



# WORLD GRANDMASTERS COUNCIL

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A VERY  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR  
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
WORLDWIDE!!!**

Members who left us later this year who will never be forgotten.....



*Grandmaster Ernesto Presas*



*Grandmaster Isaac Henry Jr.*



*Grandmaster Joe Onopa*

**GRANDMASTER ERNESTO PRESAS**, the Brother of another famous deceased member of the WHFSC,  
**GRANDMASTER REMY PRESAS**, passed away quietly in his sleep on November 1<sup>st</sup> (October 31<sup>st</sup> – Stateside

time) in the Philippines. ERNESTO was the Founder of KOMBATAN & leaves behind a legacy of students and friends worldwide to mourn his passing.....GRANDMASTER ISAAC HENRY JR., the quiet giant of BEIKOKU KARATE DO GOYUKAI (BKG) in New Jersey passed away November 16<sup>th</sup> at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. ISAAC was one of the “giants” & Pioneers of Karate on the East Coast. Lastly, the “White Tiger”, GRANDMASTER JOE ONOPA, Founder of KWON BOP DO IN Michigan left us on December 1<sup>st</sup> from a heart attack. JOE was a personal friend of mine who was hard pressed to say anything bad about anyone. His style of KWON BOP DO is practiced in several different countries with thousands of students worldwide. He will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him.....



*GM Ron Van Clief*



*Master Mark Dacascos*



*GM Al Dacascos*

GRANDMASTER RON VAN CLIEF of CHINESE GOJU in the U.S. Virgin Islands reports that he is one of the featured characters in the new Wesley Snipes movie called “MASTER DADDY” scheduled to begin filming January 2011 in Georgia. The movie according to RON will also feature Royce Gracie, Tony Jaa, Sonny Chiba, Rampage Jackson, Anderson Silva & Samo Hung. RON will also be featured in his own comic book under VICTORY COMICS which is scheduled to come out in January .....WHFSC Honorary Member, MASTER MARK DACACOS, Son of GRANDMASTER AL DACASCOS from Hawaii was featured on the December 13<sup>th</sup> episode of the Hit TV program, HAWAII FIVE-O. He plays the nemesis of the show’s Star, Steve McGarrett named Woo Fat, be watching for his appearance on the next episode!



*GM Leon Wright*



*GM Eddie DeLuca*



*Master Amber DeLuca*

CONGRATULATIONS to GRANDMASTER LEON WRIGHT of Virginia for being named BLACK BELT Magazine’s 2010 Self-Defense Instructor of the Year! A well earned honor for teaching thousands of Marines in Afghanistan & elsewhere! He is the latest of several grandmasters on our Council to be inducted into BLACK BELT Magazine’s prestigious Hall of Fame over the years.....GRANDMASTER EDDIE DeLUCA from New Mexico reports that he is the new knife tester / R & D advisor for D & S TACTICAL GEAR – website address <http://www.ds-tactical.org/> . His Wife, MASTER AMBER DeLUCA is also featured in a new video on YOUTUBE. You can view the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlsqzXb-fjA> .



*Dr. Jerry Aiello*

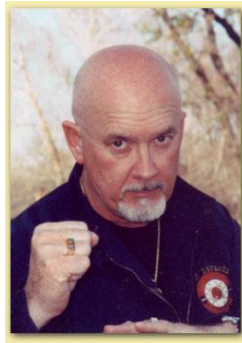


*(L to R) GM Jurg Ziegler – SG Ji Han Jae – GM Ken MacKenzie*

**DR. JERRY AIELLO'S** Communications Manager in Michigan, Yoko Sato reports that the good Dr. was recently presented with a Mon Jin Sho certificate of “direct student” from YAMAOKA TESSHU Lineage, from the 6<sup>th</sup> Menkyo Kaiden of ITTO SHODEN MUTO RYU. Yamaoka Sensei was not only a Budo Sensei, but the driving force of Meiji Ishin (Meiji Restoration) history in Japan, the time when Japan shifted from the Sumarai era to modern society. This certainly is an accomplishment of great significance for someone of non-Japanese decent to be given this honor!.....GRANDMASTER JURG ZIEGLER from Switzerland reports that he and SIN MOO HAPKIDO USA Representative, Grandmaster Kenneth MacKenzie (along with another Grandmaster Merrill Jung) were promoted to 10<sup>th</sup> dan by SUPREME GRANDMASTER JI HAN JAE during a seminar by DOJUNIM JI HAN JAE in Cheonan, Korea. These were the first ever 10<sup>th</sup> dan promotions made by SUPREME GRANDMASTER JI. Also a new KOREAN SIN MOO HAPKIDO GRANDMASTERS COUNCIL was established during the seminar with DOJUNIM JI as Founder & GRANDMASTERS, ZIEGLER, MacKenzie and Jung as the only members.



*GM Buddy Amato*



*Professor Gary Dill*



*Soke J.E. Castro*

**GRANDMASTER BUDDY AMATO** of New Jersey is the new “good guy” in New Jersey handling animal abuse & protecting our defenseless animal friends there. It doesn't hurt for him to be one of the top Gojo grandmasters in the U.S. with one of the largest schools there, as well!.....CELEBRATING decades of teaching in the martial arts are **PROFESSOR GARY DILL** of SDS JEET KUNE DO/ SDS COMBAT SYSTEMS in Oklahoma with 48 years of training under his belt and **SOKE J.E. CASTRO** of OKINAWA-KEN RYU in Uruguay with 46 years. **CONGRATULATIONS gentlemen!**



*GM Don Warrener*

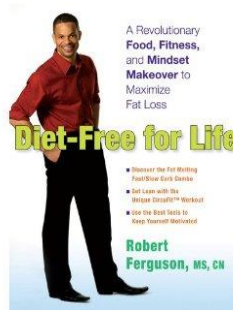


*GM Emil Farkas*

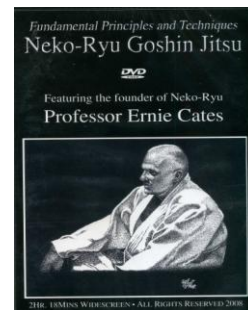
GRANDMASTER DON WARRENER of California has set into motion new goals for the WORLD KARATE ORGANIZATION (WKO) which he now Heads. You can read these goals as well as take note of upcoming events of the WKO on their official website of <http://www.worldkarateorganization.com/>. Also set for release by DON'S company RISING SUN PRODUCTIONS in 2011 is a revised edition of the book, THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MARTIAL ARTS originally written by GRANDMASTER EMIL FARKAS and JOHN CORCORAN.



*GM Ron Balas in Malaysia*



*Master Robert Ferguson's new book*



*Prof. Ernie Cates video*

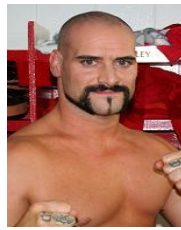
GRANDMASTER RON BALAS of Ohio says that plans are in the making for a 2 year Karate tournament in Kathmandu starting in July of 2011 involving 16 countries in Asia called the "TAISHINDOH/ NEPAL ASIA WORLD INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT". The tournament will be under the sanction of the Government of Nepal & be held in the Nepal Sports Area. For more information, you can contact RON at [RonBalas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RonBalas@sbcglobal.net) .....

MASTER ROBERT FERGUSON has a new book coming out on Amazon.com entitled DIET-FREE FOR LIFE that retails for \$14.10. He says the book is getting very close to hitting the New York Times Best Seller list & is requesting our help in getting it there, so buy the book. In relation to this, ROBERT says that he will be featured in the January issue of NAPMA (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL MARTIAL ARTISTS) Magazine and is also involved in a project with TV Talk Show Host, Ricki Lake regarding child obesity where he is encouraging parents to get their kids involved with martial arts.....In North Carolina, PROFESSOR ERNIE CATES has a new video out on his NEKO-RYU system outlining his innovative & revolutionary "vertical & 22 ½ degrees Kazushi" which is a drastic change from the traditional 8 direction and 45 degrees Kazushi which has always been taught. On the casing of the video, the legendary PROFESSOR CATES states that he is a member of the prestigious WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY SOKESHIP COUNCIL. Something which ALL of us should be doing.....So far, I have noted the late MAESTRO PETER URBAN exclaiming his proud membership in the book on his life by RISING SUN PRODUCTIONS & on his website; the late GRANDMASTER SID CAMPBELL proudly wearing our patch in a photo op; GRANDMASTER RON VAN CLIEF proudly wearing our name on the back of his robe when he fought in the UFC; GRANDMASTER SERGE BAUBIL proudly mentioning his membership in a TAEKWONDO TIMES article; & GRANDMASTER JIM ARVANITIS mentioning his membership in his latest book (if I've left anyone out, please let me hear from you).....Don't forget to also make our nest WHFSC Gathering coming up May 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, Florida marking our 19<sup>th</sup> year of existence (watch the [www.WHFSC.com](http://www.WHFSC.com) website for upcoming

**info or write to me for particulars**). This is YOUR COUNCIL & as I've always said: we don't have to really "hype" ourselves as the NAMES ON OUR ROSTER SAY IT ALL....No other organization, past or present can claim the "name power" that we have....**BE PROUD OF IT & SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL!**



*(L to R) Sensei Chris Mechling, the late Prof. John DeNora and Sensei Nick Mechling*



*Master Samir Seif*



*(l) Master Alfredo Torrela with the late GM Joe Onopa, the "White Tiger"*

In our new members department.....We are proud to welcome the inheritors of the late Professor John DeNora's DAITO RYU USA System from California, SENSEIS CHRIS & NICK MECHLING to our Council and in our MASTERS DIVISION, we are proud to welcome MASTER SEMIR SEIF of Canada & MASTER ALFREDO TUCCI of Michigan .....**THANK YOU** for becoming a part of our "family"!



*Leslee Kufferath*



*Prof. Sig Kufferath*

Also, don't forget the 100th Birthday celebration for the late PROFESSOR SIG KUFFERATH being hosted by his Daughter, LESLEE in Santa Clara, California on March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The event takes place March 25<sup>th</sup> – 227<sup>th</sup>, 2011. For more info please contact LESLEE at [LKufferath@yahoo.com](mailto:LKufferath@yahoo.com) . Also, if you would like your info entered in the new book by INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS TIMES Magazine scheduled for release in 2011 entitled WORLD MARTIAL ARTS BOOK Vol. 2. You can contact either MASTER QUOC TRAN at [MasterQuocTran@gmail.com](mailto:MasterQuocTran@gmail.com) or Master Bernd Hohle at [info@maa-i.com](mailto:info@maa-i.com) (this is a fee based project).

In the magazines this time around.....BLACK BELT's February 2011 issue features photos of Grandmasters Kang Rhee & Jim Arvanitis with mentions of Grandmaster Gary Alexander, the late Grandmaster Ed Parker, Grandmasters Donnie Williams, Al Dacascos, Stephen Hayes, Remy Presas & Bill Wallace with an article featuring Master Scott Sonnon & A review of Grandmaster Gary Alexander's "Unarmed & Dangerous" DVD.....INSIDE KUNG-FU's February 2011 issue has a film mention of Master Jackie Chan with a by-line on the "Gracie diet" by Grandmaster Rorion Gracie.....MASTERS Winter 2010 issue contains mentions of Grandmaster Ip Ching with a feature article on Grandmasters Tony Annesi & Leo Fong.....& last but not least, TAEKWONDO TIMES January 2010 issue features mentions of Master Quoc Tran & DoJuNim Ji Han Jae's seminar in South Korea where he promoted Grandmasters Juerg Ziegler & Kenneth MacKenzie to 10<sup>th</sup> dan, as well as formed the Sin Moo Hapkido Grandmasters Council.

Well, this concludes our last issue of the year.....Remember to stay aggressive & fair in all you do until 2011!

Your Brother in the Arts,



**Grandmaster Frank E. Sanchez**  
WHFSC Founder – Executive Director International

