

2014 WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY SOKESHIP  
COUNCIL AWARDS SHOW  
DoubleTree Hilton Hotel  
June 21, 2014

MCs – Sensei Matthew Sanchez & Shihan Chris Marquez

Congratulatory letters from: the President of the United States, the Honorable Barack Obama; Florida Congressman, the Honorable Ander Crenshaw; and proclamation from Orlando Mayor, the Honorable Buddy Dyer declaring June 21<sup>st</sup> “World Head of Family Sokeship Council Day”

Head Table: GM Frank E. Sanchez, Professor Gary Dill; GM John Byrne; GM Vincent Marchetti; GM Neal Hummerstone; GM Phil Little; GM Bram Frank; GM Juerg Ziegler; and GM Daniel Verkerke

Entertainment: Guam recording artist, Frankie Sanchez (GM Frank E. Sanchez); video presentation/ demo by GM John Byrne’s “5 Circle System” from Nebraska featuring Sensei Val McGill Retelsdorf and troupe; dance demo from JuJitsu Champion/ dance champion, GM Josie Murray from Ireland; and Arkansas recording artist, Captain T (Hanshi Tom Hunnicutt), Arkansas’ Country Ambassador

**AWARDS SHOW**

( Names in red designate awardees who were not in attendance)

## **MARTIAL ARTIST OF THE DECADE**

**From California – Grandmaster Leo Fong**

## **BOXER OF THE DECADE**

**From the Philippines – Manny Pacquiao**

## **LIVING LEGEND AWARD**

From California – Kara Ho Kempo – Grandmaster Sam  
Kuoha

From Oklahoma – Oakland Jeet Kune Do Living Legend –  
Professor Gary Dill

## **LEGENDARY GRANDMASTER OF THE WHFSC**

**From Israel – Dr. Dennis Hanover – Dennis Survival  
JuJitsu**

From Puerto Rico – Professor Jedan Figueroa – Jedan Ryu  
JuJitsu

From the United Kingdom – Grandmaster Gary  
Wasniewski – Tyga Karate & Hanshi Peter Browne –  
Kenpo JuJitsu

From Switzerland – Grandmaster Juerg Ziegler

From Germany – Grandmaster Hans von Rolbeck – Ki  
Jutsu

From Ireland – Grandmaster Josie Murray – Empty Force  
JuJitsu

**From Uruguay – Grandmaster J.E. “Kensei” Castro**

From Canada – Grandmaster Dan Verkerke – Seicho Jutsu

**Dr. Germon Miller-Bey – Afrikan Martial Arts**

From Florida – Grandmaster Steve Lee Swift – Wing Chun  
Kung Fu

Grandmaster Sergio Barriga – Shim Shin Do

Professor Ernie Cates – Neko Ryu Goshin Jitsu – NC.

Grandmaster Bram Frank – CSSD Common Sense Self-  
Defense

From Missouri – Grandmasters Steven Stark & Bill Gossett  
– Ryukyu Kempo & Kobudo

**Dr. Donald W. Swansey – Texas**

From South Carolina – Soke Joseph Ruiz – Koto Su Ha  
Shito Ryu

From South Carolina – Grandmaster Phil Little – Long-Shimabuku Isshinryu

From Arkansas – Hanshi Tom Hunnicutt – Matsumura Bushi Jutsu

From Nebraska – Grandmaster John Byrne – 5 Circle System

From New Jersey – Grandmaster Vincent Marchetti – Michi Budo Ryu

Grandmaster Neal Hummerstone – Aiki Tora Ryu – Florida

Grandmaster Dan Medina – Majapai Derobio - Florida

From Florida – Grandmaster Joe Williams – Atemi Ryu & Soke Harris Warren – Nisei Bujutsu

Grandmaster Chris Spruiell – Isshin JuJitsu - Tennessee

Grandmaster Joe Robaina – American Cane Self-Defense

Grandmaster Mark Colangelo – Go Jiu Bujitsu – CA.

Grandmaster John Kovacs – Yishendo Escrima – NY.

Grandmaster Gary Pointer – Hapkido

Grandmaster John Casarez – Manabi Masho JuJitsu – Ohio

Hanshi Ray Hermann – Urban Goju – NJ.

Grandmaster Elvin Fields – Liger Ryu – North Carolina

## **INTERNATIONAL GRANDMASTER AWARD**

Grandmaster Stuart Hicken – Shotokan – England

**From Canada – Grandmaster Albert Mady – Isshinryu**

Hanshi Marcos Ramos – JuJitsu Jedan Ryu

## **GRANDMASTER OF THE YEAR**

Hanshi John Peeler – Shorin Ryu Matsumura Seito Kodai  
Do / traditional Karate

Larry Griffin – Koto Su Ha Shito Ryu

Grandmaster in Energy Training Award – Dr. Ed Carlson

Grandmaster David Harris – Energy Instructor of the Year

Grandmaster Sergio Barriga – TaeKwonDo, Director ITF-  
KATU

## **GRANDMASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

**Mike Curtis – TaeKwonDo**

**GOLDEN LIFE ACHIEVEMENT (OVER 40 YRS IN  
THE ARTS)**

Dr. Gary S. Torres

James D. Lee

**SILVER LIFE ACHIEVEMENT (OVER 30 YRS IN  
THE ARTS)**

Master Kevin Bergquist – Yamagawa Ryu Karate

Master Dewitt Cooper –Aikido Yoshikan

Robert DelRoss – Modern Bujitsu

Master Peter Keko – Isshinryu

Hector Fuentes – Atemi Ryu

Grandmaster Steve Milliet – Ch’uang Chuan Pai

**FOUNDER’S AWARD**

John P. Riddle – Grandmaster/ Founder of combative style  
– SDS

Brian Zawilinski – Founder/ Tactical Grandmaster:  
T.A.W.A. (The Art Within Your Art)

**LEGENDARY MASTER OF THE WHFSC**

From Germany – Master Jurgen Theurer – Ki Jutsu

**Master Scott Sonnon – TacFit**

Professor Glen Fraticelli – Kajukenbo Emperado Method – CA.

Master Alfredo Torella – Kwon Bop Combat

Master Wes Craft – Matsumura Bushi Jutsu

### **WHFSC MASTERS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Alfred Parker – Homeland security

Jill Hernandez – SDS combatives

Outstanding Master Instructor Award – Paul Tucker – Isshin JuJitsu

### **COUNCIL’S MASTER AWARD**

Master Michael Petrella – Seicho Jutsu – Canada

### **MASTER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

From Germany – Thomas Lehmann – Master Instructor  
Classical & Tactical Bolo

From the Philippines – Edessa Ramos – Master Tactical Instructor Sangut-Desangut: TNT Arnis – could not be here tonight and accepting in her absence is Grandmaster Bram Frank

From the Philippines – Robert Ramos – Advanced Tactical Instructor Sangut-Desangut: TNT Arnis – could not be here tonight and accepting on his behalf is Grandmaster Bram Frank

Master Jimmy Rutherford – San-Jitsu

Master Guy Larke – Cheon Ji Muye Do - Korea

Master Wes Doss – Law enforcement defensive tactics  
Khyber Training

Shihan Kenny Sutton – Self-defense – Matsumura Bushi  
Jutsu

Roberto Burguera – Atemi Ryu

Andre Sheppard – Nisei Bujutsu

Alfred W. Nyman Jr. – Aiki Tora Ryu

Master Military Tactics Instructor Award – Joe Snyder -  
Isshinryu

Shihan Hector Smith – Go Jiu Bujitsu



Shihan Robbie Thomas – traditional Karate/ Matsumura Bushi Jutsu

International Master of the Year – TaeKwonDo – Master Phil Peplinski

Senior Master Instructor William A. Sandman III – Firearms Tactical & CQC

Hanshi David Dyer – traditional Karate – Paragon Martial Arts

Kevin S. Gallagher – Advanced Tactical Instructor Award – Firearms & Edged Tools

Senior Instructor of Arnis Eskrima: Inayan Eskrima – 3 Rivers Eskrima – Joe Walls could not be here tonight & accepting in his behalf is Grandmaster Bram Frank

Leigh Garczynski – Advanced Tactical Instructor of street combatives: Progressive SDS

Josh Leheny – Advanced Instructor of Arnis Eskrima: Inayan Eskrima – 3 Rivers Eskrima

Jason Mummaw – Aiki Tora Ryu

Shihan Art East – Bushido Kempo

**Tagapayo Cory Hanosh – Inayan Eskrima – Inayan System International**

Brian Nell – Pangai Noon

**NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

DeAndre Scott – Nisei Bujutsu

**REGIONAL INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR**

Sensei Ray Kodani – San-Jitsu – CA. – Ray could not be here tonight and accepting on his behalf is Master Chris Marquez

Eric Taylor – Nisei Bujutsu – FL.

Renzo Armando Moschini – Yamagawa Karate

Don Gregory – Matsumura Bushi Jutsu

Outstanding Black Belt Award – Micah Ault – Isshin JuJitsu

Head Instructor of the Year – Mr. Daniel Quinn – Shim Shin Do

**Chief Instructor of the Year – Tracy Landgraf – Shim Shin Do (certificate only)**

James Purdy – Shim Shin Do

Don Gregory – Matsumura Bushi Jutsu

Sensei Zeb Norris – sport Karate – American Freestyle Kempo

Kyoshi Chuck Martin – traditional Karate

Sensei Gina Virissimo – Go Jiu Bujitsu

Technical Instructor Award – Brent Kraay – 5 Circle System

Outstanding Black Belt Award – Micah Ault – Isshin JuJitsu

### **AMBASSADOR AWARD**

Bryon Hilson – 5 Circle System

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Outstanding Educationist – Lyn Lofshult – 5 Circle System – Nebraska

Outstanding Role Model – Kelsey Lofshult – 5 Circle System

Warrior Spirit Award – John Hilson – 5 Circle System

## **CONTINUED EXCELLENCE IN THE MARTIAL ARTS**

Master Harold Guerin – CSSD/ SC JuJitsu/ Judo/ Karate

### **MEDIA STAR OF THE YEAR**

Film Star Award – Anqi Nimbach

### **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Master Instructor Leadership Award – Linda Reim –  
Modern Bujitsu Center

Service Award – Master Adam S. Talkington, US Army  
LTC – 5 Circle System

Shihan Chris Marquez – San-Jitsu – FL.

Kelly Westfall – Leadership & Dedication – 5 Circle  
System – Nebraska

### **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Sensei Luis A. Rodriguez & Sensei Sharon Acevedo –  
JuJitsu Jedan Ryu

Shihan Diane Paulsen – Go Jiu Bujutsu

Rabbie O. Wordie – Shim Shin Do

Terry Pointer – AVM Self-Defense System

Shihan Jose Alvarado – San Yama Bushi Jutsu

## **INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT**

**World Spiritual Guide in Martial Arts – GM Sri Dinesh –  
India/ France**

Sensei Mytzi Gaston – JuJitsu Jedan Ryu

## **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

Vivian Grantham – Technical Advisor – 5 Circle System –  
Nebraska

Christopher Barajas – Nisei Bujutsu – NV – could not be  
here tonight and accepting on his behalf is Soke Harris  
Warren

Sempai Terry Daniel Sr. – Nisei Bujutsu – FL.

## **EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETE AWARD**

Patrick Tibbels – 5 Circle System – Nebraska

Outstanding JuJitsu Man Award – Terry Aldridge – Manabi  
Masho JuJitsu

## **STYLE WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Shihan Joan Hunnicutt – Matsumura Bushi Jutsu –  
Arkansas

## **OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE MARTIAL ARTS**

Sensei Jose Herrera – Nisei Bujutsu/ Hontai Yoshin Ryu

Melissa Nell – Yamagawa Ryu Karate

Master Joel S.R. Barriga & Rolando Rosado– Shim Shin  
Do

Shield of Strength Award – Captain Jonathon Trizila – 5  
Circle System - Nebraska

Communication Award – Dr. Brigit K. Talkington – 5  
Circle System

Master Paul F. Knipe – Shim Shin do

## **HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Mrs. Barbara S. Rogers-Barriga – Shim Shin Do

Solitaire Adkins – Manabi Masho JuJitsu

**BEST MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL OF THE YEAR –  
NATIONAL**

Mark Murdock – Manabi Masho JuJitsu – NC.

**BEST MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL OF THE YEAR**

Influential Pacesetter School Award – Sensei Valerie  
McGill Retelsdorf – 5 Circle System – NE.

**WRITER’S AWARD**

Master Guy Larke – Korea

**JUNIOR DIVISIONS FOR THE YEAR**

**OUTSTANDING JR. LEADER AWARD**

Lauren Smith & Jackson Currin – Kobushi Do

Michelle Tiffany – Manabi Masho JuJitsu

**JUNIOR FORMS COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR**

Ethan Crews – Yamagawa Ryu Karate

Adam Schwanzer – Yamagawa Ryu Karate

**JUNIOR FIGHTER COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR**

Matthew Griffin – TaeKwonDo, Florida ITF

**STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS**

**ASSOCIATE AWARD – OUTSTANDING  
INSTRUCTOR**

Outstanding Head Instructor of the Year – Tasha Wordie –  
Shim Shin Do

Jr. Instructor of the Year – Jacob Slater – Shim Shin Do

Tiffany Gallagan & Billy Hart III– Atemi Ryu – FL.

Omar Schwanzer & William Clansky – Yamagawa Ryu  
Karate

Jeff Keenan – Wing Chun Kung Fu

David Crews – Isshinryu

Sensei Rick Trevillion – traditional Karate

Christian Spruiell – Isshin JuJitsu

**ASSOCIATE AWARD – OUTSTANDING  
ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR**

Jill Marquez – San-Jitsu – FL.



Eric Calderone – Wing Chun Kung Fu

Jerry White, Alfred W. Nyman III - Aiki Tora Ryu

Thomas Craft – Matsumura Bushi Jutsu

Jake Flynn – Manabi Masho JuJitsu

### **ASSOCIATE AWARD – CLASS CONTRIBUTION**

Martin Manley – Kaibudo Kobayashi Shorin Ryu

Outstanding Mentor Award – Jordan Jacobs – 5 Circle System

Kaitlyn Luke – Manabi Masho JuJitsu

### **ASSOCIATE AWARD – OUTSTANDING STUDENT**

Nathin Bonner – Kaibudo Kobayashi Shorin ryu

Chris Scotto DiVetta – Kwon Bop Combat – Michigan

Caleb Luther – Kaibudo Kobayashi Shorin Ryu

John Gallagan & Jabrail Adus Sallam – Atemi Ryu

Randy Hammac – Shim Shin Do

**ASSOCIATE AWARD – OUTSTANDING  
DEDICATION**

Amanda LaForge & Cole Hauser – Yamagawa Ryu Karate

Outstanding Words & Commitment Award – Adam Snoza  
– 5 Circle System – Nebraska

**ASSOCIATE AWARD – OUTSTANDING LOYALTY**

Loyalty & Showmanship Award – Dylan A. Sopher – 5  
Circle System

Michael “Mike” Tillery – Bantu Karate

Allen Baumer – Wing Chun Kung Fu

Janie Lassiter – Matsumura Bushi Jutsu – Arkansas

MC, Sensei Matthew Sanchez enters final remarks

GM Frank Sanchez thanks participants for their attendance

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(End of program)