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- Est. is 1967 and still Serving!
- Expanded Membership Services
- National Seminars and Affiliations

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USMAF Celebrates 40 Years!

Looking back, its been "40" Years since the leadership of the **United States Martial Arts Federation (USMAF)** began its crusade to build a National Organization to Serve American Martial Arts. It seems like just yesterday (in 1967) when it all began back at the Shihan-Ryu Institute. Although some of the founders have since passed away, such as John J. Chaffin and Koichi Kobayashi, our "quest for excellence" in building and further developing the martial arts across the USA has certainly grown stronger and the number of our members has increased many times fold since the 1960s! For those of you that have just begun your own "personal quest" to learn and grow through and with the martial arts, we congratulate you on your dedication, progress, steadfast efforts for Self-Improvement and Human Character Development. Remembering that Integrity, Honor and Discipline are the foundations of the Martial Arts. We look forward to serving our membership during the "next" 40 yrs! *Respectfully*, Bruce R. Bethers, CEO.



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Seeking Self Improvement
is a LIFE-LONG Journey..



President
Robert M. Carver

*“Since 1967,
Our
Number One
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will be
To Serve
Our Members”*



From the President's Desk..

WELCOME to the Fall Issue of -

“The American Eagle!”

*The official publication of the **United States Martial Arts Federation (USMAF)**. It's been now 40 years, since our National Organization was established and it's still going strong! Our Number One Goal has been and always will be to **“Serve Our Members”** in the **USMAF!** As the President of this Great Organization, I am especially proud of our heritage, our mission, our standards and our fellowship in the American Martial Arts Community. As we publish our future issues of “The American Eagle”, we are calling upon ALL of our Membership to submit your “articles, photos & activity reports” so we can share your experiences, accomplishments, celebrations and knowledge with your colleagues across the USA and Worldwide! It is our intent to “highlight” Our Members' clubs, events, promotions and anything about the Martial Arts in the USA and around the World. Basically, anything that we think will be of interest to You - Our Members! We look forward to publishing your students' “names, faces & accomplishments in **The American Eagle!** In addition, each publication will include historical & technical information about the various styles or systems as well as interviews with significant instructors, leaders and contributors in the World of Martial Arts! We will also provide information about USMAF's National Programs and Services. As in the “Ancient Times” before, these are “Great Times” to be involved in and learning the Martial Arts. I challenge each of you to “contribute” your ideas, stories, photos, graphics and reports to help make -*

“The American Eagle” better with each new issue!

Schedule a USMAF Seminar!!



Now, is your opportunity to attend or schedule a National Certification Training Seminar conducted by the USMAF.

Both Traditional & Competitive Skill Seminars are being conducted across the USA!! “One Day” to “Four Day” Events are now available and being conducted by Senior USMAF Yudansha. **Training Subjects** include; Intensive Curriculum Courses, Kata Certification, Self-Defense Skills, Referee Training / Certification, Weapons Training and Competitor Skills are all available and being scheduled by contacting the USMAF National Office at **1-703-920-1590 or 1-800-676-8087.**

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Expanded Membership Services..

In keeping with our Goal of “continuous improvement” and furthering the development of American Martial Arts, the Executive Committee along with the Membership Services Committee have been working diligently to find ways to improve and expand USMAF’s membership services for our members. In particular, our USMAF leadership has recognized thru feedback from our many clubs and individual members that “faster turn around” of processing new memberships and promotions is needed. Thus, we have expanded our Membership Services with a New Office (with more staff, new computer equipment & improved database) to expedite this important function of the National Headquarters. We Thank Everyone for your input and patience as “We Grow our National Organization to Better Serve You”!

Fellowship & Friendship are Priceless!!

Over the years we have all had martial art teachers and associates that have become our Life-Time Friends and our Martial Arts Family! Often times our “comrades at the dojo” or in the Federation become some of our most Important Advisors and Partners in Life. And sometimes, we just don’t realize how much the “**stability of the martial arts**” or the “**value of our friendships**” established in and thru the dojo are, until we are away from the dojo or we have “lost” one of our Life-Long Friends due to an accident or ailment. So, this is just a “reminder” to “Live Life to the Fullest” and don’t forget to let Your Friends & Family know How Important they are to You!



**SERVING
SINCE
1967**



USMAF's National Kendo Program



Welcome to “**USMAF KENDO**”!

We are pleased to announce that the Central Technical Committee (CTC) of the **United States Martial Arts Federation** has recommended to the USMAF Board of Directors that a new National Program for the further development of Kendo and laido be established and maintained for USMAF's Membership. The Board approved the CTC's recommendation unanimously! The name of this new National Program is “**USMAF KENDO**”. Dr. Shiro Kinmoku, chairman of the “working committee” for this project has been appointed as National Director of USMAF KENDO. This National Program will include both research, training and rank certification. The *Formal Curriculum* for USMAF KENDO will include the skills and knowledge of both Kendo and laido. Members who train in *USMAF KENDO* will study in a *most comprehensive manner*; including the history, principles, etiquette, terminology, waza, kata, competitive and non-competitive aspects of Kendo and laido. National Training and Certification Seminars will be scheduled across the USA. Members that are already training in Kendo or laido and would like to participate in USMAF KENDO, are encouraged to contact the National Office to volunteer to serve on the Program Committee or host a National Training Event. Building “**USMAF KENDO**” will require “Leadership at All Levels” of this organization. *Now is “Your Opportunity” to get involved and “Help Grow” **USMAF KENDO**!!*

USMAF KENDO follows the “Old School” Teachings..



Traditional Training & Discipline..

There is no martial art kata which was directly involved by the three Japanese Emperors, except **KENDO**. Kendo was originated from Kenjutsu (fencing art). But the art was never recorded until Sixteen century. In 1870, in order to modernize Japan, the Emperor Meiji prohibited the practice of Bushido and ban all Samurai from carrying the sword in public. Instead, he directed the focus on Western technology. Until 1886, Meiji allowed Japanese police to practice Kendo and he directed them to standardize the old forms into standard Kendo kata. These Kata were developed from actual combat techniques as taught by military teachers skilled in their art and former techniques of classical swordsmanship containing the theory and practical applications necessary to retain the essence of their conception. In 1895, Dai Nihon Butokukai was authorized by Meiji to form a committee to unify all classical schools and all sections to expedite the Kendo Kata standardization. In 1912, the Kendo Kata also called Dai Nihon Teikoku Kendo Kata was published for the first time. In 1917 the second Emperor Taisho directed a committee to complete and add the explanatory notes to the body of text. In May 1933, the third Emperor Showa expanded annotation to the Dai Nihon Teikoku Kendo Kata. It was at this time that it began to be known as the Nihon Kendo Kata.

In Japan (1952), Kendo was allowed to be practiced as a sport starting in the junior high and senior high schools. However, Kendo kata was practiced in many styles in different schools. In 1981, a select committee was formed which reviewed the once created (by the three Emperors) Kata, and finalized them into the Ten Japanese Kendo Kata. In the first through the seventh Kata, one long sword is used, while in the eighth through tenth Kata both one long sword and one short sword are used in practice. The **United States Martial Arts Federation (USMAF)** promotes the use of these traditional “10” Kendo Kata in our Dojos.

What is Kendo and What is Iaido?

Kendo (剣道, *Kendo*¹), or "way of the sword", is the martial art of Japanese fencing. Kendo developed from traditional techniques of Japanese swordsmanship known as *kenjutsu*. The *Dai Nippon Butoku Kai*, was established in 1895 to solidify, promote, and standardize all martial disciplines and systems in Japan. The DNBK changed the name of *Gekiken* (Kyūjitai: 擊劍; Shinjitai: 擊劍, "hitting sword") to Kendo in 1920. In 1975 the All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF) developed an explanation of the concept and purpose of studying Kendo. The Concept of Kendo is to discipline the human character through the application of the principles of the *katana* (sword).

Iaido (居合道, *Iaidō*²), approximately "the way of mental presence and immediate reaction", is a Japanese martial art associated with smooth, controlled movements of drawing the sword from its scabbard, striking or cutting an opponent, removing blood from the blade, and then replacing the sword in the scabbard. Modern day *Iaidō* exponents typically use a blunted metal practice sword (*iaitō*) for practice, especially among beginners, while many advanced practitioners use a sharpened sword (*shinken*).



**Shiro
Kinmoku
Sensei**

USMAF

**“Where the
Old Ways of
the Samurai
have joined
the New..”**



National Kendo Director Appointed.

During this past year, the USMAF Executive Committee has been researching the interest and popularity of Kendo across the globe and in particular, here in the USA. **Kendo (The Way of the Sword)** is the *oldest* of the Ancient Japanese Martial Arts and today is one of the *fastest growing* martial arts worldwide. Kendo grew out of Kenjutsu which is tied directly to the Legendary *Samurai* who ruled Japan for hundreds of years. Kenjutsu was “*fundamental*” in the mind-set and a pivotal-skill of survival and leadership for Japan’s *Bushido* (The Way of the Samurai). We are very pleased to announce that one of USMAF’s most noted Leaders and a Silver Life Member, **Dr. Shiro Kinmoku** has been appointed as the **National Program Director of USMAF KENDO**. *Dr. Kinmoku was born in Aomori, Japan and started his martial art training at the age of seven. Under the guidance of his father (a 7th Dan in Kodokan Judo), he trained in Judo and Shao-Lin Jiu-Ken for several years. At the age of 11, he began learning Kendo under Takeyoshi Sensei (Toyama Ryu). In 1967, he moved to Taipei and continued his study in Kendo and Shaolin. Dr. Kinmoku has competed in Kendo competitions across Asia. He has taught Kendo in Asia and the USA since the 1960s. He currently holds the 6th Dan (Rokudan) in Kendo. Dr. Kinmoku comes from a very active martial arts family. His wife, Mary, is a 2nd Dan (Nidan) in Judo, and their sons (Jack & James) are students of Karate, Ju-Jitsu & Kendo.*



USMAF Kendo Uniforms & Equipment!!

We are pleased to announce that with our New National Kendo Program, USMAF is also expanding its merchandise to further serve its Members! Beginning this fall, USMAF will make available, directly from the Far East, both High Quality Kendo & laido Uniforms (Keikogi & Hakama) as well as Kendo Armor (Bogu). In researching the market, USMAF's Kendo Committee has noted that it is difficult to find "Youth Sizes" for our Younger Kendoka. Thus USMAF will strive to include both youth and adult sizes in its **"American Kendo Supplies"**. USMAF Members will receive excellent discounts on their purchases of Kendo Supplies! We are also planning to stock Special High Quality Swords (Katana - Iaito) for Iaito Training. A "full list" of Kendo and Iaito Uniforms, Supplies and Equipment will soon be posted at USMAF.



- Note -
Discounted Prices for USMAF Members

USMAF's KENDO Program is for ALL Ages!

Ever thought, wouldn't be Great if I could learn more about the Ways of the Samurai and expand my life-long study of the Martial Arts! Especially about the **"Way of the Sword" & Bushido**. But I don't speak Japanese and where will I find a Sensei for Kendo & Iaito? Here at USMAF, we are proud to announce that after diligent effort and coordination, the USMAF National Program for Kendo & Iaito has been established!



Beginning this fall, the USMAF will be providing both Kendo and Iaito classes and seminars at the National Headquarters Dojo in Arlington, Virginia as well as other locations across the USA. The USMAF Kendo Program will also be affiliated with the All United States Kendo Federation and the All Japan Kendo Federation through the leadership and guidance of Dr. Kinmoku. Affiliated martial arts clubs and schools are encouraged to contact the USMAF National Office at: natlhq@usmaf.org for further details and to answer your questions. Interested individuals that are not yet members of USMAF are most welcome to attend the Kendo & Iaito Training Events which will be scheduled in various clubs, schools & other facilities as we move into 2008. Here is your opportunity to learn Kendo & Iaito in a traditional and "user-friendly" environment with your fellow USMAF colleagues. USMAF will provide the training, testing and certification for its USMAF Kendoka. Certification will also be available from the Martial Arts International Federation (MAIF).

2007 US JU-JITSU CHAMPIONSHIPS



Days & Dates: Friday & Saturday, Nov 2 - 3, 2007

Location: The Crown Plaza, Niagara Falls, NY

Competitor Check-In: Friday, Nov 2nd, 1- 8 P.M.

Required USJJF Referee Course: Friday, 1- 8 P.M.

Competition: Saturday, 8:30 A.M. to finish

Annual Awards Banquet: Saturday, 8:30 P.M.



Sanctioned by: **United States Ju-Jitsu Federation (USJJF)**

Official Website: www.usjjf.org

2007 USA KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Days & Dates: Friday & Saturday, Nov 9 - 10,
2007

Location: Memorial Hall, University of Akron,
Ohio

Pre-Championships Party: Hickey Karate
Center, Friday, 7:30 -10:30 P.M.

Competition: Saturday, 8 A.M. to finish



Sanctioned by: **USA Karate Federation (USAKF)**

Official Website: www.usakaratechampionships.us

USMAF will soon offer a specialized “Leadership Training” Program for its Members !

Master Black Belt – Six Sigma

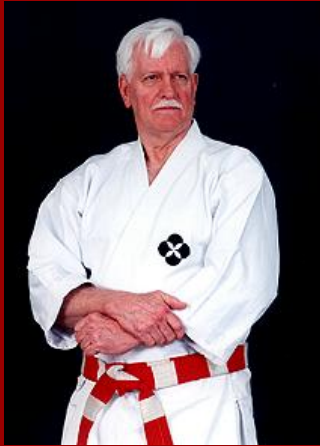
One of the “Bushido” or martial art principles developed by ancient Japanese is “continue to learn and improve to perfection”. The Bushi (warrior) was expected to complete the mission fast and accurately. After decades of quality improvement revolution by using the name of Zero Defects, Re-Engineering, Baldrige, ISO 9000, and Total Quality Management in the world, many companies are still suffering the bottom line profit. In the 1980s, Motorola and General Electronics used the similar Bushido philosophy to explore how companies focus to survive in business by means of decreasing the defects in both their products and services through the concept of “continuous process improvement”. The ancient philosophy merging with the modern statistics has produced the **Six Sigma**.

Traditional martial art uses the Black Belt to award the trainee who has been through many years of training and achieved a high level of skill and knowledge. Motorola started the practice of awarding the black belt to persons who have completed the Six Sigma training and lead their team to improve the business processes continuously by carrying out important projects. In the early 1990s, the Six Sigma started to be included in more companies and types of business to implement such as, Allied signal, IBM, Microsoft, Bank of America, Iomega and to many other companies. As Martial Artists and as Business Owners, continuous improvement in your services can also benefit from *Six Sigma Training and Certification*. USMAF will soon provide this Professional Training & Certification Program. The first achieved rank in Six Sigma is the *Green Belt*, then promotion to *Brown Belt*, later the *Black Belt* and finally the *Master Black Belt*. To facilitate better communication and allocation of resources in the practice, the *Champion Black Belt* rank has also been created as a top level rank in the Six Sigma system. *Champion Black Belts* usually are persons that are the Department Head, Vice President, or CEO of a firm. Most companies or institutions now issue these “Belts” in their Six Sigma rank demonstration for current practice.

Recently, some companies and organizations have started to use the “LEAN” word combined with Six Sigma. They argued that Six Sigma does not address the “speed and waste control” in the process and that Six Sigma only focuses on quality and variation control. While others argue that this is just sort of a “word game”, because Six Sigma does include consideration of the speed and waste factors in continuous improvement. However, adding “Lean” with Six Sigma to become “*Lean Six Sigma*” is common and does compliment **Six Sigma** in practice.

More details about Training and Certification Opportunities in Six Sigma are coming for our USMAF Members!!





**Hanshi
George E. Anderson**

*“A Visionary
Leader that has
dedicated his Life
to Training,
Teaching and
Service in the
Martial Arts”*



A Most Honored Promotion

Highlighting A Life-Time of Service...

February 16, 2007, at the Kwanmukan International Symposium, **George E. Anderson** from Akron, Ohio, received his ninth (9th) Dan certification from the Kukkiwon. Great-Grandmaster Chull Hee Park, founder of the Kang Duk Won in Korea, was in attendance and personally presented the certification to Grandmaster Anderson. The Kukkiwon certification is believed to be the first time a Ninth Dan has been issued to anyone outside of Korea. This historic occasion took place at the Kwanmukan International Banquet held annually in Akron, Ohio. In attendance this year were over 250 guests, mostly martial artists, from more than four countries and ten states. World-class instruction at the seminar was provided by those recognized as Shihan ("master teacher") under Grandmaster Anderson's Kwanmukan organization. Grandmaster Anderson, who is now 75 years old, has a martial arts resume that spans over 55 years. First involved with Taekwondo in the early 60's, he has been active in the international sports arena, serving as Referee Council Chairman and as the first Vice-President of the World Union of Karate-Do Organizations (now known as the World Karate Federation, a member of the United States Olympic Committee), and also as an International Representative for the Ju-Jitsu International Federation. Hanshi Anderson is the Founder of the United States Ju-Jitsu Federation (USJJF) and serves as the Chairman of the Central Technical Committee of both the USJJF & USMAF. He also serves as the Presidential Advisor in the USA National Karate Federation.

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Life Member #s are Growing..

Seems the “word” has gotten out! In the last couple of years and particularly during the first half of 2007, we have seen the Biggest Jump in **USMAF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS** Ever! While this is very gratifying to the Membership Committee, what this really tells us is that the “word has gotten out” - that the USMAF is a Great Organization to be a Permanent Member of as it promotes and further develops both the “Traditional Way” and the “Sport Venue” of the Ancient Martial Arts! In fact, our New Life Members are from Three Years Old to Seventy Three Years Young! We have also noticed that several Clubs are making the “Commitment” to become a USMAF LIFE MEMBER a part of the “path” to becoming a Black Belt! This is most gratifying to see this level of Leadership and Commitment from so many of our supporting members. In summary, the Martial Arts have come a “Long Way” down the path of development, originating with the Ancient Warriors. Perhaps the word, Samurai, meaning “To Serve” still has Great Purpose in our Society and our National Organization - USMAF.

Recent Dan & Kyu Grade Promotions..

Black Belt - Dan Grades:

1. David E. Parritt, (Florida) - 7th Dan, Nihon Ju-Jitsu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
2. Michael L. Pilla, (Minnesota) - 2nd Dan, Mizu-Ryu Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
3. David Kruger (Florida) - 1st Dan, Nokido Ju-Jitsu & US Ju-Jitsu
4. Katherine R. Lyall, (Colorado) - 1st Dan, US Ju-Jitsu
5. Nadeem Ansari, (Virginia) - 4th Dan US Ju-Jitsu & 1st Dan, Traditional Kodokan Judo

Below Black Belt - Kyu Grades:

1. Sarah Taylor, (Colorado) - 8th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
2. Brandon M. Allison, (Colorado) - 10th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
3. Jaqueline Breckenridge, (Colorado) - 8th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
4. Deanna R. Smith, (Colorado) - 8th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
5. Timothy Breckenridge, (Colorado) - 8th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
6. Michael W. Clifford III, (Colorado) - 8th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
7. Dillond Adams, (Colorado) - 8th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
8. Nicholas Johnson, (Colorado) - 10th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
9. Chris Winstead, (Colorado) - 10th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo
10. Brian Riggins, (Colorado) - 8th Kyu, US Ju-Jitsu & Traditional Kodokan Judo

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USMAF's MISSION

The Mission of the **United States (USA) Martial Arts Federation** is to unify all American Martial Artists with a foundation of respect for all styles and systems and to provide services and guidance to foster *Technical Excellence, Fellowship and Human Character Development*. The USMAF is committed to *Ensuring Integrity and Maintaining the Highest Standard in the Martial Arts Community*.

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