



## Pacific Jujitsu Alliance

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# ***Newsletter – November 2018***

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

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving. As we near the end of 2018 I have update *The Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu*. A revised copy is attached to this mailing. The PJA website has also been updated to include a revised copy. This document is given freely to the members of the DZR community

*The Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu* is a living document and has now grown to 80 pages. This document attempts to record important historical information on events and people involved with the development and growth of our ryu. I would like to thank all of those who have helped me collect the ongoing volume of information found in this document. Some of our history has been lost and some has been distorted. As a ryu we need to know and understand our true roots and those individuals who have contributed to the development of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu.

Any additional validated information or corrections to this document are welcome. Please feel free to contact me. [Cop2rn@aol.com](mailto:Cop2rn@aol.com).

Wishing you and your family a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Years.

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# Southwest Florida Warrior Weekend 2018

Sensei Ross Anthony

The weekend on November 16-18 was a gathering to remember among our PJA warriors. Professor McKean, Professor Nicholas, and Professor Korody made their way down to Naples for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Southwest Florida “Warrior Weekend.” We were also joined by our jujitsu Ohana from Buffalo and New Jersey.



After a long day of traveling, the professors kicked us off late Friday night, not wanting to waste any training time. We warmed up with techniques from all over the boards, setting the right mindset for the weekend. At the end of Friday’s training, we honored those who are no longer able to train with us with a small toast, which has become a tradition when we get together in Southwest Florida.

We were so caught up in our reunion on Friday night that we trained too late for dinner at Professor Korody’s favorite taco restaurant. We had to settle for mediocre meals and even less noteworthy service at the local Ale House, but the warriors were fed and pressed on.

The focus of the weekend was Shime 2 and Nage 2, in which we examined the finer points of the techniques. We were further reminded by Professor McKean of “attitude and intent,” which are essential to the combat mindset. After extremely productive practical training, Professor McKean took some time to remind us of our Danzan Ryu lineage and other points of history.



As always, we didn't want the weekend to end, our family to return home, or to ask Professor McKean and Professor Nicholas to spend another 15 hour day traveling, but we parted with expressions of family and reminders we will continue to grow through each other.



We passed out the t-shirts for the weekend which included the phrase “The Battlefield is the Warrior’s Safe Space.” I felt it was a healthy reminder that when the battle comes to you, YOU and your own attitude are what you depend on. We train for that day because we rely on our own mindset to get us through the fight.

We are grateful for all who attended and are looking forward to next year, with expectations of even more of our jujitsu family attending.

## Tribute to Professor Lee Eichelberger 1927-2018

Professor Janice Okamoto



Professor Lee Eichelberger on the right receiving his Judan (10<sup>th</sup> dan) certificate from Jujitsu American

Professor Lee Eichelberger passed away on October 5, 2018 in Alameda, CA. Born in Fresno, CA in 1927, he moved to Oakland and then Alameda in 1952.

Professor Eichelberger served in the US Navy prior to attending UC Berkeley (Civil Engineering). His engineering career included a combined 34 years for cities of Alameda and Union City, and 11 years with Doric Development.

His interests included folk dancing for over 50 years and the Alameda Little

Theatre of which he was a board member for 33 years.

Lee joined Island Judo/Jujitsu as a student of Professor Wally Jay in 1966. He achieved a 10<sup>th</sup> degree black belt in Kodenkan Danzan Ryu Jujitsu, while also receiving high level black belts in Small Circle Jujitsu and Judo.

He founded The Alameda Small Circle Jujitsu Club to honor his teacher Professor Wally Jay and spent many years teaching. He was inducted into the US Martial Arts Hall of Fame as Jujitsu Grandmaster of the Year in 2011.

Excerpt taken from <http://www.alamedafuneral.org/obituary/lee-eichelberger>  
Photo by Janice Okamoto: Dennis Eichelberger (son) and Professor Lee Eichberger receiving his Judan

Professor Eichelberger was always at the dojo. You could count on him to be there and be consistent in his teaching especially when Professor Wally Jay was traveling. Of course he did take time off for family vacations and to dance at Oktoberfest celebrations.

His engineering mind and thinking was sometimes thought of as strict, but over the decades I knew him I saw that he wanted people to strive beyond doing things “just ok.” He was an equal opportunist; no one was spared from his critical eye. Even as his eyesight began to fail he participated in class. His mind was still strong and he would answer questions from the students.

I learned a lot from Professor Eichelberger while driving him to and from classes and clinics. His passion was the arts. Didn't matter whether it was the martial arts or folk arts. May he R.I.P.

## **PJA Black Belt Promotions**

Student of Professor Bob McKean – Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Hombu. Phoenix, OR

**Professor Chris Nicholas** to Shichidan – October 27, 2018

Students of Professor Hans Ingebretsen – Shinbukan. Campbell, CA.

**Andriy Yevsyev** – Yodan – October 27, 2018

**Troy Hammermann** – Yodan – October 27, 2018

**Matt Blankenheim** – Yodan – October 27, 2018

Students of Sensei Eddy Gearhart – Zental Judo & Jujitsu School, Los Altos, CA.

**Kevin Donohue** – Sandan – October 27, 2018

**Oliver Hu** – Nidan – October 27, 2018

**Leilani Marshall** – Nidan – October 27, 2018

**Robbie Eldredge** – Nidan – October 27, 2018

**Craig Uyeda** – Nidan – October 27, 2018

**Mike Delaney** – Nidan – October 27, 2018

## **New PJA Schools**

### *Pacific Ohana Self Defense Dojo*

Sensei Brian Rice

Patterson, CA 95363

Call or e-mail for class location and times.

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## Other Danzan Ryu Promotions

The PJA would like to extend congratulations to those in the DZR community who were recently promoted to high dan ranks.

**Professor William Fischer** was 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, 2018

Promotions made by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai during their Labor Day Black Belt Weekend, Boulder City, NV. – September 1 & 2, 2018

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**

Promotions and titles made by Kilohana Martial Arts Association during the Kilohana Masters Seminar, Campbell, CA. October 27, 2018

Title of Senior Professor – **Professor James Muro**

Title of Professor – **Mike Tucker, Chris Nicholas, Chris Peterson, Tim Harris, Lawrence Boydston**

Rank of Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> dan) – **Lawrence Boydston**

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