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On October 18th and 19th, Hanshi Holley and Michael Rodriguez Shihan traveled to Brooklyn, New York to teach a clinic for Shihan Jackie Drayton and some of her students. Instruction included a deeper exploration of Taikiyoku Shodan, including concepts of kinetic energy and power generation and transfer as well as compression and expansion and koshi waza (hip technique). The second day included the bo kata "Shushi no Kon Dai" of Ryukyu Kobudo as a special treat some of the black belt instructors in addition to covering bo basics.

This weekend clinic was attended by a number of black and brown belts who train and teach under Shihan Jackie. This was the third visit to Shihan Jackie's dojo in the Public School system and, as always, Shihan's hospitality was above and beyond. Her students were amazing and very disciplined and so very eager to learn. She also confirmed and ratified her decision to join our federation. She is a welcome addition to KOJF as her spirit and energy and love of karate as well as her desire to help guide people to become successful, upstanding citizens is amazing. Thank you Shihan Jackie for your hospitality and your continued effort to be a guiding force for the youth of New York City. Osu!

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KOJF International News

2019 has been a big year for the International Division of KOJF. The majority of this activity has been conducted under the watchful eye of Shihan Anto Dinesh.

In March, Anto Sensei conducted a technical seminar in Canada. The seminar was capped off by dan grading and KOJF Canada annual meeting overseen by Anto Sensei and approved by the KOJF Honbu. Congratulations to Sensei Manoharan (4th dan), Sensei Shanthibushan (4th dan) Sensei Vijaykanth (4th dan) , Sensei Akilathas (4th dan), Sensei Suganthan (3rd dan), Senpai Harsh (1st dan) and Senpai Hairso (2nd dan). Please join us in congratulating all who tested and earned their new rank!



KOJF International News

In April, KOJF Canada students earned a total of 12 medals for kata and kumite at the Shiva Fighters Open International Championship in Toronto. Congratulations to everyone who competed!



Also in April, Shihan Anto Dinesh spent a few days at the KOJF Honbu teaching and training. The visit culminated with Anto Shihan successfully passing his grading for 7th dan! Please join the KOJF Honbu in congratulating Anto Shihan on a momentous achievement!



KOJF International News

May 2019 saw Anto Shihan conduct a black belt technical seminar, dan grading and KOJF International State Championship in India in cooperation with Shihan Nizam, the KOJF National Chief in India and Director of Public Relations for South Asia. Congratulations to all dan candidates who successfully passed the exam for their next rank. No doubt, everyone in attendance has learned ways to raise their karate to the next level. Shihan Naizam was awarded a KOJF International Charter Certificate issued directly from the KOJF International Honbu in Cincinnati, OH. We at the Honbu are most grateful to Anto Shihan and Naizam Shihan for their tireless efforts to build KOJF and build Shotokan throughout India!



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2019 KOJF India and KOJF Sri Lanka Dan Grading Results

Examination conducted by Anto Shihan and KOJF Board Members of Sri Lanka

M. Thambirajah - 5th dan
 S. Kanagalingam - 5th dan
 M. Kumar Mamesesan - 5th dan
 S. Ramanikanth - 5th dan
 R. Jegathees - 5th dan
 R. Ananthakumar - 5th dan

Examination conducted by Anto Shihan and Naizam Shihan—KOJF India

S. Prince - 5th dan
 A. Aji - 5th dan

Welcome New KOJF Members!

Welcome to Sensei Brandon Fisher. Sensei Fisher is the head Sensei for Okinawa Karate in Twinsburg, OH.

<http://fisherkarate.com/index.html>



Brandon L. Fisher, Kyoshi / 7th Dan (Seijitsu Shin Do Kan Director) (Kaicho)
Stephanie A. Fisher, M.Ed, Shiha / 4th Dan (Seijitsu Shin Do Kan Co-Director) (Fuku-Kaicho)

Below is a brief story Sensei Fisher wanted to share with the group.

The Okinawa Karatedo Seijitsu Shin Do Kan Kyokai is proud to announce the promotion of Mr. Joe Goff to the rank of Shodan. Mr. Goff joined us in 2013 1 year after having an accident at work that broke his back. Joe is a firefighter / paramedic and was in the process of putting a patient in the ambulance the stretcher broke and caused the patient (a very overweight man) and the stretcher to fall on Joe. After a year of physical therapy and not getting the results he wanted he decided to try martial arts.

He first signed up with a Hapkido instructor before he found us, but that was short lived as Joe really enjoyed karate and as a result used it as part of his rehab for his back. For all intensive purposes that should have been the end of Joe's career and should not have been able to train. However Joe is a very strong person both mentally and physically and he beat the odds. He embodies the philosophy of "7 Times Down, 8 Times Up" and I wish every student was like him. Joe is a true student of karate digging deep into the bunkai of the kata and kihon to better understand the purpose. He thinks things through thoroughly and will experiment with ideas. However, simple straight forward application is his approach. He believes in training in kihon, kata, kumite and goshin jutsu and finding the connection between all.

Outside of his karate life Joe is Lt. Joe Goff with



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the Shaker Heights Fire Department and still working as hard as ever. He is married with one daughter and very devoted husband and father. We are proud to have him a part of our dojo and even more proud to be able to promote him to shodan in Okinawa Karatedo Shorinryu (Kobayashi Ryu).



KOJF New Members Cont'd

KOJF welcomes Jackie Drayton, Shihan, 6th dan karate-do and practitioner and dan grade holder in Jujitsu. She runs a very successful Youth Mentoring program that is coupled with Karate, intervention program, music and dance throughout the New York City School system and recently got full state approval for her program. She currently teaches with the help of some fulltime instructors nearly 800 young students in the Public School system in Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx. She is highly regarded in the martial arts community in New York City and has the respect of City council, Director of Education, Principals, Church leaders and other city leaders as a powerhouse instructor. Witnessing first hand her direct disciplined training program she is a force to be recognized and truly



honored. We are pleased that after many organizations and associations who have courted her and her students she has decided to affiliate with KOJF. Her karate is based on Shotokan Kata and principles and her teaching is strict and honed. She continues to teach directly on the floor, put her gi on and train alongside her students when I am there and deliver a strong positive influence not only for the youth of New York City but the parents and adults as well. I have given several training clinics for her students and instructors and they all exhibit great discipline, hardened techniques and the openness to learn and grow. Let us welcome her into our KOJF family and embrace her as one of our own. Welcome Shihan Jackie Drayton!

Hanshi's Corner

Dai Nippon Butoku Kai 大日本武徳会 ("Greater Japan Martial Virtue Society")

The DNBK was a martial arts organization with strong ties to WWII-era Japanese government, originally established in 1895 in [Kyoto](#). Following the end of World War II, the DNBK changed its status from a public to a private organization. Enrolment fell significantly from millions to hundreds and it lost its authority to govern all martial arts organizations in Japan. In 1946, due to its association with the Japanese Military during war-time, the [GHQ](#) dissolved the DNBK. The following years, more than 1,300 leaders and officials of the DNBK were [purged](#)—ostracized, lost their jobs, and were forbidden to take any government position. In 1953, a new unrelated DNBK was established with a new philosophical vision of preserving the long-standing illustrious classical martial virtues and traditions.

The Establishment of the Original Military School

The original Dai Nippon Butoku Kai facility was created as a private organization in 1895 in Kyoto. By the 1930s a systematic appropriation of martial arts by the state was underway, fueled in the successful wake of the [Russo-Japanese War](#), sped up even more in 1942-1945 during the apex of Japan's "militarisation"(sengika.) This led to a number of "unprecedented policies aimed at making martial arts education combat effective and ideologically aligned with ultra-nationalistic government policy" were set into motion. This strove to corral any and all budo organizations under state control to which the proposal of the "National Physical Strength Deliberation Council" sponsored by the Ministry of Health and Welfare recommended that an "all-encompassing extra-governmental organization" formed between the five ministries of Kōseishō (Health and Welfare), Mombushō (Education), Rikugunshō(Army), Kaigunshō (Navy) and the Naishinshō (Home) which promoted budō in schools, community organizations and groups. This was an effective way to expand the reach and breadth of the harmful propaganda being issued by the ultra nationalistic government into the community, plus allowing a clear path to community indoctrination through budō programs; especially notable was the efforts targeting children and schools that is apparent by the amount of funding it received, allocated by a national budget at the time.

The response was as follows: "We have reached a consensus to restructure the Dai-Nippon Butokukai, a registered society that has contributed to the advancement of budō for many years, and incorporate it into the organs of government." This allowed public funding to be spent on a larger project nationally.

After the end of [World War II](#), the Supreme Commander of Allied Powers ([General Douglas MacArthur](#)) issued a directive to dissolve any and all military-related or nationalistic propaganda organizations. The disbanding was done under the "Removal and Exclusion of Undesirable Personnel from Public Office," which issued a purge directive contained in SCAPIN 548 (Removal of Ultranationalists) clearly stating: "ultra-nationalistic or militaristic social, political, professional and commercial societies and institutions will be dissolved and prohibited."

This was accompanied by SCAPIN 550 (Removal and Exclusion of Undesirable Personnel from Public Office) which states: "Persons who have been active exponents of militarism and militant nationalism will be removed and excluded from public office and from any positions of public or substantial private responsibility."

In a memorandum proposed to the Chief of Staff, it also stated: "Dissolution of Dai Nippon Butokukai by order to the Imperial Japanese Government is recommended in accordance with the provisions of SCAPIN 548 Paragraph I-f on the grounds that this is an organization 'affording military or quasi-military training' and which provides for the 'perpetuation of militarism' or a martial spirit in Japan."

Wikipedia contributors. "Dai Nippon Butoku Kai." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 22 Oct. 2019. Web. 6 Nov. 2019.

THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DNBK

In 1953, a non-related brand new organization with the name Dai Nippon Butoku Kai was established with the philosophical vision of preserving the long-standing illustrious classical martial virtues and traditions. This new DNBK aims for the restoration of classical martial cultures, supporting allied research, instruction and service, promotion of international peace and harmony, and the advancement of greater humanity through Budo education.

Though this organization applied to be recognized as an official organization with the Japanese government in 1953, granting of this status was rejected until 2012, as it was opposed by multiple organizations (such as the [All Japan Kendo Federation](#), and the [All Japan Judo Federation](#)) which had inherited the original DNBK's duties and operations. It is recognized by the government as an official brand new organization, similar to other organizations and its current membership is in the few thousands.

The first official branch outside Japan was established in Virginia (USA) and in 1985 a division in the east coast USA.

In 1974, DNBK officially established the International Division overseeing all international members. In 2011, DNBK has official representatives and coordinators in Canada, United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Israel, Hungary, Russia, Germany, Spain, Malta, France and California USA, Hawaii USA, Mid-Western USA, Boston USA, Arizona USA, Florida USA, Australia, Romania, Switzerland, Armenia, Chile, Switzerland, Greece, Gibraltar, Austria, and Nepal.

NOTE: I was with Hamada Hanshi, Chairman of the DNBK, when he announced to the International division that the DNBK had regained it's status and sanction by the Japanese Government and the Ministry of Education. This was historic and a restoration to glory for the illustrious status of the Dai Nippon Butokukai.

Hanshi

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As is becoming an annual tradition anticipated by many, the KOJF Honbu in Cincinnati, OH held the 2019 annual end of year Master Camp on Saturday December 7th, 2019. The warmups with Dr. Andrew Norman, 5th dan and instruction on kihon waza provided by kenshoin Tim Laba, 7th dan and Almonte Covington, 7th dan worked up a sweat, as always and helped to strengthen the base on which our karate is built: BASICS!!

The detailed guidance everyone received from Hanshi Holley no doubt served to strengthen what the yudansha of KOJF already implement in their daily training.

Special thank s goes to Mike Rodriguez, 7th dan for documenting the event and sharing the great pictures and videos to capture the spirit of the dojo on Facebook. If you have not yet had a chance, be sure to visit Mike Sensei's Faebook page! Please take a moment to enjoy a small sample of the images from the 2019 KOJF Master Camp posted below.

As we wind down on another fantastic year and close out 2019, we reflect on the events in and out of the dojo this year and give thanks or the opportunities we had to come together and share and learn with one another in friendship. 2020 is shaping up to be a very busy year, especially for those members of the KOJF team who are preparing to make the journey to Kyoto Japan in April to train and demonstrate in the famed Butokuden, Honbu of the Dai Nippon Butokukai (DNBK).



Final Thoughts

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Nunchaku no Kihon Waza

January 25, 2020

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Louisville, KY 40299

Instruction provided by Dwight Holley, Hanshi

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