

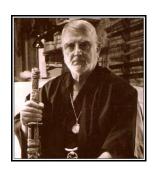
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Hanshi Tom Hunnicutt



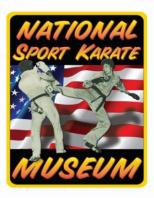
Professor John Casarez

Before we begin this newsletter, we'd like to wish the following gentlemen of our Council special get well good wishes.....GM David Grago of Ch'uang Chun Pai in Texas is currently undergoing chemotherapy for Leukemia, Hanshi Tom Hunnicutt of Shorin Ryu Matsumura Bushi Jutsu in Arkansas is recovering from recent colon surgery & Professor John Casarez of Manabi Masho JuJitsu just came home from a recent stay in the hospital for a toe infection complicated by Diabetes. Rest up gentlemen & our prayers for your complete recovery!

IN INTERNATIONAL NEWS.....

We are proud to announce that the World Head of Family Sokeship Council is now a part of the National Sport Karate Museum located at 3222 Burke Rd, Pasadena, Texas representing the first American international grandmasters/ masters organization founded in 1992!....Please give yourselves a pat on the back ladies & gentlemen of this Council. You deserve all of the credit for being who you are & for your loyalty to this Council. In honor

of this achievement I hope you will give a donation of <u>what ever amount</u> you can to the museum. Please go to the link below & donate. IT IS APPRECIATED!



http://www.gofundme.com/20lm88

In reference to the museum, we have our two books written by GM Don Warrener and GM Bram Frank respectively showcased there. As well as my uniform and picture as the Founder of both the WHFSC & my system of San-Jitsu in Guam (recognized in the Guam Museum, the Hawaii Karate Museum and now the National Sport Karate Museum in Texas where I was also made a History General by its Founder, Professor Gary Lee).







GM Frank E. Sanchez

The late Shihan Keiko Fukuda (middle) & Sensei Malia Bernal (Dacascos)
Dr. Shelley Fernandez (right)





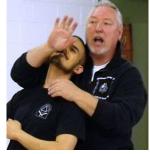
GM Al Dacascos

Master Mark Dacascos

In relation to the National Sport Karate Museum, they are having a special "Pink and Black" event on October 3rd, 4th & 5th honoring the fighting ladies of the martial arts with

the induction of our late member, Shihan Keiko Fukuda, Judo's 1st and only lady 10th dan in Judo into the museum. Honorary WHFSC Member, Dr. Shelley Fernandez (Director of Shihan Fukuda's Foundation) & myself will be helping with the honors presided over by Museum Director/ Founder, Professor Gary Lee. There will also be a Celebrity Roast of Sensei Malia Bernal (Dacascos), one of the fiercest female competitors on the early Karate tournament circuit by those in attendance, including her husband and Son, Kajukenbo legend, GM Al Dacascos of Wun Hop Kuen Do & actor, martial artist extraordinaire, Master Mark Dacascos who are both members of the WHFSC. For ticket/ hotel information contact: Professor Gary Lee at 281-483-0476 or you can e-mail him at ProfessorGaryLee@gmail.com (there is only room for 300 guests, so hurry!)







Professor Jedan Figueroa (middle) honored by Governement of Puerto Rico

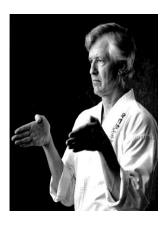
Tactical GM Kelly Worden

GM Rene Tongson

GM Jedan Figueroa, our member in Puerto Rico was recently honored with a proclamation from Puerto Rico's House of Representatives honoring him for his contribution, dedication & hard work in the martial arts – JuJitsu.....Tactical Grandmaster, Kelly Worden of Natural Spirit International in Washington received a resolution from the "International Council of Modern Arnis Grandmasters in the Philippines" for his "dedication, loyalty, respect, humility & professionalism in the promotion of the Filipino martial art. Bridging international understanding & cooperation among practitioners & the community" signed by its Board Secretary, WHFSC Member, GM Rene Tongson of the Philippines.....& GM Eddie DeLuca of New Mexico reports that he received two letters of recommendation & certification recently from USA SF, Emil C. Daubon, SSG (a student who is a Green Beret) and USAF SERE Specialist, Daniel R. Roman, TSgt, NCOIC



GM Eddie Deluca



Hanshi James Mather



GM Gary Alexander

Hanshi James Mather of California reports that his book, the "Arrow Catcher" is being looked at by a Producer who may turn it into a TV series or mini-series...... lastly, favorite American patriot & bare knuckle champion, GM Gary Alexander is finally writing an auto-biography entitled "Trail-Blazer 1". Covering his rise from a disabled childhood to U.S. Marine & then finally recognized martial art champion & leader. Established producers, publishers & agents are invited to contact Gary at GaryAlex2@optimum.net pertaining to the Rights & launch of this great project......

Clarifying a post made on Facebook where a gentleman proclaimed that Soke Masaski Hatsumi of Japan COULD NOT be a member of the World Head of Family Sokeship Council, GM Richard Van Donk responded......



Richard Van Donk ... Please do not be mistaken... Soke Hatsumi is not part of MY elite council.... He is a member of the World Head of Family Sokeship Council. This is NOT my council... I am a member of this council. The council is worldwide and the headquarters are in Florida and is over 25 years old and indeed has the most recognized grandmasters in it. Soke Hatsumi was inducted as a member over 20 years ago. I do agree that Soke Hatsumi does not seek nor need to seek any award or council as his walls are filled with recognitions from even Popes, Presidents and Kings. Hopes this clears this for you. 30 December 2013 at 23:46

Soke Masaaki Hatsumi with GM Richard Van Donk

GM Van Donk's post from Facebook

With a minor correction that the Council is actually 22 years old this year, we thank GM Van Donk for his response. It is appreciated. Particularly since he was not only responsible for the induction of Soke Hatsumi into the Council, but also my late instructor, Professor Sig Kufferath, as well!







GM Ron Van Clief

Grandmaster Douglas Wong reports that he was at the Xena Convention in Washington, D.C. where he did a live performance & where he was featured in a behind the scenes video

of him training Hudson Leick, one of the guest stars of the Xena TV series. His son, Travis is working as Assistant Fight Choreographer for the film "Fast & Furious 7"& you can see him in the film, "Captain America 2" when it's released later this year......GM Ron Van Clief reports that the Global Proving Grounds Awards & Expo is taking place March 29th in Atlantic City, NJ & that he is co-starring in a new film coming soon, called "Werewolf of Compton" with Fred "The Hammer" Williamson & Jason Sterling





Global Proving Grounds - Warrior Island

Werewolf of Compton Film

GM Rudy Timmerman will be hosting the 1st Korean Martial Arts Masters Hall of Fame set to take place August 8th – 10th in Canada. WHFSC Members slated for induction include Dojunim Ji Han Jae – Legend Award; GM Eugene Humesky – Posthumous Legend Award; & Serge Baubil – Pioneer Award. For more info contact GM Timmerman at KwanJang@sympatico.ca



Lastly, don't forget our 22^{nd} annual WHFSC celebration coming up June $20^{th}-21^{st}$ in Orlando, Florida. If you are a member & haven't received your invitation, please contact me at <u>GMFrankSanchez@comcast.net</u>. Reserve your rooms now & get your nominations in, so that there is time for your nominees to plan on attending this event . If you are a non-member & would still like to attend, you can go to the "Upcoming Events" link of our website at http://www.WHFSC.com to register



IN OUR NEW MEMBERS DEPARTMENT, we would like to WELCOME Dr. Shelley Fernandez, Head of the Shihan Keiko Fukuda Foundation in California to our Honorary Members Division; Master Guy Larke of South Korea as our new Ambassador for Korea....& lastly, Professor Leon Jay, inheritor of Small Circle JuJitsu from England as a new member of our Grandmasters division (note: papers honoring his Father, WHFSC member, Professor Wally Jay as the "Martial Artist of the Decade" & Leon as a new member of the WHFSC were presented to Leon during the confusion surrounding his Father's illness then passing by friend, Professor Frank Ricardo & subsequently ms-placed. Professor Jay is aware of the situation & new documents will be sent to him)



Dr. Shelley Fernandez



Master Guy Larke



Professor Leon Jay

IN THE MEDIA THIS TIME AROUND (please note members that covering all of the martial arts media is a daunting task. If you are in a current issue of a martial arts/ fighting arts magazine, please let us know so that we can mention it. You can e-mail me at GMFrankSanchez@comcast.net. Thanks)......BLACK BELT Magazine's Feb/ Mar issue reports that Shidoshi Stephen Haye's "The Complete Ninja Collection, a 900 page tome has become a "best seller" without even being published yet. How was this accomplished you ask? Through the "magic" of pre-order sales on-line......and lastly, the Mar issue of TAEKWONDO TIMES features an article by Master Guy Larke entitled, "Making a Difference" with press releases on the death of one of our beloved members, Professor Eugene Humesky & SG Ji Han Jae's successful "International Hapkido Summit" in New Jersey

lastly, "thank you" to Congressman, Ander Crenshaw of Florida for this nice letter of congratulations we received.....



ANDER CRENSHAW FOURTH DISTRICT Washington, D.C. 20515

February 7, 2014

Mr. Frank E. Sanchez PO Box 8395 Jacksonville, FL 32239

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

Congratulations to you and the World Head of Family Sokeship Council on its 22nd Anniversary in May. I understand the Council is America's first worldwide martial arts grandmasters organization, and it is based here in Jacksonville, Florida. I am happy to add my words of support to this organization.

Your organization provides a broad spectrum of opportunities for its membership including professional promotions and seminars and a Martial Arts Hall of Fame. For those with respective interests in this field, I know your organization does a great service.

I applaud your Council as it offers events and works to make a difference in the martial arts world and to recognize those who have reached the highest levels in this competitive field. Judging from the accolades you have received, martial arts grandmasters and masters are appreciative of the recognition afforded them by inclusion in the Council.

Through the good works of the Council, members and others draw inspiration, insight and strength. You as a collective group give of your talents, your time and your energy to the martial arts field.

I am, indeed, pleased to congratulate your organization on its 22nd Anniversary.

Sincerely,

ANDER CRENSHAW Member of Congress

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Well, this concludes this particular issue of our newsletter. Remember to stay aggressive & fair in all you do & to send in your news for the next issue!

Your Brother in the Arts,

GM Frank E. Sanchez - Founder/ Executive Director International



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