



Okinawa Seidokan Karate Kobudo Renmei Puerto Rico



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Latin American Seidokan Karate Kobudo Association





Mi second trip to Okinawa

It was a long trip but full of pleasant surprises. My wife Evelyn was able to accompany me this time..

An intramural tournament was improvised in which I participated and obtained First Place in Kumite. Soke Shian Toma, after nearly ten years of retirement, returned to the dojo in full uniform and promoted me to 8-dan and to a Hanshi title.

I wish to offer my sincere gratefulness to Senseis Nix y Akemi for all the help they provided us.

Domo Arigatou gozaimasu!



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Sensei Juan Carbajal visits Puerto Rico

Sensei Juan Carbajal, (Kyoshi, 5-dan) and several of his students, visited the Island last July and were able to practice at our Dojo. In a brief Ceremony, he was awarded a recognition for his Cooperation with Puerto Rico Seidokan. Training sessions were also held at the Dojo of Sensei Jaime Torres, 3-dan, in Bayamón.

The group visited the emblematic Forts of El Morro and San Cristóbal, in the Old San Juan area. They also toured through several towns and cities of the island, including Ponce, Luquillo, Fajardo and the world renowned El Yunque Rain Forest, one of the 28 finalists among the New Seven Wonders of the World. They were also given a tour of the Island's Bacardi Rum Distillery, in Cataño.



EMERSON, HANSHI DOJO



JAIME TORRES, SENSEI DOJO

Tribute at Cidra, Puerto Rico

The Okinawa Kobayashi Shorin Ryu Karate Kobudo Ryukyukan Puerto Rico, United Alliance of Shoto Karatedo held an event last September 25, in Cidra, Puerto Rico, to honor a group of outstanding martial artists.

At right, the town Mayor, Hon. Angel L. Malavé Zayas, officially hands Ricardo Emerson, Hanshi, a municipal Proclaim which honors him as belonging to a select group of Karatedo Nijugonen-Kai, which means that the title holder has taught Karate for more than 25 years.

A segment of this award reads as follows:

"For your dedication in promoting and teaching the art of traditional Karate for more than 25 years. Fight!! Nothing is given us for free and if were indeed so, perhaps it would lose its worth."

Below, the honored group of seasoned martial artists pose with a copy of the Proclaim and a commemorative Diploma.



KARATEDO NIJUGONEN-KAI

First Latin American Seidokan Association Seminar

On October of 2011, the Latin American Seidokan Association held its first invitational Seminar which was offered free of charge and gathered over forty karatekas, encompassing several styles, among them: Shotokan, GoJu Ryu, Shorin Ryu and Kempo. Some of the distinguished martial artists which attended included Hanshi Willie Rivera, from Vega Alta and Shihan Gilberto Hernández, from Santurce.

The goal is to hold these on a quarterly basis to both unite and share knowledge and expertise. The Seminar was a huge success and the attendees seemed very pleased with the idea and goals.

Hanshi Emerson thanked his students for backing him up and exclaimed: "Hope to see you all very soon again!"



International Martial Arts Festival

The PR Seidokan Team participated last November on the Orlando International Martial Arts Festival, representing the municipality of Cataño, Puerto Rico. The eight member team composed of: David, Reynaldo, Jesús, Alexis, Yazmín, Yonuel, Joshua and Emerson, captured a total of 23 medals as follows: 4 Gold, 7 Silver and 12 Bronze. Bravo for this successful Team who represented our Organization and the town of Cataño so well. This year, the Achievement's Day will be dedicated to our outstanding Team. Kudos!

Kokoro to Kokoro

