensed Physical Therapist and Acupuncturist. Practitioner of Prof. Okazaki's restorative massage and Sifukujitsu.
  - Develops curriculum for the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Kodenkan Dojo Massage Program – 2012
  - Auxiliary Sergeant with the New York Police Department.

## **1964**

- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA.
- Carl Lundin is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Mike Tucker, future Professor with the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, is born in Columbus, Ohio – March 21.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Bob McKean – 1990
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance - 1994
  - Charter Member – Pacific Jujitsu Alliance



- “Plank Holder” – Concrete Warrior Knife Society.
- K.I.T.W – Master Combat Knife Instructor - 2008
- Kodokan Judo – shodan – 1994
- Trained in Tae Kwon Do and Krav Maga
- Troy Shehorn, future Professor with the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, is born in Gary, IN. – April 20.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Larry Nolte at the Medford Judo Academy, Phoenix, OR. - 1976.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Judo Federation – 1986.
- First edition of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Kata Manual – April 4.
- Professor Bill Montero receives his Judo Forth Grade (Yodan) from by the Kodokan Judo Institute, Japan – July 7.
- Professor Sam S. Luke is elected president of the American Jujitsu Institute. He is re-elected eleven consecutive years thereafter.
- Professor Joe Holck is appointed Southwest Region Chairman of the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Jack Wheat receives his Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) from the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Professor Sig Kufferath opens Nikko Jujitsu School in Mountain View, CA.

## **1965**

- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA.
- Chuck Smith is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Barry Posner, future Professor with Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Berkeley, CA. – May 18.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei Eric Pietrelli, Granada Hills Jujitsu Kai, San Fernando Valley, CA.
  - Receives his Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) from the Southern California Jujitsu Association – Sensei Kevin Colton, May 1985.
  - Served on the Board of Directors of the Southern California Jujitsu Association, 1990 – 1992.
  - Served on the Board of Directors of the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, 2004 – 2007.

- Served as a Reserve Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department, 1996 - 2008

## 1966

- 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA.
- William Morris, Ken Regennitter, Mickey Davenport, Bill Beach and Florendo Visitacion are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – February 26.
- Professor Bill Beach establishes the Kodengan Karate Association of the United States.
  - *“But the leadership of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation rejects the validity and understanding of the total contents of the techniques within the Okazaki Kodengan Judo and Jujitsu system, as well as a lack of understanding of the wide range of training taken by the professor during his years of learning and developing his Kodengan system.”.*
  - *“Even though twelve (12) schools in eight (8) states were ready to incorporate the Kodengan Karate Association into their activities, the leadership of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation rejected the idea because they desired to favor the personal motives of one of their ranking officials”.*
- Professor Bill Beach is presented a personalized plaque of the Esoteric Principles of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki by Professor Ray L. Law.

*“Having been with Professor Law since 1950, and having been tutored and brought up through the various levels under Professor Law, I presented a personalized original translated plaque of the Esoteric Principles of Professor Okazaki (Judo) by Professor Ray and Marie Law and empowered to pioneer and to perpetuate the Okazaki Kodengan Judo and Jujitsu System with authorization to make decisions as indicated in this pursuit.”*

## 1967

- The ***Kodengan Yudanshakai*** is founded by Professor Joe Holck, and family, in Tucson, AZ. – January.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in San Jose, CA.
- Bud Fuller, Kitty Smith and Bert Aspinall are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Tom Ball is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation. He becomes the youngest person to receive a Professorship from the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 27 years of age.
- Professor Bill Beach publishes a police training book addressing police defensive and control tactics, titled, *Official Police Methods*.
- The Standards Committee of the American Jujitsu Institute awards Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan), posthumously – April 6.

- Professor Richard Takamoto passes away in Alameda, CA. – January 17.

## **1968**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA.
- Daniel Butler, future Professor with the Christian Jujitsu Association and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance is born in Calistoga, CA. – March 23.
  - Begins his study of DZR under Professor Gene Edwards – 1985.
  - Received his yodan (4<sup>th</sup> dan) with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation under the tutelage of Professor Tom Jenkins - 2002
  - Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) in Ed Parker's Kenpo Karate.
- Second edition of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Kata Manual – July.

## **1969**

- Professor Ray Law, student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in Walnut Creek, CA – March 14.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA.
- Professor Mickey Davenport retires from the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Professor Wally Jay is inducted into the Black Belt Magazine Hall of Fame as Jujitsu Instructor of the Year.
- Professor Bud Fuller and Professor Kitty Smith establish the Nibukikan (an American Judo & Jujitsu Federation dojo) - Chico, CA.
- John Congistre, student of Professor Ray Law, is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.

## **1970**

- Carl Lundin, American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Professor, retires and become inactive.
- Chris Nicholas , future Professor with the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, is born in Oakland, CA
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Bob McKean – 1991
  - Promoted to DZR Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Bob McKean - 1994
  - Charter Member – Pacific Jujitsu Alliance
  - “Plank Holder” – Concrete Warrior Knife Society.

- K.I.T.W – Master Combat Knife Instructor – 2008
- Tae Kwon Do – Nidan. Trained in Kempo Karate, Kodokan Judo, Brazilian Jujitsu and Krav Maga.
- F.B.I. and Krav Maga law enforcement arrest & control instructor.
- Began his career in law enforcement with the San Mateo Sheriffs Department in 1995, moving to the Milpitas Police Department in 1999.
- David Woodland, future Professor with Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, is born in Phoenix, AZ – May 12.
  - Awarded Eagle Scout – 1986.
  - Begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Michael Lynch – 1992.
  - Promoted to DZR Shodan by the Southern California Jujitsu Association & Jujitsu America in 1996.
  - After the death of Professor Michael Lynch, becomes a student of Professor Ron Jennings – 2003
  - Holds the rank of Shodan in Tang Soo Do and Kodokan Judo.
  - United states Marine Corps. veteran – 1987-1995.
- Robert Hudson, future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu at the Oakland, CA. YMCA under Sensei Mike McGurk – a student of Professor Ray Law.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1974.
  - One of the founding members of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation's Danzan Ryu Seifukujitsu Institute.
  - Produces 7 DVD's covering the Shoden of Danzan Ryu.
- Steve Barber, future Professor with the Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System, begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Bill Beach at the Bill Beach Judo Academy - December.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System – November 19, 1974.

## 1971

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Oakland, CA.
- Professor Bill Beach leaves the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation to form The ***Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System***, “for the purpose of perpetuating the Okazaki Kodenkan system of Judo and Jiu-Jitsu as studied and taught by Bill Beach.”

- The Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System is recognized by the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States - 1979
- Third edition of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Kata Manual – November.

## **1972**

- Betty Maillette is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Professor Bud Fuller retires from the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation and moves to Oregon.
- Professor Kitty Smith retires from the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- The American Judo & Jujitsu Federation adopts the Dan system of ranking.

## **1973**

- Forth edition of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Kata Manual – May.
- Sam S. Luke is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Jujitsu Institute – August 3.

## **1974**

- Camp Kodenkan North, American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is founded by Professor Tom Ball and his wife Jan. The camp has been held annually since 1974.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sparks, NV.

## **1975**

- Professor Willy Cahill is inducted into the Black Belt Magazine Hall of Fame as Judo Instructor of The Year.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Redding, CA.
- Charlie Wagner, black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away in Honolulu, Hawaii – January.

## **1976**

- 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sparks, NV.
- Carl Beaver receives his Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) from the American Jujitsu Institute – February.

## **1977**

- Bill Randle is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshaki.

- 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Monterey, CA.
- Tom Lang authors, *The Kyusho of Ate Mi, A Review of the Literature*. A review of 226 kyusho from 35 sources is charted on detail drawings and is tabulated by source and by effect of attack – September.
- The first Annual American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Black Belt Weekend is held in Calistoga, CA – November. This historical event was video taped by Professor Bob Krull. The original tapes were given to Professor Bob McKean by Professor Krull in 2001. Copies in DVD format can be obtained through the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, [www.pacificjujitsualliance.com](http://www.pacificjujitsualliance.com) and the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, [www.ajjf.org](http://www.ajjf.org).
- Markham Spencer, black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and bokendo training partner of Bill Montero, passes away in Honolulu, Hawaii – June.

## 1978

- The American Judo & Jujitsu Kata Manual is revised under the direction of the Board of Professors for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
  - The kata manual was prepared and designed by Tom Lang, typed by Rebecca Barnhart, proofed by Casey Huff and kanji by Don Zier.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in San Jose, CA – March 31 – April 2.
- Gene Edwards, student of Professor Bud Estes, and Rory Rebmann, student of Professor Ray Law, are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- The ***Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association*** is found in Carlisle, PA by Professors Doug Kiehl, Sig Kufferath and Ramon “Lono” Ancho.
- The West Coast members, and the Hawaiians members, of the American Jujitsu Institute were unable to resolve their philosophical differences over the operations and management of the organization. At a special meeting held at Cahill’s Judo Academy in San Bruno, CA, a number of West Coast schools and black belts, affiliated with American Jujitsu Institute, break away and form ***Jujitsu America***.
  - The founding members of Jujitsu America were: Prof. Willy Cahill, Prof. Carl Beaver, Prof. John Chow-Hoon, Prof. Wally Jay, Mickey Davenport, Lee Eichelberger, Ted Gong, Jack Inouye, Jim Lambert, Derrick Lees, Robert Lindstorm, Boyd Low, James Muro, Jim Nieto, James Powers, Walter Burgo, Rudy Aguilar and Stuart William.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> president elected by Jujitsu America was Derrick Lee.
- Professor Carl Beaver receives his Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) for Jujitsu America.

## 1979

- 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in San Jose, CA.
- Because of philosophical differences, testing procedures, school head representation and expenditure of organizational funds, a number of schools and black belts break away from the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation and form the ***Southern California Jujitsu Association***. The SCJA was founded by Jim Marcinkus, Mike Chubb, Bill Fischer, and Bill Randle.
  - Southern California Jujitsu Association (SCJA) is incorporated. Bill Fischer is the 1<sup>st</sup> president.
  - From the book, *The History of Shoshin Ryu Volume 1*, by Bryan Stanley.
    - Reason for SCJA breaking away from the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – “*The purpose was to give themselves some autonomy and to control their own and their students destinies.*”
    - “*As far as Mike Chubb was concerned it was good riddance to all the bureaucracy of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation*”.
- Professor Carl Beaver is inducted into the Jujitsu America’s Black Belt Hall of Fame.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Jujitsu America Convention is held at Chinatown’s Four Seas Restaurant in San Francisco, CA. – hosted by Professor Willy Cahill.
- Tom Lang authors, *An Introduction to Kodenkan Jujitsu* – September 1979. Revised April 1981.
- The American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is recognized by the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.
- Francisco Limbago is awarded the title of DZR Professor and the rank of Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) by Professor Sam S. Luke - American Jujitsu Institute.
- Waka Okazaki, first wife of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away in Honolulu, Hawaii – March.
- Sam C. Luke is promoted to Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) and is awarded the title of DZR Associate Professor by the American Jujitsu Institute.

## 1980

- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Redding, CA.
- Professor William Morris retires from the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held in Bellflower, CA – hosted by Professor Carl Beaver.
- Ester Takamoto, step-daughter of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away in Castro Valley, CA. – January 17.

- Ed Shatzen, future Professor with Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei Dennis Gacuttan at the Davis Judo Kai.
  - Attended the first Danzan Ryu Seifukujitus Institute massage course held by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation in Sacramento, CA – 1983.
  - Promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) – 1990.
  - Has studied Danzan Ryu under Professor Bill Randle, at the Westside YMCA, for more than 20 years.
  - Promoted to the rank of Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) - 2008.
  - Promoted to the rank of Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 2012.

## 1981

- Professor Merlin “Bud” Estes, co-found and Senior Professor of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in Hammondsport, NY while teaching at a clinic. – June 7.
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Reno, NV.
- Professor Lamar Fisher is appointed as Senior Professor of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation by their Board of Professors.
- Members of the National Jujitsu Committee of the United States Amateur Athletic Union – Professor Ken Regenniter, Chairman.
  - The American Jujitsu Institute (*DZR*)
  - The American Judo & Jujitsu Federation (*DZR*)
  - Jujitsu America (*DZR*)
  - Hakkoryu Martial Arts Federation
  - American Jujitsu Association
  - Southern California Jujitsu Association (*DZR*)
  - Midori Yama Budokai
  - Shin Shin Jujitsu Association
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Monterey Hilton Resort, Monterey, CA. – hosted by Professor John Chow-Hoon.

## 1982

- 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA.



- Jane Carr is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Professor Lucille Estes, wife of American Judo & Jujitsu Federation co-founder Professor Bud Estes, passes away in Chico, CA. – September 28.
- Professor Betty Maillette retires from the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Thomas “Tom” Ryan Jr., future Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Sensei James Heidenger in Eureka, CA.
  - Promoted to the rank of Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – 1988.
  - Trained under Professor Ramon “Lono” Ancho Jr. from 1994 – 2002.
  - Awarded the rank of Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) and title of Professor by the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hombu, Costa Rica.
  - U.S. Army veteran.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the China House, Alameda, CA. – hosted by Dave Fairfield.
- Genkichi Okazaki, brother of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away - February

### **1983**

- 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sparks, NV.
- Pat Browne is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Professor Pat Browne starts Camp Kodenkan Midwest, Forest Park, IL.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Santa Monica YMCA, Santa Monica, CA. – hosted by Jim Nieto.
- The first Danzan Ryu Seifukujitsu Institute (a branch of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation) course is held in Sacramento, CA.

### **1984**

- Camp Danzan Ryu is founded by David Fairfield and Ron Beatty. The camp is held in Ben Lomond, CA.
- 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Chico, CA.
- Professor William Morris, of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in Napa, CA. – February 18.
- Mike Chubb is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Southern California Jujitsu Association. - May

- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Holiday Inn, Reno, NV. – hosted by Larry Cary.
- Professor Willy Cahill coaches the United States Olympic Judo Team.
- The 1984 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Holiday Inn, Buena Park, CA. This is their 1<sup>st</sup> annual banquet.
- Professor Sam S. Luke is awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute. First such promotion by the organization.
- Professor Marie Law passes away. – September 3.

## 1985

- 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Santa Rosa, CA.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held by the Stockton Escrima Coalition, Stockton, CA. – hosted by Professor Gilbert Tenio and Juan Eliab.
- The 1985 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Holiday Inn, Buena Park, CA.

## 1986

- 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Eureka, CA.
- The American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Kata Manual is revised.
  - The manual is written, edited, and designed by Tom Lang. Word processing by Nancy Young. Calligraphy by Don Zier. Additional support from Rich Young and Casey Hall.
- James Birmingham is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Professor Bill Montero is awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) and title of Dai Shihan (Senior Professor) by the Kodenkan Yudanshakai. He is the first person awarded the title of Dai Shihan by the Kodenkan Yudanshakai.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Ca. – hosted by Professor Willy Cahill.
- Jujitsu America begins the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame*. Selected annually by the Council of Professors, the award is given to an individual who is not a member of Jujitsu America. It is an award for one who is recognized for their years of contributions to jujitsu and the martial arts.
- Professors Florendo Visitacion and Juan Gomez are inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- John Shipley, future DZR Professor, begins his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu under Professor Herb LaGue.

- Professor Theodore “Tony” Muran passes away in North Hollywood, CA. – June 19.
- Mike Lynch is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Southern California Jujitsu Association.
- Tim Lynch is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Southern California Jujitsu Association.
- The 1986 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Holiday Inn, Fullerton, CA.
- Professor Mike Chubb receives his Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) for the Kodenkan Yudanshakai.
- Steve Barber is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System – December 19.
- Sam C. Luke is promoted to Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) and awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Jujitsu Institute.

## 1987

- Professor Wally Jay, black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, creates Small Circle Jujitsu.
- 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held at the Hotel El Rancho in Sacramento, CA.
  - Instructors: Professors Gene Edwards, Lamar Fisher, Sig Kufferath, Craig McCoy, James Musselman, Tom Ball, Pat Browne, Jame Carr, John Congistre, Rory Rebmann, and Ken Regennitter. Sensei Barb Egssner, Bob Hudson, Tom Jenkins, Herb LaGue, Mark Bartosr, Tanja Brekke, Vern Brekke, Don Cross, David Pacheco, Daivd Siefried, Mac Tekeda and Grace Zhong.
- Professor Antone Gonzales is inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- Professor Mike Chubb establishes the ***Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai***.
- The 1987 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Holiday Inn, Fullerton, CA.
- Professor Bill Randle receives his Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) from Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – August 25.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Carmel Mission Inn, Carmel, CA. – hosted by Professor John Chow-Hoon, James and Raquel Muro.

## 1988

- Professor John Chow-Hoon passes away in Carmel, CA – July 23.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Pleasanton, CA.

- Professor Sam S. Luke, Judan and past president of the American Jujitsu Institutes, passes away at the age of 73 in Honolulu, Hawaii – February 16.
- Professor Sam C. Luke becomes Vice President of the American Jujitsu Institute. This is a position he holds through 2001.
- Professor Francisco Limbago becomes president of the American Jujitsu Institute.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the San Jose Hyatt, San Jose, CA. – hosted by Richard Bunch.
- The 1988 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Holiday Inn, Fullerton, CA.
- Professor Willy Cahill coaches the United States Olympic Judo Team.
- Professor Bill Randle receives his Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) and James Marcinkus receives his Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) from the Kodenkan Yudanshakai – September 4.

## 1989

- 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Reno, NV.
- Thomas Jenkins, student of Professor Bud Estes, is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Professor William “Bill” Montero is inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- Tony Janovich is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Professor Sig Kufferath.
- The 1989 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Holiday Inn, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Holiday Inn, Reno, NV. – hosted by Larry Cary.
- Sue Ann Jennings, future Professor with Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, begins her study of Danzan Ryu under Professor Ron Jennings, Kashinkai, Olympia, WA. – 1989.
  - Promoted to Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) by Professor Ron Jennings – Jujitsu America – 1995.
- Professor Carl Beaver and Professor Joseph Holck receive the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) from the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. – November 18.

## 1990

- Professor Richard Rickerts, student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and co-founder of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in Sunnyvale, CA. – March 6.
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in San Jose, CA.

- Professor Pat Browne releases his detailed research report on Shingin No Maki. The original copies of this report were only presented to members of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Board of Professors and to several of Professor Browne's close friends. This report is often referred to as, *The Blue Book*, because of the color of its cover. – March 1990.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ohana: On the Labor Day weekend of September 1990, a gathering took place at the Airport Inn Hotel in Irvine, CA. This was the first time that the Okazaki family of Kodengan Jujitsu had united for the common good of honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the founder of Kodengan Judo / Danzan Ryu Jujitsu, Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki. Prior to that event, the various organizations were splintered and had major differences amongst themselves.
  - Ohana 1990 was hosted by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai under the direction of Professor Michael Chubb and Professor William Fischer.
  - Seven of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki's original black belt students were in attendance: Carl Beaver, Wally Jay, Francisco Limbago, Sig Kufferath, Joe Holck, Jack Wheat, and Tony Gonzales.
  - Others DZR Professors in attendance included: Charlie Lee, Vinson Holck, Barry Holck, Tom Jenkins, Tom Ball, Jane Carr, Rory Rebmann, Ken Regennitter, John Congistre, Richard Bunch, and Bill Randle.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> AAU National Jujitsu Kata Championships were held at the 1990 Ohana.
    - Team trophy went to the Santa Ana Dojo and Sensei Rick DeHaven.
    - Winters included Joel Lehrer – shodan division, Professor Mike LaMarche and Sensei Roger Medlen – yodan/godan division.
- Professor Carl Beaver, a student of Professor Seishiro Okazaki, is promoted to Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held the Newton Marriott, Boston, MA. – hosted by David Castoldi, Ed Melaugh and Bill Troy.
- Professor Sam C. Luke is promoted to Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute.
- James Muro is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Jujitsu America.
- Professor Jack Wheat and Professor Antone Gonzales receive the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by American Jujitsu Institute. – February 4.
- Roy Center is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.

## 1991

- Sensei Mary Boland, student of Professor Pat Browne and member of Midwest Judo & Jujitsu, authored a limited publication titled, *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu An Unbroken Tradition*. Second Edition – January.

- In 1991, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai created the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* to honor those individuals, living and deceased, who have made significant contributions to Professor Okazaki's system. Inductees into the Hall of Fame are selected without regard to organizational affiliation, rank or title.
- David Bellman is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Professors Dominic and Helen Carollo of the Danzan Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Richard Bunch receives the rank of Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) and awarded the title of DZR Professor by Professor Sig Kufferath.
- 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Rohnert Park, CA.
- Professor Juan D. Gomez is inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- William Ah Moo is inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- ***Goshin Jitsu Chow-Hoon*** is established by Professor James Muro.
- Professor Wally Jay is Black Belt Magazine's *Man of the Year*.
- The 1991 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Radisson Inn, Irvine, CA.
- The American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Kata Manual is revised. Included is a translation of the Estes Mokuroku by Professor Thomas Jenkins.
- A document referred to as the "Official Proclamation" is signed by Hachiro Okazaki, son of Professor Seishiro Okazaki – June 12. The validity of this document is questioned by the Danzan Ryu community and the Okazaki family.
  - "Therefore I, Hachiro Okazaki, acting with a clear mind and conscience, do now proclaim for all to bear witness, that the "Soke" of the Danzan Ryu and Kodenkan reside henceforth and forever in the person of the Board of Directors (Professors) of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, a non-profit California corporation, dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of the Danzan Ryu and Kodenkan system of my father, "Henry" Seishiro Okazaki"
- Professor Lamar Fisher, of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, alters the "Official Proclamation" by placing his signature and signature stamp on the document. He also adds a stamp, or chop, to the certificates that translates to "3<sup>rd</sup> Soke of Danzan Ryu". This alteration was not approved by Hachiro Okazaki.
  - Professor Lamar Fisher uses the "3<sup>rd</sup> Soke of Danzan Ryu" stamp (chop) on official American Judo & Jujitsu Federation documents until his death in 2009. The use of the stamp (chop) is not questioned by the Board of Professors.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held Newark Fremont Hilton, Newark, CA. – hosted by Rudy Aguilar, Janice Okamoto and Ron Beatty.
- Professor Carl Beaver and Professor Joe Holck are awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute.

- Rick DeHaven, Len Riley and Clyde Zimmerman are promoted to Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) and awarded the title of DZR Professor by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.

## 1992

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohana gathering is held at the Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, NV. Hosted by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. September 4-7.
  - In attendance are members of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, Kodenkan Yudanshakai, Jujitsu America, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, American Jujitsu Institute, Southern California Jujitsu Association, Danzan Ryu Yudanshakai, and Nikko Jujitsu School.
  - Instructors: Professors Jack Wheat (Judan), Barry Holck (Hachidan), Tom Jenkins (Rokudan), Vinson Holck (Rokudan), Willy Cahill (Kudan), Francisco Limbago (Kudan), Tom Ball (Hachidan), Waly Jay (Judan), Carl Beaver (Judan), Rory Rebmann (Rokudan), Ken Regennitter (Shichidan), Sensei Roy Center (Yodan)
  - A meeting was held among the various Danzan Ryu organizations to discuss the issue of "Soke". Representatives include Professor Willy Cahill and Ron Beatty (Jujitsu American); Professors Lamar Fisher, Tom Ball, Jane Carr, Rory Rebmann and Tom Jenkins (American Judo & Jujitsu Federation); Professors Barry and Vinson Holck (Kodenkan Yudanshakai); Professors Mike Chubb, Bill Fischer, Clyde Zimmerman, and Carl Beaver (Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai), Professors Jack Wheat, Tony Gonzales, Francisco Limbago, and Charlie Lee (American Jujitsu Institute); Professor Jim Lambert (unattached); Professor Tony Janovich (Nikko Jujitsu School) and Richard Bunch (unattached).
  - The American Jujitsu Institute voiced their displeasure over the use of the term, citing that the original articles of incorporation and bylaws of the American Jujitsu Guild make no provisions for such a position. Most participants agree.
  - Professors Lamar Fisher and Tom Ball, of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, make a verbal "gentleman's agreement" with the other Danzan Ryu organizations to disregard the "Official Proclamation" and promised that it would never service again.
- 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Chico, CA.
- Don Cross, student of Professor Ray Law, is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Mike Belzer is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Southern California Jujitsu Association.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Hale Koa Hotel, Waikiki, HI. – hosted by Ronald Ogi.
- Professor William "Bill" Montero Sr., student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and past American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Professor, passes away in Colorado Spring, CO – October 28.

- Marion Anderson, black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the age of 99. Marion's wife, Marcile Anderson, passes away in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the age of 101 – January 2011.
- Professor Carl Beaver, John Cahill, Antone Gonzales and Jack Wheat are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Kodengan Yudanshakai celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Tucson, Arizona. – July 3-5.
  - Attendees include Professors Carl Beaver, Mike Chubb, Bill Fisher and Roy Center from Shoshin Ryu; Professors Sig Kufferath and Richard Bunch of Nikko Jujitsu School; Kimo Hatchie of Danzan Ryu Yudanshakai; and Professor David Nuuhiwa.
  - At the formal banquet held July 4<sup>th</sup>, Professor Joe Holck announces that the banquet is dedicated to his teacher, Professor Sig Kufferath, and that Kodengan Yudanshakai hereby recognizes Professor Sig Kufferath as “Soke of the Danzan Ryu system.” Members of the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai walk out before the ceremony ends.

### 1993

- Professors Wally Jay and Richard Rickerts are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Mike Chubb is inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Rohnert Park, CA.
- Professor William Ah Moo passes away in Honolulu, HI – July 25.
- Bob Krull and Bob McKean begin teaching an annual military combat knife course called K.I.T.W. (knives in the woods). The course was based on the WWII U.S. military knife fighting arts taught by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki. Professor William “Bill” Montero assisted Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki in teaching many of these classes to U.S. troops during WWII.
  - Attendance was by invitation only and included active duty military and law enforcement personal and selected Danzan Ryu black belts.
- Professor Sig Kufferath is awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute – December 13.
- Professor Sig Kufferath, assisted by long-time student Tony Janovich, teach a Kodengan Okugi (special black belt class) in Campbell, CA. July 10 (25 hour clinic).
  - Some of the course graduates included: George Arrington, Frank Borges, Bob Cavaleer, Ken Eddie, Clive Guth, Tim Harris, Bob Hodgkin, Bob Hudson, Al Ikemoto, Ron Jennings, Janice Okamoto, Tom Ryan, Dan Weinberg, and Thomas Westfall.



- A handbill about the Okugi class is sent out to many of the black belts among the Danzan Ryu community announcing the clinic. Professor Tom Ball, of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, is incensed by this act. Many American Judo & Jujitsu black belts were told not to attend the Okugi.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held in Greensboro, NC. – hosted by Tony Maynard.
- The 1993 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Airport Inn, Irvine, CA.

## 1994

- Professor Bert Aspinall, of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away – April 11.
- 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Reno, NV.
- Professor Gene Edwards, student of Professor Bud Estes, leaves the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation to form the **Christian Jujitsu Association** in Kalispell, Montana – May 5.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ohana gathering is held at the Alexis Park Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Hosted by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
  - Instructors: Professors Carl Beaver, Willy Cahill, Mike Chubb, David Nuuhiwa, Lamar Fisher, Wally Jay, Roy Center, Tony Janovich, Douglas Scheid, Charles Lee, Francisco Limbago, Bill Randle, Tom Jenkins, Rory Rebmann, John Congistre, Sensei Imi Okazaki-Mullins, Zane Graham, Dan Saragosa.
- Imi Okazaki-Mullins is promoted to Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) and awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Willy Cahill is awarded the rank to Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu by Professor Wally Jay (Jujitsu America) during the 1994 Ohana gathering.
- Professors William Ah Moo, Stephen Byzek and Sam S. Luke are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Holiday Inn North, Reno, NV. – hosted by Larry Cary.
- Professor Francisco Limbago is awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute – June 25.

## 1995

- 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Napa, CA.
- Robert Hudson and Herb LaGue are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo and Jujitsu Federation.

- Professor Juan D. Gomez, of the American Jujitsu Institute, passes away in Orange, CA – October 14.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Burlington Marriott, Boston. MA. – hosted by Ed Melaugh.
- The 1995 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Marriott Hotel, Long Beach, CA.
- Professors Sig Kufferath, Ray Law and William G. Randle are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Carl Beaver, of Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, passes away in Arizona. – December 11.

## 1996

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is held at the Santa Clara Marriott, Santa Clara, CA. Hosted by Jujitsu America.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Santa Clara Marriott, Santa Clara, CA. – in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> Ohana. Hosted by Ron Beatty, Janice Okamoto, Laura Welch and Joe Souza.
- Professors Willy Cahill, Franisco Limbago and Sensei Charles Wagner are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA.
- Professor Gene Edwards receives his Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) from the Christian Jujitsu Association – July 28.
- Professor Stephen Byzek, graduate of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki's 1948 Special Black Belt Class, passes away – January 6. He is buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.
- Professor Pat Browne, of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in Chicago, IL – May 23.
- Professor Carl Lundin, student of Professor Ray Law and member of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in Silverton, OR – May 7.
- American Judo & Jujitsu Federation replaces its kata manual with a new revised edition. "This manual is for the use of the AJJF and its members and is available only to the AJJF ranks of shodan and above." – January.
- Professor Francisco Limbago is inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- Pacific Coast Kilohana, later renamed ***Kilohana Martial Arts Association***, is founded by Professor Sig Kufferath, The Kilohana Martial Arts Association charter was signed by:

Professor Sig Kufferath, Mike Esmailzadeh, Kimo Hatchi, Russ Coelho, Hans, Ingebretsen, Dale Kahoun, Gerald McKenzie, Robert Krull, Al Ikemoto, James Muro, Russ Rhodes, Pauline Chow-Hoon, and Robert McKean

## 1997

- The 1997 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Marriott Hotel, Long Beach, California.
- Sensei Marion Anderson and Emil “Curly” Freedman are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Costa Mesa, CA.
- Daniel “Danny” Saragosa is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Jujitsu Institute – June 27.
- Professor Jack Wheat is inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- Professor Sam C. Luke is promoted to the rank of Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the West Coast Tee, Olympia, WA. – hosted by Ron and Sue Jennings.

## 1998

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is held in San Ramon, CA. Hosted by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation and held in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Helen Rickerts, student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and wife of American Judo & Jujitsu Federation co- founder Richard Rickerts, passes away.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Crystal City Marriott, Washington, DC.
- Doug Kiehi is award the title of DZR Professor by the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Association. The certificate is signed by Professor Sig Kufferath and Professor Ramon “Lono” Ancho.

## 1999

- Professor Florendo Visitacion, past Professor with the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in New York City, NY – January 4.
- Professor Sig Kufferath, student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and founder of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, passes away in Santa Clara, CA – May 7.
- Professor Bing Fai Lau, co-sensei with Professor Sig Kufferath at the Kaheka Lane Dojo in Honolulu, passes away – August 4.

- Ron Jennings is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – September 4.
- 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA. April 9-11.
  - **Instructors:** Professors Bill Handle, Jack Wheat, Clyde Zimmerman, Imi Okazaki-Mullins, Rory Rebmann, John Congistre, Lamar Fisher, Jim Musselman, Tony Janovich, Tom Ball, Jane Carr, Tom Jenkins, Don Cross, herb LaGue, Bob Hudson, Paolo Tioli, Alex Limbaugh, Len Riley, Hernandez. Master Brent Crisci. Sensei Jim Bodnar, Bob McKean, Bob Reish, JoAnn Strang, Loretta Silvagni, Lusi Diaz, Joe Bueno, Jay Callendar John Pfund, Tom Ryan, Kevin Colton, Cynthia Frueh, Barb Gessner, Brian Griffin, Geoff Lane, Sheryl Orcino.
- The Standards and Executive Boards of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association established the *Kilohana Legend Award* to recognize martial artists of senior rank and status who stand out amongst their peers and time.
- The *Kilohana Legend Award* is presented to Professors Sig Kufferath, Wally Jay, Jack Wheat, Bing Fai Lau and Helen Carollo by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
- Sensei Tom Lang and Sensei Doug Musser co-author a book titled, *Jujitsu Techniques & Tactics*, published by Human Kinetics Publication, Inc. ISBN: 0-88011-830-X
- Professors Bill Beach and Bing Fai Lau are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Dale Kahoun authors and publishes a 400 page document titled, *Kilohana (Danzan Ryu) Workbook*. Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 00-191718. This document is used by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association as its official kata manual, preserving the arts that were taught by Dai Shihan Siegfried “Sig” Kufferath.
  - “The greatest ‘Mahalo’ goes to Dai Shihan Siegfried ‘Sig’ Kufferath who patiently described and demonstrated his preferences and techniques that were acceptable for rank promotion tests. Professor Kufferath affixed his signature and ‘chop’ to two original drafts, the product is this document. We used this technique so that there would be no doubt, Professor Kufferath continues to instruct us.”
  - The document was endorsed by Professors Wally Jay, Willy Cahill, and Joseph Holck.
  - This document was distributed by Professor Kahoun to black belt members of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association and selected black belt members of the Danzan Ryu community. Each document is individually numbered.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the San Mateo Marriott, San Mateo, CA. – hosted by the West Coast Jujitsu American Dojos.
- The 1999 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Sands Regency Hotel, Reno, NV.

- Professor James Marcinkus, founder of the Southern California Jujitsu Federation, passes away in Los Angeles – February 2.
- The *Kilohana Legend Award* is presented to Professors Willy Cahill and Joe Holck by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Boise, ID.- March 31 – April 2.
  - Instructors: Professors Lamar Fisher, Tom Ball, John Congistre, Rory Rebmann, James Musselman, Jane Carr, Tom Jenkins, Don Cross, Bob Hudson, Herb LaGue, Ramon Ancho, Jack Wheat, Jack Hoban, Tony Janovich, Paolo Tioli, Alex Limbaugh, Malcom Holmes, Imi Okazaki-Mullins, Clyde Zimmerman, Luis Diaz, Master Crisci, Sensei Vern Brekke, Maureen Browne, Narb Gessner, Geoff Lane, Kevin Colton, Cynthia Freuh, John Gussman, Suki LaGue, Bob McKean, Steve McLaughlin, John Phund, Randy Schuster, Lisa Goldoftas, Jess Green Sheryl Orcino, Tom Ryan, JoAnn Strang, Mike Miraglia, Danny Saragosa. Specail Guests – Lama Rinpoche Jigme & Chuden La.
- The Kilohana Martial Arts Association publishes its first issue of the *Kilohana Chronicles*.
- Professors Bud Estes and Lamar Fisher are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Charles “Charlie” Kalani, of Jujitsu America, passes away in Lake Forest, CA – August 22.
- Vinson Holck is awarded the title of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Professor by the Kodenkan Yudanshakai.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Smithtown Sheraton, Smithtown, NY – hosted by John Olshlager.
- Professor Danny Saragosa is inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- The 2000 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Embassy Suites, Palm Desert, CA.
- Professor Willy Cahill coaches the United States Paralympic Judo Team that traveled to Sydney, Australia. The U.S. Team brings back the first Gold Medal ever won in Paralympic judo competition.
- Professor Hans Ingebretsen organizes and presents the *San Jose Gasshuku 2000 Masters Seminar*, held at the Campbell Community Center, Campbell, CA – July 29 – 30. Over 30 master instructors taught classes at the event.

## 2001

- 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held at the Flamingo Resort Hotel in Santa Rose, CA. – March 23 – 25.

- **Instructors:** Professors Ramon Ancho, Tom Ball, Jane Carr, John Congistre, Don Cross, Lamar Fisher, Bob Hudson, Tony Janovich, Jerry Kunzman, Herb LaGue, James Muasselman, Imi Okazaki-Mullins, Bill Randle, Rory Rebmann, Clyde Zimmerman, Tom Jenkins – Sensei Steve Balzac, Nancy Bigam, Todd Birdseye, Susan Register-Bonard, Rich Borba, Vern Brekke, Jay Callender, Benoit Juanisse, Dave Klaus, Bob Krull, Bob McKean, Geoff Lane, Kevin Colton, Dennis Estes, Frank Ferris, Delina Fuchs, Cynthia Frueh, Barb Gessner, Bill Gessner, Larry Nolte, John Pfund, Christine Pritchard, Tom Ryan, Randy Schuster, and Ainee Yermish,
- Dennis Estes, Larry Nolte and Geoff Lane are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is cancelled due to the tragedy of September 11, 2001
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is held in Honolulu, HI. Hosted by the American Jujitsu Institute – February 16 – 20.
  - **Instructors:** Francisco Limbago, Jack Wheat, Wally Jay, Joe Holck, Willy Cahill, Lamar Fisher, Bill Beach, Tom Ball, Mike Chubb, Tony Janovich, Alex Limbaugh, Charlie Lee, Sam Luke, Alexander Archie, Kevin Colton, Ken Eddy, Bill Fischer, Vinson Holck, Hans Ingebretsen, Bruce Raney, Ron Jennings, Sue Jennings, David McNeil, Imi Okazaki-Mullins, Daniel Saragosa, Joe Souza Mel Canisbog, Ross Gibbs, Buck Wheat and Nobu Nakamura.
- Kenneth Eddy is award the title of DZR Professor by the American Jujitsu Institute. His sensei is Professor Francisco Limbago.
- The ***Pacific Jujitsu Alliance*** (PJA) is founded in Fremont, CA by Bob Krull and Bob McKean, both students of Professor Bill Montero – January 13.
  - Charter Members included: Mike Tucker, Chris Nicholas, Kathleen Nicholas, Rick Heilmann, and Jeff Baxter.
- Bob Krull, student of Professor Bill Montero, is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.
- Maureen Browne, Naperville, IL, is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- The *Kilohana Legend Award* is present to Professor Libert O’Sullivan and Sensei Bill Costa by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
- Professors Joe Holck and Bill Montero are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Joe Souza is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Jujitsu America.
- Camp Kilohana is held in the redwoods in Northern California’s Humboldt County.
- Professor Antone Gonzales, student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki and American Jujitsu Institute Professor, passes away in Honolulu, Hawaii – September 8.

- Professor Al Holtmann, Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away in San Diego, CA. – December 19.
- Professor Sam C. Luke is promoted to Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Tom Ryan is award the title of DZR Professor by Professor Ramon “Lono” Ancho, Kodengan Hombu in Costa Rica

## 2002

- The *Kilohana Legend Award* is presented to Professors John Chow-Hoon and Bill Montero by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
- 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held at the Nugget Hotel, Sparks, NV.
  - Instructors: Professors Ramon Ancho, Tom Ball, Willy Cahill, Jane Carr, John Congistre, Don Cross, Dennis Estes, Rick Hernandez, Bob Hudson, Tony Janovich, Tom Jenkins, Jerry Kunzman, Herb LaGue, Geoff Lane, Alex Limbaugh, Sam C. Luke, James Mlusselman, Aovo Niiniketo, Larry Nolte, Imi Okazaki-Mullins, Bill Randle, Rory Rebmann, Jack Wheat, and Clyde Zimmerman. Grandmaster Robert Hoe. Shihan Brent Crisci. Sensei Steve McLaughlin, Jack Mauck, Ward Melenich, Jim Oba, Chantilly Ortiz, Jeff Penner, John Pfund, Tom Hill, Ted Himmah, Bob Karnes, Suki LaGue, Frank Diamit, Cynthia Ferris, Delina Fuchs, Barb Gessner, Sheryl Hager, George Arrington, Nancy Bighman, Todd Birdseye, James Bodnar, Mary Boland, Tim Boland, Frank Borges, Tanja Brekke, Vern Brekke, Kevin Colton, Ashley Rebmann, Tom Ryan, Randy Schuster, Troy Shehorn, Loretta Silvagni, Chuden Smith, Gary Smith, JoAnn Strong, and Jon Sylvia.
- Professors Pat Browne, Sam C. Luke and Norm Carl Nelson are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- The 2002 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Atrium Hotel, Irvine, CA.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Jujitsu American Convention is held at the Smithtown Sheraton, Smithtown, NY – hosted by Dara Masi, Melanie Fine and the students of Suigetsu Dojo - November
- Professor Mike Lynch, Professor with the Southern California Jujitsu Association, passes away on New Years Eve, Vernal, Utah. He had attained the DZR rank of Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) by the time of his passing.
- Professor Sam C. Luke becomes President of the American Jujitsu Institute.

## 2003

- Professor Ramon “Lono” Ancho Jr. passes away in Winston-Salem, North Carolina – January 27.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City, CA. Hosted by Jujitsu America.

- Professors Ramon “Lono” Ancho Jr, John Congistre and Sensei Bernice Jay are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Tony Janovich teaches a Kodenkan Okugi (special black belt class) in Santa Clara, CA.
  - Some of the course graduates included: Jon Amaral, George Arrington, Tom Ball, Steve Balzac, Dominic Beltrami, Mike Belzer, Matt Bigham, Nancy Bigham, James Bodnar, Jaya Carl, Jane Carr, Kevin Colton, Delina Fuchs, Clive Guth, Sheryl Hager, Gerald Halligan, Ted Himmah, Robert Hodgkin, Bob Hudson, Ron Jennings, Sue Jennings, Robert Korody, Robert Kunkel, Marc Mandarich, Tim Merrill, Jeff Meyers, Matt Moller, Larry Nolte, Janice Okamoto, Jeff Penner, John Pfund, Tom Ryan, Ed Shatzen, Troy Shehorn, Jason Spencer, Tammy Webb, Dan Weinberg,
- 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in San Ramon, CA. – March 27-30.
  - Instructors: Professors Tom Ball, Lawrence Boydston, Jane Carr, John Congistre, Don Cross, Dennis Estes, Lamar Fisher, Keiko Fukuda, Bob Hudson, Tony Janovich, Tom Jenkins, Jerry Kunzman, Herb LaGue, Geoff Lane, James Musselman, Larry Nolte, Imi Okazaki-Mullins, Bill Randle, Rory Rebmann, Jack Wheat and Clyde Zimmerman. Shihan Brent Crisci. Sifu Janet Gee. Grandmaster Robert Hoe & Mark Saito. Sensei Nancy Bighman, Todd Birdseye, James Bodnar, Tanja Breeke, Vern Brekke, Kevin Colton, Frank Diarmit, Alex Feng, Frank Ferris, Cynthia Frueh, Dlina Funchs, Barb Gessner, Jess Green, Sherrl Hager, Ted Himmah, Bob Hodgkin, Bob Karnes, David Klaus, Suki LaGue, Tom Lang, Mark Mandarich, Steve McLaughlin, Ward Melenich, Chantilly Ortiz, Jose Ortiz, Jeff Penner, John Pfund, Tom Ryan, Randy Schuster, Dave Seifried, Troy Shehorn, Loretta Silvagni, Sara Silvagni, Mike Swain, Jon Sylvia, Mark Ward, and D. Buck Wheat.
- After years of academic research, Professor Thomas R. Jenkins presents his book, *Japanese Martial Art Character Dictionary*. Two hundred hard copies were initially made. Additional copies were made available on CD.
- The Jujitsu America National Convention is held in Long Island, New York – October 25-27.
- Professor Lee Eichelberger is awarded the rank of Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) by Jujitsu America.
- The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Camp Danzan Ryu is held in the mountains outside of Santa Cruz, CA – May 16-18. The event is hosted by the Alameda High School Jujitsu Alumni, Inc.
- Professor Willy Cahill is presented the United States Jujitsu President’s Leadership Award, recognizing his lifetime achievements and contributions in developing the art of jujitsu.

## 2004

- Pacific Jujitsu Alliance co-founder, Professor Bob Krull, passes away in Calistoga, CA – January 4.



- 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA. – March 19-21.
  - Instructors: Professors Bill Randle, Rory Rebmann, John Congistre, Clyde Zimmerman, Jane Carr, Tom Ball, Don Cross, Lamar Fisher, Dennis Estes, Bob Hudson, Tony Janovich, Tom Jenkins, Jerry Kumzman, Herb LaGue, Geoff Lane, Alex Limbaugh, Jim Musselman, Larry Nolte, Imi Okazaki-Mullins, Shihan Brent Crisci, Sifu Janet Gee, Grandmaster Roberft Hoe, Renshi Pete Pukish, Grandmaster Mark Sato, O’Lohe Walker, Sensei Nancy Bigham, Todd Birdseye, Jim Bodnar, Tanja Brekke, Vern Brekke, Jaya Carl, Kevin Colton, Frank Diarmit, Amanda Ferris, Frank Ferris, Cynthlia Frueh, Delina Fuchs, Barb Gessner, Jess Green, Sheryl Hager, Ted Himmah, Bob Hodgkin, Mike Jimenez-Cruz, Hillary Kaplowitz, Bob Karnes, Suki LaGue, Bob McKean, Steve McLaughlin, Ward Meilenich, Tim Merrill, Lyle Najita, Chantilly Ortiz, Jose Ortiz, Jeff Penner, Bob Reish, Tom Ryan, Keith Thompson, Jon Sylvia, Loretta Silvagni, Randy Schuster.
- Professors Herb LaGue and James Musselman resign from the Board of Professors at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation held in Sacramento, CA.
- After leaving the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, Professor Herb LaGue establishes the ***Bushidokan Federation***, in Sparks, NV. Many of Professor LaGue’s black belt students and school heads join the Bushidokan Federation.
- The Dan Zan Ryu Zenyo Bujutsu is founded by Professor Herb LaGue - June
- Professor Bill Randle is promoted to Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – August 15.
- Bob Karnes and Steve McLaughlin are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Bushidokan Federation.
- Barry Posner and Edward Shatzen are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – September.
- Professor Jack Wheat, American Jujitsu Institute Professor and student of Professor Okazaki, passes away in Honolulu, HI – November 2.
- Professors Jane Carr, Michael Chubb and James Marcinkus are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Kilohana Martial Arts Association – Sensei Jack Carter and Dr. Charles Goodman began teaching a six month course of Okazaki Restoration Therapy (Seifukujitsu) at the Pacific Coast Academy of Martial Arts in Campbell, CA – January 10.
- The 2004 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Embassy Suites, Palm Desert, CA.
- Imi Okazaki-Mullins is promoted to Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.

**2005**

- The 8<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is held at the Double Tree Hotel, Tucson, AZ. Hosted by the Kodenkan Yudanshakai. September 2-5.
- Lora Edwards is posthumously awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Christian Jujitsu Association – January 24.
- Clive Guth is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Association.
- Bob McKean is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.
- Professors Roy Center, Lee Eichelberger, William Fischer and Sensei Carl DuDoit are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Bill Fischer is inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Burbank, CA.
  - Instructors: Professors Bill Randle, Rory Rebmann, Larry Nolte, John Congistre, Imi Okazaki-Mullins, Mike Belzer, Dennis Estes, Don Cross, Jane Carr, Tom Jenkins, Jerry Kuzman, Geoff Lane, Tony Janovich, Jim Musselman, Lamar Fisher, Tom Ball, Olohe Kolomona Solomon Kaihewlu. Sensei Nancy Bigham, Todd Birdseye, Vern Brekke, Kevin Colton, Frank Diamit, Frank Ferris, Cynthia Frueh, Delina Fuchs, Barb Gessner, Sheryl Hager, Tom Hill, Ted Himmah, Bob Hodgkin, Hans Ingehretsen, Bob McKean, Troy Shehorn, Ward Meienich, Tim Merrill, Matt Moller, Jeff Penner, Tom Ryan, Randy Schuster, Jon Sylvia.
- Professor David Nuuhiwa passes away in Honolulu, HI – January 21. His ashes were separated and half were scattered in Waikiki and the other half at Huntington Beach, CA.
- The Kodenkan Komori dojo is established in Albir, Spain under the direction of Sensei Stephen Nicholls of England. The core members of the dojo are Luis Mariner, Carlos Catala, Joan Sanfelix and Rafa Lindes – September.
- Bryan Stanley is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Francisco Limbago, student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, American Jujitsu Institute Professor and Judan, passes away in Waianae, Hawaii – March 29.
- Betty Wolfe, daughter of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away – December 28.
  - Betty was the oldest of three daughters from Professor Okazaki's second wife.
  - Betty was proficient in both judo and jujitsu.

## 2006

- 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in San Ramon, CA.

- Sheryl Hager, Tom Hill and Tom Ryan are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation.
- Professors David Nuuhiwa and Bert Aspinall are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Vinson Holck, son of Professor Joe Holck, is inducted into the *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Jujitsu America.
- David Hallowell and Todd Driver are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Christian Jujitsu Association – July 8.
- Roy Lonnberg is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Bushidokan Federation – November 1.
- 2006 Shoshin Ryu Reunion “In Honor of Professor Ray Law” is held at the Hilton Hotel Pleasanton, Pleasanton, CA – September 1-3.
  - Owen Gallagher and David Williams are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.

## 2007

- The 9<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is held at the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara, CA. Hosted by the Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Association – September 1 & 2.
- Ohana Alliance meeting was held in Santa Clara, CA – September 3.
  - In attendance at the meeting were: Len Riley, Owen Gallagher, Carlos Gallegos, Jon Jacques, Kevin Dalrymple, George Arrington, Tony Janovich, Bill Randle, Bill Beach, Ken Eddy, Dan Saragosa, Lamar Fisher, Dave McNeill, Scott Merrill, Gary Jones, Sue Jennings, Sam Luke, Michael Esmailzadeh, Hans Ingebretsen, John Congistre, Rudy Aguilar, Ross Briggs, Terry Adlawan, Barry Posner, Chris Peterson, Ron Jennings, and Jason Spencer.
  - The officers elected from the previous Ohana Alliance meeting in 2005 were:
    - Professor Sam Luke – President
    - Professor Tony Janovich – Vice-President
    - Sensei Sue Jennings – Secretary
    - Professor Barry Posner – Treasurer
    - Web Page – Professor Ron Jennings, assisted by Professor George Arrington
- Professor Tony Janovich is promoted to Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by his students, the Council of Black Belts, Kodenkan Jujitsu School Jujitsu.
- Mike Miller, Robby Wade and Oswaldo Feijoo are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Bushidokan Federation.
- Irene Swanson is promoted to Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) and awarded the title of Shihan by the Kodenkan Yudanshakai – July 7.

- Jujitsu America holds its first Sport Jujitsu Competition event at Cahill's Judo Academy in San Bruno, CA – March 18. The event is attended by 65 competitors from 10 schools.
- 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in San Francisco, CA.
- Jujitsu America's Sport Jujitsu U.S. National Championship Tournament is held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Foster City, CA – July 21. The tournament had 113 competitors from over 25 different schools.
- The 2007 Jujitsu America National Convention is held at the Clarion Greensboro Airport Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina – September 16-17.
- John Ogden, black belt student of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away in Hemet, CA. – July 27. He had been the sensei of Ogden's Judo School in Long Beach, CA.
- Jujitsu America reaches the threshold of being 1,000 members strong.

## 2008

- Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Professor Imi Okazaki-Mulins, daughter of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away in Oakland, CA – January 5.
  - At numerous Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai reunions, Professor Imi Okazaki-Mullins taught Fujin Goshin No Maki and was always on hand with her big smile and wonderful spirit.
- Professor Imi Okazaki-Mullins is inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- The 2008 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort, Buena Park, CA – Labor Day weekend.
- Professor Libert O'Sullivan becomes a Senior Advisor to the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
- Professor Thomas R. Jenkins presents his translation research paper on the March 8, 1939 Danzan Ryu Judo Mokuroku presented to Merlin "Bud" Estes by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki. The translation was reviewed and certified by Kimihiko Nomura, Professor of Japanese Language, California State University – Chico.
- 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Reno, NV. – March 7-9.
  - Instructors: Professors Bill Randle, Willy Cahill, Rory Rebmann, John Congistre, Larry Nolte, Tom Jenkins, Tom Hill, Clyde Zimmerman, Lamar Fisher, Dennis Estes, Sheryl Hager, Don Cross, Tom Ryan, Geoff Lane, Jane Carr, Bob Hudson, Tony Janovich, Tom Ball. Sensei Nancy Bighman, Delina Fuchs, Kevin Colton, Dan Butler, Robert Korody, Bob McKean, Troy Shehorn, Gerry Halligan, Barb Gessner, Jon Sylvia, Vern Brekke, Frank Ferris, Cythia Fruch, Hillary Kaplowitz, Ted Himmah, Bob Hodgkins, Bob Kunkel, Ward Melenich, Doug

Musser, Scott Redden, John Pfund, Jeff Penner, Matt Moller, Ed Shatzen, Bob Reish, Randy Schuster. Kanaka Koll Kukul. O'lohe Jerry Walker.

- Professor Bob McKean, and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, releases a series of DVD's demonstrating the arts of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu as taught by Professor Bill Montero in the 1970s.
  - The series of DVD's include the Danzan Ryu Jujitsu arts of: Atemi Waza, Yawara, Nage No Kata, Shime No Kata, Oku No Kata, Fujin Goshin No Maki, Shinin No Maki, Shingin No Maki, Nage No Kata II, Shime No Kata II, and Oku No Kata.
- The Jujitsu American National Convention, celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jujitsu American, was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, foster City, CA – July 11 – 13.
- Victor Mancia (of Ecuador) and Michael Werth are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Bushidokan Federation.
- Russ Coelho is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu – May.

## 2009

- Robert Hodgkin is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – April 18.
- Janice Okamoto is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Jujitsu America.
- Senior Professor Lamar Fisher, of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in Chico, CA – September 10.
- 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Costa Mesa, CA.
  - Instructors: Professors Lamar Fisher, Bill Randle, Tom Hill, Larry Nolte, Sheryl Hager, Dennis Estes, Tom Ryan, Tony Janovich. Sensei Dominic Beltrami, Dan Butler, Bob McKean, Frank Ferris, Kevin Colton. Steve Balzac, Cynthia Frfueh, Delina Fuchs, Gerry Halligan, Barb Gessner, Ted Himmah, Bob Hodgkin, Hillary Kaplowitz, Ward Melenich, Tim Merrill, Matt Mollier, Jeff Meyer, Doug Musser, Jeff Penner, John Pfund.
- Professor Tom Ball is appointed Senior Professor of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation by their board of Professors during their annual board meeting in Davis, CA – September.
  - The Board of Professors destroys the face of the “3<sup>rd</sup> Soke of Danzan Ryu” stamp (chop) that had been used by Sr. Professor Lamar Fisher since 1991.
- Professor Ken Regennitter, retired American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Professor, passed away in Shawnee, KS – November 9.
- Professor James DeHaven, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, passes away in Custer, South Dakota – September 5. Professor DeHaven had been on the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Board of Directors for over a decade.

- Professors Joe Souza and Daniel Saragosa are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- 2009 Annual Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Reunion is held at the Pleasant Marriott, in Pleasanton, CA – September 4-5.
- Joseph “Joe” Ristrom is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Mil Dhond, John Shipley, Leina Chang, Richard Hueston, Gerry Knapton and Ken Nussear are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Bushidokan Federation.
- Glenn Medici III, Zane Graham, Ron Jennings and David McNeill are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Jujitsu Institute – American Jujitsu Institute’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday event - July.

## 2010

- Professor Tom Ball and Professor John Congistre receive their Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation at their annual convention in Oroville, CA – April 18.
- Professor Norman Carl Nelson passes away – June 6.
- Professor Harold Akira Horiuchi is promoted to Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is held in Anaheim CA. Hosted by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – August 21 & 22.
  - Instructors: Shihan Fumio Dennura, Vinson Holck, Dave Parker, Olohe Solomon Kaihewahi, Professors Bill Randle, Carlos Gallegos, Janice Okamoto, Clyde Zimmerman, Bob McKean, Willy Cahill, Mike Chubb, Sam Luke, Mike Belzer, James Muro, Roger Medlem, Joe Souza, George Arrington, Tony Janovich, Len Riley, Steve McMillian, Rich Charlebois, Russ Coelho, Roy Center, Mel Carsibog, John Congistre, Richard Bunch, Maureen Browne, Rory Rebmann, Jon Jacques, Bill Beach, Ken Eddy Sensei Jonathen Largent, Irene Swanson, Barb Gessner, Hans Ingebretsen, Kevin Colton, K.C. Bui
- Ohana Alliance meeting was held in Anaheim, CA – August 23
  - A motion was made by Professor George Arrington, and seconded by Professor Danny Saragosa, that all current officers for the Ohana Alliance be maintained. Motion was unanimously approved.
  - Officers include:
    - Professor Sam Luke – President
    - Professor Tony Janovich – Vice-President
    - Professor Sue Jennings – Secretary
    - Professor John Congistre – Treasurer
    - Professor George Arrington – Webmaster
    - Professor Ron Jennings – Communications

- Professor Rory Rebmann receive receives his Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) from the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai during Ohana – August 22.
- Professor Mike Chubb receives his Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) from the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, American Jujitsu Institute and Kodo Butoku Renmei during Ohana – August 22.
- Barbara Gessner is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – August 22.
- Sue Jennings is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Janice Okamoto is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Russ Coelho, Mike Esmailzadeh, Dale Kahoun, James Muro, Richard Pietrelli and Bob McKean are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association at Ohana – August 22.
- Lawrence Boydston, Jack Carter, Ai Ikemoto, Hans Ingebretsen, Scott Merrill and Stephen Nicholes are awarded the title of Associate Professor by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association at Ohana – August 22.
- ***KaishinKai*** becomes a Danzan Ryu organization under the direction of Professor Ron Jennings – August.
- The Medford Judo Academy, a dojo member of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Professor Larry Nolte has been the dojo sensei since 1962. The dojo has been located in the same building since 1960, located at 104 W. First St, Phoenix, Oregon.
  - The Medford Judo Academy was given a dojo membership certificate in 1960. The certificate is signed by Professors Bud Estes, Richard Rickerts, Ray Law and John Cahill. The certificate is still proudly handing on the dojo wall.
- David Scheid and Richard Radcliff are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Bushidokan Federation.
- Professor Michael Werth as awarded the rank of Rokudan by the Bushidokan Federation.
- 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Oroville, CA.
- Hachiro Okazaki, son of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki, passes away in Honolulu, HI – September 6.
- American Jujitsu Institute Professor, Bernard Baptise, passes away in Pacific Grove, CA - September 1.
- The 2010 Jujitsu America National Convention is held at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale, FL – September 3 – 5.

- Professor Bill Fischer and Professor Clyde Zimmerman receive their Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) from Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Bill Fischer receives his Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) from the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Professor Rory Center receives his Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) from the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Professor Bernard E. Baptiste, American Jujitsu Institute Professor and Judan, passes away in Pacific Grove, CA. – September 1.
- The *Kilohana Legend Award* is presented to Professor Thomas Jenkins and Associate Professor Al Ikemoto by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
- Professor Rory Rebmann and Sensei Ester Azumi Takamoto are inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Professor Tom Jenkins becomes a Senior Advisor to the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.

## 2011

- Shihan Vinson Holck is awarded the title of Dai Shihan by the Kodenkan Yudanshakai – January.
- Professor John Congistre becomes Senior Professor of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation after Professor Tom Ball is removed for his involvement in making the fraudulent Estes kaidensho certificate.
- Professor Wally Jay, co-founder of Jujitsu America and founder of the Small Circle Jujitsu) passes away in Alameda, CA – May 29. He had been the last surviving charter member of the American Jujitsu Institute.
- Marcos Baca and Dan Baca are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Christian Jujitsu Association – July 7.
- Professor Joseph “Joe” Holck (student of Professor Okazaki and Professor Sig Kufferath and founder of the Kodenkan Yudanshakai) passes away in Tucson, AZ – November 6.
- The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance requests Professor Thomas R. Jenkins to research and make a computerized reproduction of the mokuroku scroll commonly presented by Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki to his black Belt students during the late 1930s and early 1940s. The sole intention being that of preserving and propagating some of Master Okazaki’s teachings as recorded in his original scrolls. These mokuroku scrolls are presented to select black belt students of Professor Bob McKean, who was a student of Professor William “Bill” Montero Sr.
  - Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scrolls were awarded to Mike Tucker, Chris Nicholas, Dominic Beltrami and Jesse Ellis by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – May.
- Professor James Muro is promoted to Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association at their annual banquet in Morgan Hill, CA. – November.



- Bob McKean is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Bushidokan Federation.
- 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in San Ramon, CA.
- The *Kilohana Legend Award* is presented to Sensei Bernice Jay by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
- The Kufferath 2011 International Martial Art Symposium is held to celebrate Professor Sig Kufferath's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Siegfried Kamehameha Togo Washington Kufferath was born on February 16, 1911. The event was held at the Santa Clara Marriott in Santa Clara, CA – March 26-27.
- The 2011 Shoshin Ryu Reunion is held at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, Buena Park, CA.

## 2012

- Troy Shehorn is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance in Pleasanton, CA - January 21.
- Professor John Congistre is removed by the Board of Professors from the position of Senior Professor of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation. Tom Ball is reinstated as the Senior Professor of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation after being suspended for a year for his involvement in making the fraudulent Estes kaidensho certificate - AJJF National Convention, Sacramento, CA - March 17.
- Kevin Colton is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance at the Bob Krull Memorial, Hayward, CA – April 28.
- Professor Libert O'Sullivan is inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.
- Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scroll is awarded to Robbin Miller by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – January.
- Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scroll is awarded to Kevin Colton by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – April.
- 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held at the Double Tree by Hilton, in Sacramento, CA – March 16-17-18.
- Professors Larry Nolte and Rory Rebmann become Senior Advisors to the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.
- Professor Tom Jenkins becomes a Senior Advisor to the Kilohana Martial Arts Association.
- Professor Bryan Stanley authors, *The History of Shoshin Ryu – Volume 1*. ISBN: 978-4327-8645-9.

- Professor Rory Rebmann resigns from the Board of Professor of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation after 34 years as a board member – June 7. He remains a member of Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai and Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.
- Professor Wally Jay's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance Convention and Banquet was held at the Marriott Rancho Cordova Hotel in Sacramento, CA – June 15 – 17.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is held at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, HI. Hosted by the American Jujitsu Institute – July 6-7-8.
- Ohana Alliance meeting was held in Honolulu, HI – July 9.
  - Attendees: Danny Saragosa, Scott Horiuchi, Gary Jones, Tom Ryan, Herb LaGue, Kevin Colton, John Congistre, Dale Kahoun, Russ Rhodes, Kevin Dalrymple, Carlos Gallegos, Richard Bunch, Glenn Medici, Stephen Nicholis, Janice Okamoto, Ken Eddy, Terry Adlawan, Aussie Adlawan, Zane Graham Sr., Deb Graham, Charles P.K. Lee, Ron Jennings, Sue, Jennings, Sam Luke, Tony Janovich, Lester Kiehl, Hans Ingebretsen and Kainoa Li.
  - The Ohana Alliance voted to approve a vision and mission statement. The vote was 10 in favor and 0 opposed.
 

*Our Vision: To bring closer unity, better understanding and increased cooperation across the money distinct Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu and affiliated organizations.*

*Our Mission: To enable and support one or more host organizations in the planning, facilitation, execution and promotion of the Ohana convention event on an agreed upon cycle.*
  - A motion was made to change the organizations name to *Ohana International* to embrace the concept to an international organization. The vote was 13 in favor, with 0 votes not in favor, and 1 abstaining - motion passed.
- Professor Ken Eddy receives his Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) from the American Jujitsu Institute – July 8.
- Professor Janice Okamoto receives her Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) from the American Jujitsu Institute – July 8.
- Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scrolls were awarded to Professor Troy Shehorn and Sensei Robert Korody by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – August 12.
- Professor Bill Beach, Danzan Ryu Judan and founder of the Hawaiian Jiu-Jitsu System, passes away in Jacksonville, Florida – August 16.
- The American Judo & Jujitsu Federation holds its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Brown Belt Weekend in Redding, CA. – October 12-14. The event is hosted by the Redding Jujitsu Academy.
- Senior Professor John Congistre becomes the first *Taishi* (Ambassador) elected by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Board of Professors.

- The Board of Professors recognized that the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation needed to become more interactive with the other Danzan Ryu organizations.
  - The “AJJF Ambassador” position was created with the intent of building relationships with the other Danzan Ryu organizations.
- 2012 Danzan Ryu Ohana – Danzan Ryu organizations  
Information obtained from websites and personal contacts.

Organizations

Schools

**American Jujitsu Institute 41**

- Website: [www.americanjujitsuinstitute.org](http://www.americanjujitsuinstitute.org)
- Established: 1939
- Organization Head: Professor Sam Luke.
- Professors – 36
- Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) – 11
- Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) – 16
- Yodan (4<sup>th</sup> dan) – 30
- Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) – 29
- Nidan – 39
- Shodan - 46

**American Judo & Jujitsu Federation 86**

- Website: [www.ajjf.org](http://www.ajjf.org)
- Established: 1948
- Organization Head: CEO/Professor Dennis Estes.
- 8 schools have 50 or more members.
- Professors - 13
- Associate Professors - 2
- Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) - 6
- Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) - 20
- Yodan (4<sup>th</sup> dan) – 29
- Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) – 48
- Nidan – 101
- Shodan - 156

**Bushidokan Federation 29**

- Website: [www.bushidokan.us](http://www.bushidokan.us)
- Established: 2004
- Organization Head: Professor Herb LaGue
- Professors – 18
- Yodan (4<sup>th</sup> dan) – 5
- Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) – 13
- Nidan – 16
- Shodan - 22

**Christian Jujitsu Association 11**

- Website: [www.christianjujitsu.com](http://www.christianjujitsu.com)

- Established: 1994
- Organization Head: Professor Gene Edwards.
- Professors - 4

### **Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu**

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- Website: [www.goshinjitsuchowhoon.com](http://www.goshinjitsuchowhoon.com)
- Established: 1991
- Organization Head: Professor James Muro.
- Senior Advisors – 2
- Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) – 1
- Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) – 2
- Shichidan – 3
- Kyoshi – 5
- Shidoshi - 2
- Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) – 8
- Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) – 7
- Yodan (4<sup>th</sup> dan) 7
- Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) – 22
- Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan) – 25
- Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> dan) – 57

### **Jujitsu America**

**29**

- Website: [www.jujitsuamerica.org](http://www.jujitsuamerica.org)
- Established: 1978
- Organization Head: Sensei Eric Renner
- Professors – 11
- Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) – 18
- Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) – 21
- Yodan (4<sup>th</sup> dan) – 40
- Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) – 60
- Nidan – 69
- Shodan - 133

### **KaishinKai**

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- Website: [www.kaishinkai.com](http://www.kaishinkai.com)
- Organization Head: Professor Ron Jennings.
- Established: 2010
- Professors - 2

### **Kilohana Martial Arts Association**

**29**

- Website: [www.kilohanausa.org](http://www.kilohanausa.org)
- Established: 1996
- Organization Head: Grand Master Arthur Gonzalez
- Senior Advisors – 6
- Professors - 14

## **Kodenkan Yudanshakai** **8**

- Website: None
- Established: 1967
- Organization Head: Shihan Vincent Holck.

## **Pacific Jujitsu Alliance** **24**

- Website: [www.pacificjujitsualliance.com](http://www.pacificjujitsualliance.com)
- Established: 2001
- Organization Head: Professor Bob McKean.
- The PJA is a yudanshakai (black belt organization) and has no junior or kyu rank members.
- Senior Advisors – 6
- Professors – 9
- Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) -2
- Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) – 10
- Yodan (4<sup>th</sup> dan) – 9
- Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) – 13
- Nidan – 23
- Shodan - 37

## **Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai** **10**

- Website: [www.shoshinryu.com](http://www.shoshinryu.com)
  - Established: 1987
  - Organization Head:
  - Professors - 52
  - Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) - 10
  - Yodan (4<sup>th</sup> dan) - 17
  - Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan) - 45
  - Nidan - 56
  - Shodan - 117
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bushidokan Gathering (Bushidokan Federation of Dojos) is held at the Bushidokan Dojo, Sparks, NV – July 21-22.
  - The Jujitsu American National Convention and Sport Jujitsu U.S. National Championship Tournament (JA/ U.S. Judo Association), is held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, FL – September 28-30.
  - Professor Lee Eichelberger is awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> degree) by Jujitsu American. Professor Richard Bunch, Professor David Jennings and Professors Joe Souza are awarded the rank of Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> degree), Professor Rudy Aguilar the rank of Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) and Sensei Eric Renner to Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) – November.
  - Professor Thomas Jenkins receives his Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) from the Kilohana Martial Arts Association – November 17.
  - Professor Thomas Jenkins is inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – November 17.

- Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scroll is awarded to Sensei Gerald Halligan by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – Naperville, Illinois – Dec. 1.

## 2013

- The 2013 Kodenkan Jujitsu Okugi is held in the San Jose, CA. on January 25-27 and March 1-3.
  - Instructor: Professor Tony Janovich, Assistant Instructors: Bob Hudson, Clive Guth, Janice Okamoto, and Thomas Westfall.
  - Attendees: Ron Jennings, Sue Jennings, Lawrence Boydston, Mike Belzer, David Woodland, Justin Kocker, Keith Thompson, Hillary Kapowitz, Delina Fuch, Richard Young, Thabiti Sabahive, Jerold Kunzman, Nerissa Freeman, Robert Kunkel, Richard Howell, Eddie Gearhart, Irene Swanson, Tammy Graham, Michael Salter, Michael Urmeneta, Jon Tessier, Dennis Dias, Rachel Beatty, Michael Beatty, Donald Stahinecker, Jack Mauck, S. Kainoa Li, Michael Wheeler, Tatiana Deeff, Danielle Primas, David Shaw, Peter Sweeny, Patrick Hedgepath, Robert Rainey, Mark Peters, Barry Posner, Eric Atienza, Daniel Weinbery, Gary Yonkers, Mark Roberts, Christopher Woo, Terrence Woo, Daniel Van Hook, Yousef Fahoum, Clifford Reis, Gregory Poretz, Christopher Love, Karl Mueller, Jason Romano, Benjamin Labelle, Julian Pimienta, Robert Gebhat, Guillermo Hernandez, Chris Garland, Lonnie Calhoun.
- 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held at the Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel and Convention Center, Burbank, CA. – April 4-7.
- Kevin Colton is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, April 6.
- The American Judo & Jujitsu Federation promotes Professor Bob Hudson to Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan), Professor Geoff Lane to Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) and Professor Bob Hodgkin to Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) - April 6.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend was held at the Amador Judo & Jujitsu Studio in Livermore, CA – June 1-2. The event was co-hosted by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. 13 DZR Professors and 66 DZR black belts were in attendance.
  - Instructors: Professors Rory Rebmann, James Muro, John Congistre, Bill Fischer, Ken Eddy, Russ Coelho, Tom Jenkins, Larry Nolte, Mike Esmailzadeh, Bob McKean, Hans Ingebretsen, Troy Shehorn, and Jason Spencer.
- Professor Larry Nolte receives his Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) from the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and the Kilohana Martial Arts Association at the Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend – Livermore, CA, June 1.
- Professor Larry Nolte is inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai at the Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend – Livermore, CA, June 1.
- Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scroll is awarded to Professor Hans Ingebretsen by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance at the Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend – Livermore, CA, June 1.

- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bushidokan Gathering was held in Sparks, NV – June 21-23.
- Professor Tom Jenkins retires from the Board of Professors of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation after 24 years as a board member – August 6. He remains as a Senior Advisor for Kilohana Martial Arts Association and Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.
- Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Reunion 2013 was held at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel, Cerritos, CA – August 9-11.
- Professor Bill Fischer is presented with the *Kilohana 'Ohana Award* by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association at the Shoshin Ryu Reunion – August 10.
- Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai promotes Professor Larry Nolte to Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan), Professor James Lambert to Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) and Professor Ron Jennings to Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) at the Shoshin Ryu Reunion – August 10.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual K.I.T.W. (Knives in the Woods) was held in Crescent City, CA – August 16-18. 33 alumni, from prior K.I.T.W. training courses, were in attendance. 31 were Danzan Ryu black belts.
- Jujitsu American 2013 National Convention & Tournaments were held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Foster City, CA - September 6-7.
- Eric Renner, Joe DeBattista and Lawrence Boydston are awarded the title of DZR Associate Professor by Jujitsu America – September 7.
- Keith Yorio Okazaki, son of Hachiro Okazaki and grandson of Professor Henry S. Okazaki, passes away at his home in Honolulu at the age of 65 – September 17.
- 35<sup>th</sup> American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Black Belt Weekend, Placerville, CA – October 4-6.
  - Instructors: AJJF Professors Tom Ball, Jane Carr, Geoff Lane, Sheryl Hager and Tom Hill.
- The 2014 Kilohana Gathering is held at the Amador Judo & Jujitsu Studio in Livermore, CA - November 9.
- Mike Tucker, Chris Nicholas, Tim Harris and Chuck Goodman are awarded the title of DZR Associate Professor by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association – November 9.
- Mike Tucker and Chris Nicholas are awarded the title of DZR Professor by Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – November 9.

## **2014**

- Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scroll is awarded to Sensei Brandon Johnson by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – Medford, OR – January 26.
- Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scroll is awarded to Sensei Bruce Anders by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – Livermore, CA – February 22.

- 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Oroville, CA – April 4-6.
- Professor Don Cross is promoted to Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation – April 5.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bushidokan Federation Gathering is held in Sparks NV – June 13-15.
- Eric Pietrelli, Dale Casale, and Ross Triplet are awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Bushidokan Federation – Sparks, NV - June 14.
- Professors Michael Werth and Victor Manica are promoted to Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan), Professors David Schied, Richard Hueston, Mil Dhond and Ken Nussear are promoted to Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) by the Bushidokan Federation – Sparks, NV - June 14.
- The American Jujitsu Institute holds its 75 anniversary celebration during Ohana 2014. June 20, Santa Clara Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara CA.
- The American Jujitsu Institute awards a doctorate degree in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu to Patrick Campbell – June 20 – Santa Clara, CA
- The 12<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering was hosted by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association and Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. June 20-22, Santa Clara Marriott Hotel, Santa Clara, CA.
  - Danzan Professors who instructed at Ohana 2014 included: Willy Cahill, Mike Chubb, John Congistre, Vinson Holck, Harold Horiuchi, Herb LaGue , Sam Luke, James Muro, Bill Randle, Rory Rebumann, Richard Bunch, Ken Eddy, Bill Fischer, Gary Jones, Danny Saragosa, Jon Jacques, Ron Jennings, Larry Nolte, Janice Okamoto, Russ Rhodes, Mike Esmailzadeh, Dale Kahoun, Bob McKean, Glenn Medici, Eric Renner, David Parker, Kevin Colton, Barb Gessner, Hans Ingebretsen, Chris Nicholas, Mike Tucker, Stephen Nicholls, Troy Shehorn, Jason Spencer, Sue Jennings,
- Bernice Jay is awarded the title of Danzan Ryu Professor. Her certificate was signed by representatives of Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, American Jujitsu Institute, Kodenakn Yudanshakai, American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, Kilohana Martial Arts Association, Bushidokan Federation and Chow-Hoon Goshin Jitsu – Santa Clara, CA – June 21.
- The Kilohana Martial Arts Association awards the rank of Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) to Professors Russ Coelho, Mike Esmailzadeh, Dale Kahoun, and Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) to Professors Hans Ingebretsen, Jack Carter and Ai Ikemoto – Santa Clara, CA - June 21.
- Professor Bob McKean is awarded the rank of Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and the Kilohana Martial Arts Association – Santa Clara, CA. – June 21
- Professor Barbara Gessner is awarded the rank of Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai and Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – Santa Clara, CA – June 21.
- Gerry Halligan is awarded the title of DZR Professor by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – Santa Clara, CA – June 21.



- Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scroll is awarded to Professor Barb Gessner and Sensei Dan Butler by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – Santa Clara, CA – June 21.
- Walter Burgo is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Jujitsu America – Santa Clara, CA – June 21.
- The late Professor Robert Krull is inducted into the *Danzan Ryu Hall Fame* by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai at Ohana 2014, Santa Clara, CA – June 21.
- Professors Rick Alemany and Dennis Eli are awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute – Santa Clara, CA – June 21.
- Professor Glenn Medici is awarded the rank of Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) and Professor Scott Horiuchi to Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute – Santa Clara, CA – June 21.
- 37<sup>th</sup> Annual American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Brown Belt Weekend, Chico, CA. – September 6-7.
- The 2014 Jujitsu America National Convention is held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, FL – September 26 – 29. Named one of the top 10 martial arts events of the year by *Black Belt Magazine*.
- 36<sup>th</sup> American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Black Belt Weekend, Chico, CA – October 10-12.
  - Instructors: AJJF Professors Tom Ball, Geoff Lane, Larry Nolte, Sheryl Hager, Bob Hodgkin, Kevin Colton – Sensei Ted Himmah, Troy Shehorn, Frank Ferris, Kilohana Professor Hans Ingebretsen.

## 2015

- Rich Borba is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Professor Gene Edwards, Christian Jujitsu Association – Riverside, CA. – January 17.
- 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in San Ramon, CA – March 12-15.
  - American Judo & Jujitsu Promotions: Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) Prof. Jane Carr. AJJF Professor - Marty Brzykcy & Troy Shehorn
  - Instructors: Professors Bill Randle, Rory Rebmann, Hans Ingebretsen, Willy Cahill, John Congistre, Larry Nolte, Tom Hill, Bob Hodgkin, Troy Shehorn, Kevin Colton Dennis Estes, Sheryl Hager, Jane Carr, Tom Ryan, Don Cross, Geoff Lane, Bob Hudson, Tom Ball, Tony Janovich, Ed Shatzen, Jack Mauck and George Arrington. Sensei Dominic Beltrami, Jon Sylvia, Marty Brzykey, Dan Browning, Harry Burleson, Chris Dens, Frank Ferris, Nerissa Freeman, Delina Fuchs, Ken Gadbury, Ted Himmah, Richard Howell, Jeff Ingold, Jeremy Jones, Steve Balzac, Ward Melenich, Paukl Krusee, Hillary Kaplowitz, Tim Merrill, Jeff Meyer, Lyle Naita, Joe Pisano, Robert Rainey, Justin Kocher, Scott Redden, Katie Stevens, Pete St. Pierre, Keith Tompson, Sohn Wehseler and Kimo Williams.

- Jerry Tarutani, student of Professor Okazaki and one of the founding directors of the American Jujitsu Institute passes away at the age of 95 in Nu'Uano Valley, Hawaii – April 7.
- The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Masters Memorial is held at Amador Judo & Jujitsu in Livermore, CA. Hosted by Professor Chris Nicholas - May 16.
  - Pacific Jujitsu Alliance promotions: Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) – Troy Shehorn. Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) Dominic Beltrami. Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) Danny Barrett.
  - Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Mokuroku scroll is awarded to Sensei Danny Barrett by Professor Bob McKean and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.
- The Christian Jujitsu Association 2015 Annual Summer Camp is held in Kalispell, MT. – June 26 – 29.
  - Camp Instructors: Professors Gene Edwards, Dan Baca, David Hallowell, Rich Borba, Sensei Martin Bregman, Dan Butler, John Cleary, Edward Cope, Daniel De Pinto, Jess Green, Travis Sienknecht, Cody Maynard, Ken Holt, Jonathan McBurney.
- American Jujitsu Institute Camp Kokua 2015 “Once In A Blue Moon” is held in Portola, CA. hosted by Professor Ken Eddy, July 31 – August 2.
  - Camp Instructors: Professors Sam Luke, Danny Saragosa, Kevin Dalrymple, Gary Jones, Ken Eddy, Mie Esmailizadheh, Carlos Gallegos, Hans Ingebretsen, Dale Kahoun, Kainoa Li, Bob McKean, Stephen Nicholls, Jason Spensor, Sensei Bob & Kathie Reish, Mike Bern and Melissa Wiseman.
  - Promotions made at Camp Kokua: Kudan (9th dan) – Melvin Cansibog, Hachidan (8th dan) - Ron Jennings, Andrew Manwaring & Carlos Gallegos. Shichidan (7th dan) - Jason Spencer, Tom Rennie & Stephen Nicholls. Rokudan (6th dan) - Sue Jennings and Richard Stockton.
  - Awards made at Camp Kokua: American Jujitsu Institute Doctor of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu - Professor Bob McKean & Professor Ken Eddy.
- Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Reunion 2015 – Holiday Inn, La Mirada, Ca – August 21 –23.
  - Promotions made at SRY Reunion: Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) – Rory Center & Clyde Zimmerman. Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) – Maureen Browne, Carlos Gallegos & Stephen McMillian. Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) Suarez Raymundo & Sue Jennings.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual K.I.T.W. (Knives in the Woods) was held in Crescent City, CA – August 21 – 23.
- David Woodland is awarded the title of DZR Professor by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai – Aug. 23.
- The 2015 Jujitsu America National Convention is held at the Foster City Crown Plaza Hotel, Foster City, CA – October 23 – 25.

- Promotions made at JA National Convention: Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) – Carla Bunch
- Awards presented at JA National Convention: Professor Samuel C. Luke is inducted into Jujitsu America's Hall of Fame
- Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai promotions: Students of Professor William (Bill) Randle at the Westside Jujitsu Dojo. Thabiti Sabahive and Justin Kocher to the rank of Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) and the title of Danzan Ryu Professor. Professor Barry Posner promoted to the rank of Rodkdan (6<sup>th</sup> dan) – December 10, 2015
- American Jujitsu Institute Annual Christmas Party & Promotions were held in Wahiawa, HI – December 12, 2015.
  - Promotions made at AJI Christmas Party: Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) – Professor Melvin Cansibog
  - Awards: Professor Janice Okamoto – AJI 2015 Instructor of the Year

## 2016

- 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held at the Nugget Hotel Sparks, NV. April 1-3.
  - Instructors: Professors Larry Nolte, John Congistre, Bill Randell, Troy Shehorn, Bob Hodgkin, Marty Brzykcy, Hans Ingebretsen, James Muro, George Arrington, Tony Janovich, Tom Ryan Kevin Colton, Don Cross, Tom Ball, Dennis Estes, Sheryl Hager, Bob Hudson, Geoff Lane. Shihan Melanie Fine & Dara Masi. Lim Yi Maslin. Sensei Dennis Bruggman, Frank Ferris, Ted Himmah, Tim Merrill, Scott Redden, Ed Shatzen, Steve Balzac, Dan Browning, Nerissa Freeman, Delina Fuchs, Filberto Gutierrez, Hillary Kaplowitz, Ward Melenich, Jeff Meyers, Matt Moller, Doug Musser, Lyle Najita, John Pfund, Bob Reish, Thabiti Sabahive, Katie Stevens, Harry Burtleson, Chris Denz, Cynthia Frueh, Jess Green, Richard Howell, Jeff Ingold, Jeremy Jones, Justin Kocher, Skip Maxfield, Robert Rainey, Pete St. Pierre, David Shaw, Kimo Williams, Keith Thompson
  - Promotions made at AJJF Convention: Professor Denis Estes is promoted to Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan). Delina Fuchs, Hillary Kaplowitz & Jeff Meyers to Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan).
- 33<sup>rd</sup> Camp Danzan Ryu is held in Ben Lomond, CA – May 13-15.
- The 13<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is hosted by the Bushidokan Federation at the Nugget Hotel, Sparks, NV. June 17-20.
  - Ohana 2016 Instructors: Herb LaGue, Lama Jigme Rinpoche, Swami Radhikananda Saraswati, Sam Luke, Harold Horiuchi, Charles Kaulukuku, Jerry Walker, Richard Bunch, Melvin Cansibog, Donna Cary, Dale Casale, Kevin Colton, Ty Crimi, Joe Debasttista, Milind Dhond, Michael Esmailzadeh, Rowdy Hall, Scott Horiuchi, Hans Ingebretsen, Gary Jones, George Kirby, Davida Kwoka, Kainoa Li, Bob McKean, Steve McLaughlin, James Muro, Stephen Nicholls, Ken Nussear, Eric Pietrelli, Richard Pietrelli, Russ Rhodes, Danny Saragosa, John Shipley, Joe Souza, Lenin Trujillo, Mike Wearth, George Arrington, Kerslhune wescott, Selena Boggs, Carla Bunch, Kenna Bunch, Brad Burgo, Benjamin Canisbog, Ryan Cary, Rob Gale, Duane Gillies, Ty Hatfield,

Maryanna Jones, Mike Larsen, Kathie Reish, Robert Reish, Graciela Casillas, Kate Demoss, Rick Eaton, Katie Fisher, Michael French, Gwen Jones, Kim Sigler, Julie Straw

- Robert Korody is awarded the title of Danzan Ryu Professor by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance at Ohana 2016, Sparks, NV - June 18.
- Professor Kevin Dalrymple is promoted to the rank of Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute at Ohana 2016 – June 18.
- Sr. Professor Sam Luke is presented the Distinguished Service Award by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance for his years of service and dedication to the teachings of Professor Henry S. Okazaki and the Esoteric Principles of Kodenkan Judo at Ohana 2016 –June 18.
- Professor Rich Borba, Christian Jujitsu Association, passes away in Madisonville, KY – June 30.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Christian Jujitsu Association Summer Camp is held in Kalispell, MT. – July 4-8.
  - Camp Instructors: Professors Gene Edwards, Bob McKean, Dan Butler, Dan Baca, David Hallowell, Sensei John Cleary, Jake Lindberg, Cody Maynard, Travis Sienknecht, Tony Shamp, Jonathan Stineford, Anthony Meisner, Jonathan McBurney, David Calabretta and Ken Holt
- Dan Butler is awarded the title of Danzan Ryu Professor by the Christian Jujitsu Association – Kalispell, MT – July 6
- Professor James Musselman, of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away in Sparks, NV at the age of 85 – July 9.
- Retired Professor Betty Mailette, of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation, passes away at the age of 92 – August 22.
- Professor Len Riley is awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, Boulder, NV – September 4.
- 2016 Kilohana Brown & Black Belt Weekend was held in Oakland, CA. – September 17 & 18.
  - Instructors: Professors Mike Esmailzadeh, Hans Ingebretsen, Scott Merrill, Mike Tucker and Chris Nicholas.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual K.I.T.W. (Knives in the Woods) was held at Lake Solano County Park, Winters, CA. – Sept. 25.
  - Master Instructors: Bob McKean, Mike Tucker, Chris Nicholas, Tory Shehorn.
- Dan Butler is awarded the title of Danzan Ryu Professor by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance – Winters, CA – Sept. 25.

- Chow-Hoon Goshinjitsu 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Promotion Ceremony is held at the Post 41 American Legion Hall, Jefferson St. Monterey, CA. – Sept. 24. Hosted by Professors James Muro and Tim Harris.
  - Promotion: Robert Kent to Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan), Larry Bethers, James Carrillo, Chuck Goodman, Tim Harris, Scott Merrill, Pedro Porem, Bijay Singh to Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan), Eric Chavez, Charlie Mosqueda, Stephen Tuazon to Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan), Leo Barahona, Raquel Muro, Stephen Williams to Yodan (4<sup>th</sup> dan).
- American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Annual Black Belt Weekend is hosted by Sensei Nerissa Freeman and the Wasenshi Kan Dojo – Roseville, CA. Sept 30 – Oct. 1.
  - Instructors: Professors Jane Carr, Sheryl Hagher, Troy Shehorn, Kevin Colton, Bob Hudson, Tom Ball and Mike Esmailzadeh.
- The 2016 Jujitsu America National Convention is held at the International Palms Resort, Orlando, FL. – October 7-9.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kilohana Martial Arts Association and Gasshuku Masters Seminar is held in Campbell, CA. – November 12 & 13.
  - Instructors: Professors Willy Cahill, James Muro, Lawrence Boydston, Jack Carter, Hans Ingebretsen, Bob McKean, Mike Tucker, Chris Nicholas, Mike Esmailzadeh, Rowdy Hall, Steve Harris, Tim Harris, Dale Kahoun, Scott Merrill, Steve Nicholls, Kevin Colton, Steve Orcino,, Shihan Russ Rhodes, Guro Bob Reish, Hanshi Anton Muhammad, Master Ev Peper, Bob Maschmeier, Kaiso Shawn Cephas, Sifu David Leung, Guro Darren Tibon, Master Bill Chun Jr., Sensei Derek Baure, Delina Fuchs, Eddie Gearhart, Matt Olson and Kathie Reish.
- Professor Larry Nolte is awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) By the Kilohana Martial Arts Association, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai and Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. Campbell, CA. – November 22.
- Associate Professors Hans Ingebretsen, Jack Carter, Al Ikemoto, and Scott Merrill are awarded the title of Danzan Ryu Professor by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association. Campbell, CA. – November 22.
- Robert Reish is awarded the titled of Danzan Ryu Professor by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association and Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. Campbell, CA. – November 22.

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- Professor Libert Kuuleilunaililo O’Sullivan (Judan – American Jujitsu Institute & Kilohana Martial Arts Association) passes way in Hauula, Hawaii, January 31 at the age of 84.
- Gary DeGarmo is awarded the title of Danzan Ryu Professor by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. Medford, OR – Febraury 28, 2017.
- 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held at the Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario, CA. – April 28-30.

- Dan Browning, Filberto Gutierrez, Lyle Najita and Ward Melenich are promoted to Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan)
- Hillary Kaplowitz is awarded the titled of Danzan Ryu Professor by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation. Ontario, CA. – April 29.
- Professor Tom Ryan is promoted to Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation. Ontario, CA. – April 29.
- Senior Professor Samuel C. Luke, president of the Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Ohana Alliance and the American Jujitsu Institute, passes away in Kailua, HI – May 23.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kodengan Yudanshakai, “Kodengan in the Desert” is held in Tucson, AZ. – June 9-11.
- The 2017 Jujitsu America National Convention is held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Foster City, CA. – June 23 -25.
- American Jujitsu Institute Camp Kokua 2017 is held at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu, July 21 – 23
- Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Reunion 2017 – Yorba Linda, Ca – Aug. 19

Promotions made at SRY Reunion: Professor Dan Kveen to Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> dan)

- Jujitsu America’s Annual Kahakai Beach Training. Hosted by Nikko Jujitsu, Manresa Beach, Santa Cruz, CA. – September 24.
- Kilohana Martial Arts Association Black & Brown Belt Weekend, Oakland CA. – October 14 & 15.
- American Judo & Jujitsu Federation Black Belt Weekend, Livermore, CA. – October 14 & 15.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Martial Arts Training Service (MATS) Professor Maureen Browne & Sensei John Gussman. Naperville, IL – November 10 & 11.

Guest Instructors:

Sensei Doug Tono, 7<sup>th</sup> dan Kodokan Judo, Tohkon Judo Academy  
Sensei Judy Leppert, 5<sup>th</sup> dan Aikido, Midwest Aikido Federation

- Vinson K. Holck, Dai Shihan (Judan/10<sup>th</sup> degree black belt) and son of Kodengan Yudanshaka founder Joseph Holck, passes away in Tucson, AZ at the age of 65 – November 24.
  - Arizona Air National Guard – 1969 – 2016
  - Police officer and Sergeant with the Tucson Police Department – 1973 -1993

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- Professor Mike Tucker (Rokudan/6<sup>th</sup> degree black belt), of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, passes away in Fremont, CA at the age of 53 - January 12.
  - Charter member of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and Master K.I.T.W. Knife Instructor.
  - Past president of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association
- 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation is held in Sacramento, CA. – April 5-8.
- Sr. Professor William Randle made the follow promotions in Los Angeles, CA – May 5
  - Michael Belzer – Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> degree black belt)
  - Michael Salter – Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> degree black belt)
  - Randall Katz – Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> degree black belt)
  - Thabiti Sabahive – Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> degree black belt)
- The 14<sup>th</sup> Ohana gathering is hosted by the Jujitsu America at the Nugget Hotel, Sparks, NV. June 1, 2 & 3.
- Professor Ken Eddy is awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute at Ohana 2018, Spark, NV – June 2
- Professor Janice Okamoto is awarded the rank of Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) by the American Jujitsu Institute at Ohana 2018, Spark, NV – June 2
- Chris Peterson is awarded the title of Danzan Ryu Professor by Jujitsu America at Ohana 2018, Sparks, NV – June 2
- Jujitsu America – 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kahakai Beach Workout, Manresa State Beach, CA – August 18.
- Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Labor Day Black Belt Weekend. Boulder City, NV. – September 1 & 2.
  - Promotions made by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai:
    - Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) - Bruce Stokes, James Lambert, Berry Holck.
    - Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> dan) – Roger Medlen, Ron Jennings, Jon Jacques, Steve Herzog, Richer Charlebois
    - Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) – David Williams, Bryan Stanley, Joseph Ristrom
- Professor William Fischer is awarded the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan). Certificates were presented by Professor Mike Chubb - Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai, Professor Scott Horiuchi - American Jujitsu Institute and Professor Rory Rebmann - Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, Boulder City, NV - September 1
- Professor Lee Wade Eichelberger, Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) with Jujitsu America, passes away in Alameda, CA. – October 5 (February 9, 1927 – October 5, 2018)

- 2018 Kilohana Masters Seminar – Campbell, CA – October 27
  - The guest instructors included: Professors James Muro, Hans Ingebretsen, Rowdy Hall, Dale Kahoun, Bob McKean, Kainoa Li, Chris Nicholas, Scott Horiuchi, Harold Horiuchi, Mike Esmailzadeh, Scott Merrill, Lawrence Boydston, Tim Harris, Shihan Russ Rhoes, Suro Jason Inay. SGM Bob Maschmeier, Olohe Jerry Walker, Sifu Alan Garcia, Soke Frank Sanchez, and Sensei Matt Blankenheim, Eddie Gearhart, Clayton Conrad, Dennis Bruggman, Derek Baure, Dave Long, Jim Pennington.
  - Promotions and titles made by Kilohana Martial Arts Association
    - Senior Professor – Professor James Muro
    - Professor – Mike Tucker, Chris Nicholas, Lawrence Boydston, Chris Peterson, Tim Harris
    - Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) – Lawrence Boydston
- Professor Chris Nicholas is awarded the rank of Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> dan) by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and Kilohana Martial Arts association. Campbell, CA – October 27.