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As always, before we begin with our international news, we would like to pay our respects to those members & their family members who have passed on & to acknowledge the personal tribulations & Blessings of our members....

We'd like to express our sympathies to the family, friends & students of GM Vicente Sanchez who passed away on June 5th at the age of 83 in the Philippines. He was the Founder of The KALI ARNIS INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION....Also to GM Rene



Tomb stone of GM Vicente Sanchez in the Philippines

Tongson whose Brother, Reynaldo died of Cancer there.....GM Dan Tosh whose step sister, Karen passed away on August 19th in Arizona.....& lastly, to Master Denise Gonzalez whose Mother passed away September 13th in California. May the Lord ease the sufferings of all of you for your loss and bring you peace of mind in the days ahead. Much love from all of us on the Council.....



GM Rene Tongson



Reynaldo Tongson



GM Dan Tosh



Karen Tosh



Master Denise Gonzalez



Master Gonzalez's Mom

In Florida, good friend & martial arts Pioneer, GM Carl Stone married Maria Silveira, one of Brazil's TaeKwonDo Champions in a marriage ceremony at Grace Lutheran Church on August 26th in Clearwater, Florida. The couple, surrounded by family & a "who's who" of Florida martial artists present at the nuptials and reception that followed (including yours truly) will be making their home in Clearwater. The Best Man & Maid of Honor for the couple were GM Sergio & Barbara Barriga from Tampa. The Bride & Groom were also hosted at the Head Table of our recent 25th Anniversary event for the WHFSC on September 1st – 2nd at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel across from Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida.





GM George & Katherine Noble



GM Dan & Mrs. Dawn Verkerke

Celebrating Anniversaries in July – GM George & Katherine Noble celebrated their 40th Anniversary in Virginia.....& GM Dan & Dawn Verkerke celebrated their 14th Anniversary in Canada. CONGRATULATIONS people & may you celebrate many, many more in the years ahead!

IN INTERNATIONAL NEWS.....

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WHFSC A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!!

Our 25th Anniversary event held at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel in Orlando, Florida on September 1st – 2nd was an unqualified success with international attendance from all over the world. Spectacular entertainment from GM Glen Fraticelli, Kumu Michele Manu, Professor Rich Hale, the OHANA 8 Demo Team, Master Kevin Bergquist & students; the iconic Professor Ernie Cates; celebrities such as Master Don “The Dragon” Wilson & Dr. Robert Goldman; & our international seminar symposium featuring everything from gun marksmanship training to Japanese Aiki-jutsu, Russian martial arts , Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Japanese swordsmanship & everything in between. PLUS a surprise marriage proposal from Sensei Garrett Pearson with Anniversary celebrants, GM John & Trina Pellegrini and GM Carl & Maria Stone looking on!!





For more pics and videos of our 25th Anniversary banquet & Annual Meeting. You can access the links below (special thanks to my Son, Sensei Matthew Sanchez who was a debate champion in College for doing such an outstanding job of emceeing and providing video footage of our banquet & annual meeting. Also to Senseis Chris & Jill Marquez, Sensei Jimmy Rutherford & Sensei Nate Hart for their assistance):

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NOTE: For those who could not attend, but registered to receive your awards. You will receive them soon. Because of Hurricane Irma's recent visit to Florida which has disrupted commercial travel, they will be sent to you just as soon as things return to normal. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE! GM Sanchez

Noticeably absent at our 25th Anniversary event, was my martial arts Nephew, GM Brian Kula Fung, Founder of OHANA 8. Along with our "surprise" international guest/Honorary Member & iconic movie actress, Sigourney Weaver.....BOTH had to be on set for the shooting of the follow up sequels II & III for the hit movie, AVATAR. Well, if you're gonna have a reason for not coming. This is a pretty darn good one – LOL! As a fan of AVATAR myself, I would expect a souvenir from the shooting, Nephew (hint – hint)....Sigourney, by the way, also received rave reviews for her new NETFLIX MARVEL series "THE DEFENDERS" at the COMICON in New York.....Also, taking part in COMICON was GM Sam Kuoha who posed for a 3D image of himself for action figures coming out soon. According to Sam, there is also be a limited edition comic book coming out on Kuoha, as well..... On July 1st & 2nd, I was a Special Guest of the 2017 RYUKYU COALITION TITAN GAMES held at the Crown Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, hosted by GM Bill Gossett. Also, making appearances were Cane Master, GM Mark Shuey & new WHFSC Member, Sumo Wrestler & actor (featured in the Pirates of the Caribbean Series with Star, Johnny Debb), Americus Abesami



GM Brian Kula Fung with Sigourney Weaver GM Sam Kuoha poses for 3D figure



GM Sanchez (far left) – GM Shuey – Americus Abesami (back row holding up spear) – GM Gossett (far right)



Art Davie

AUG 19 2017
Flix Of Fury Martial Arts Presents:
Seminar & Movie Night
GRANDMASTERS
RON VAN CLIEF & OSO TAYARI CASEL

Wright's Traditional Kung Fu
 2724 N Harlem Ave.
 Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707
 1P.M.-3P.M. / \$125

Logan Theatre
 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave.
 Chicago, ILLINOIS 60647
 6P.M. - Until / \$50 or \$25

Our Hostess will be actress Cynda Williams from the movies "Mo Better Blues" with Denzel and "One False Move" with Michael Beach and Bill Paxton.

Master Kirk Raygood, CEO of Flix Of Fury Martial Arts will be in attendance and looks forward to seeing everyone there.

We anticipate a truly enjoyable evening for everyone.

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Flix of Fury Poster featuring GM Van Clief & GM Casel

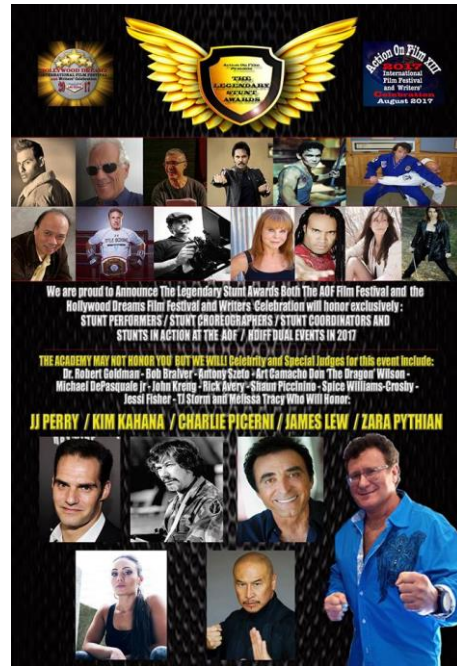
On July 15th, Honorary Member Art Davie made a guest appearance at the BARE KNUCKLE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP in Philadelphia promoting his book, "IS THIS LEGAL?" which depicts the beginnings of the iconic UFC (ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP) which he formed in conjunction with GM Rorion Gracie.....On August 19th, GMs Ron Van Clief and Oso Tayari Casel were featured in a seminar & movie night in Chicago hosted by FLIX OF FURY MARTIAL ARTS.....& on August 25th, the LEGENDARY STUNT AWARDS was held in Las Vegas, Nevada with hosts, Honorary Member, Dr. Robert Goldman & GM Michael DePasquale Jr. Accepting awards at this particular function were, GMs Michael DePasquale Jr. & GM Ron Van Clief



Dr. Robert Goldman



GM Michael DePasquale Jr.



Legendary Stunt Awards Poster

IN OUR NEW MEMBERS DEPARTMENT:

In our Grandmasters Division.....From OKINAWA, we have Tetsuhiro Hokama, Soke – Founder of Okinawan Goju Ryu Karate & Kobu Jutsu.....From BRAZIL, GM Darcio Lira – 10th dan Darcio Lira Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.....From the PHILIPPINES, Japi Martin Akira Sanchez – Successor to Kali Arnis International.....From GERMANY, GM Toni Finken-Schaffrath – lineage successor Kempo Naadaa (Sifu Tze Dschero Khan lineage) – From ENGLAND, GM Stuart Hicken – Founder Shoto Nihon & from the U.S.A., SGM Denny Langford – Sento Mushin (a branch of Neko Ryu Jiu Jitsu); Americus Abesami – Sumo representative/ 4th heavyweight USA; Soke Little John Davis – Kumite Ryu JuJitsu; GM Mark Murdock – Soke Dai Manibi Masho Jiu Jitsu.....& by way of background check and physical testing, we have: GM Randall Lucas – Baraka Kempo, GM Pedro Bennett – Venn Kempo Ju Jitsu, GM Steven Roensch – American Budo Kai International/ Shintoyoshinkai Jiu Jitsu, & Soke Travis Spoonamore – Spoonamore Martial Art Systems

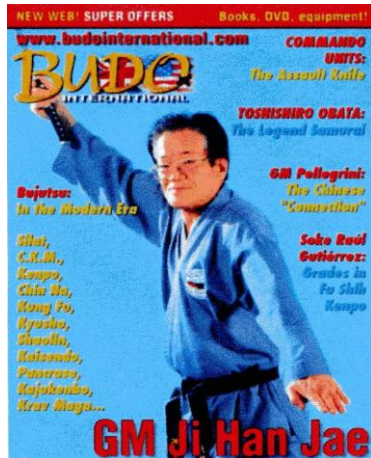
In our Masters Division.....We have Master Darlynon Lira – 6th dan Darcio Lira Brazilian Jiu Jitsu from California.....& Master Shuki Draï – Mixed Defensive Tactics from Florida

In our Honorary Members Division.....We have from the Philippines, JoJo Sanchez, Son of the late GM Vicente Sanchez of Kali Arnis International.....Dr. Robert Goldman – world famous medical doctor, inventor, muscle and physical fitness expert, Guinness Book of Records Holder & martial arts Black Belt.....& Master Alan Goldberg - the U.S.A.’s premiere martial arts promoter/ media head of “Action Martial Arts News”, etc & Wing Chun Master from New York

Appointments.....

Advisors Board additions – Honorary member, Master Alan Goldberg, GM John Pellegrini & GM George Alexander.....Screening Board Addition – Gat Puno Abon Baet

Cover photo of the month.....



Supreme GM Ji Han Jae graces the cover of the Sept issue of Budo International Magazine

In the magazines this time around.....

BLACK BELT Magazine's Aug/ Sept issue features a mention of Master Jackie Chan joining forces with Sylvester Stallone for an upcoming action film tentatively entitled "EX -BAGHDAD" slated for release in 2019; A picture of Master Dana Abbott graces the content page showing the "correct way" to hold a sword in relation to Dave Lowry's KARATE WAY Column on the mistakes cinematic sword fighters make in films; GM Bill Wallace is mentioned in the "FROM THE ARCHIVES" Column as Black Belt's 1978 Man of the Year while Master Rickson Gracie takes the honors for Black Belt's coveted Man of the Year Award for 2017.....TAEKWONDO TIMES Sept issue features pics of Master Alan Goldberg, GM Bill Wallace, the late GM Don Nagle & a mention of the late GM Isaac Henry in an article called "PATH TO DISCOVERY" by Marilyn Fierro; Supreme Grandmaster Ji Han Jae receives a mention in an article entitled "THE LEGACY"; In an article entitled "STARTING NEW TRADITIONS WITH TRADITIONZ ENTERTAINMENT", Master Don "The Dragon" Wilson, Master Cynthia Rothrock, Master Cheryl Wheeler Sanders, James Wilson & Dr. Robert Goldman are mentioned as the Principals behind the company that produced "THE MARTIAL ARTS KID" & "PAYING MR. McGETTY" with their goal of producing quality martial arts film entertainment; Master Guy Larke has an article entitled "AN INTRODUCTION TO SUNG DO MOO SANG RYU KENJUTSU"; the late GGM Cacoy Canete's art is featured in an article entitled "CACOY DOCE PARES ESKRIMA WINDOWPANE DISARMS" (PART TWO OF TWO); & Master Bodhi Sanders has his column entitled "WARRIOR WISDOM".....Lastly, in BUDO INTERNATIONAL Magazine's September issue, Supreme Grandmaster Ji Han Jae is featured in a cover story/ interview; Soke Raul Gutierrez is featured in an article on FU-SHIIH KENPO; & GM John Pellegrini is featured in an article on COMBAT HAPKIDO.

Well, this concludes our newsletter for this special quarterly period. In November, I will be at Master Andrew Fanelli's Pro TaeKwonDo Hall of Fame in California as an inductee ("thank you", Master Fanelli). As well as our member, Master Alan Goldberg's Mega Martial Arts Weekend that takes place in New Jersey - January 2018 (for information you can e-mail Alan at actionma4@gmail.com). Please also remember to send in your news for our next issue (no news about seminars please, because we all do them! Unless they concern teaching the police/ military). In the meantime, stay aggressive and fair in all you do!

Your Brother in the martial arts,
GM Frank E. Sanchez
Founder/ Exec. Director Int'l.

