

SKIF-USA Newsletter



Kanazawa Kancho United States Tour 2006

By Lynda Crimmins

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June is right around the corner which means it is time for Kancho's annual U.S. tour. This year Kanazawa Kancho will be traveling with his eldest son, Nobuaki Kanazawa Sensei.

Their tour will start with a stop in New York, June 9th-11th at Long Island Shotokan, Charles Macolino & Jerry DiCanio Sensei. From there, they will travel to Minnesota for seminars June 13th-14th at Peak Performance Shotokan Karate-Do, Glenna Burleson Sensei.

Kancho and Nobuaki will continue their trip with a stop in Houston June 16th-18th at Shotokan Karate-Do Center, Shadi Barazi Sensei. After this visit, they will travel to California to conduct seminars June 20th-22nd at

Seishin Shotokan, Paul Walker Sensei.

SKIF-Hawaii Honbu will have the pleasure of hosting Kanazawa Kancho and Nobuaki Sensei June 24th-25th. Their tour will end with a special treat – a tournament! SKIF-Hawaii Honbu will be hosting a tournament on Sunday June 25th.

With such a jam-packed tour, spanning from coast to coast (and beyond), hopefully there will be a stop near you. So clear your schedule and mark your calendars to attend one of these special events!

SKIF-USA National Team

SKIF-USA SPECIAL TEAM TRAINING SEMINAR SET FOR MAY 5-7, 2006 IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
By Glenn Stoddard

SKIF-USA will be holding a Special Team Training Seminar from May 5- 7, 2006, near St. Paul, Minnesota. Although the seminar will be focused on team training for competition, it will be open to all SKIF-USA members who are interested in participating. The seminar will involve instruction by high-ranking SKIF-USA instructors and top USA competitors. Training sessions will be scheduled to take place throughout the day on May 5 & 6, and during the morning only

on May 7th. The instruction will include both group and individualized training to help all participants improve their own kata and jyu-kumite for competition. The major focus of the seminar will be on training and preparing for competition at the 9th SKIF World Tournament in Japan this fall. As such, there will be intensive technical training in both kata and jyu-kumite, training in competition etiquette and psychology, review of the current SKIF competition rules, and review of video footage from past SKIF World Tournaments.

Although it is not mandatory, all persons who plan to participate on the SKIF-USA Team at the 9th SKIF World Tournament in Japan this fall are encouraged to attend this Special team

Training Seminar. Participation will also be a factor in filling remaining openings in the 18-39 year old "Senior Division" on the SKIF-USA Team. Further details on the seminar, including application forms, the schedule of training sessions, a list of recommended hotels, and other information will be sent directly to SKIF-USA members and available on the SKIF-USA website at www.skifusa.com.



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Francis C. Fong, Hanshi
SKIF-USA, President



SHOTOKAN KARATE-DO INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Fellow Members and Friends
of SKIF-USA:

Aloha! It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to all our SKIF-USA dojo members and friends.

As we complete another successful year, we continue to see much growth in our organization as we enter a new year with the addition of new dojos and events. This past year in 2005, a successful National Open Karate Championship was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota (SKIF-USA Headquarters) sponsored by Peak Performance Karate-Do under Renshi Glenna Burleson. This tournament was to select and form a national karate team to represent SKIF-USA at the 9th World Karate Championships in Tokyo, Japan this year and we hope to have a strong and competitive team.

As always, the highlight of our SKIF-USA events is Kancho Kanazawa's national tour of member dojos. Mahalo to Kyoshi Glenn Stoddard,

General Secretary for arranging this year's tours.

In Hawaii, we participated in a number of events during 2005. In early March Kancho Kanazawa conducted a series of seminars including an advanced Yudansha training at the Japanese Cultural center. In April SKIF Hawaii held their 3rd annual all dojo tournament at the Kilauea Recreation Center. It was a great success with many traditional karate dojos participating. In November, Kancho visited Hawaii again on his request so he could view the stars. He had an opportunity to visit the Bishop Museum Observatory and made a trip to the Maunakea Observatory on the big island of Hawaii to view the stars. Kancho conducted a few seminars during his stay however it was a great vacation for him.

This year promises to be another exciting year for SKIF Hawaii. Kancho Kanazawa together with his son Nobuaki will be honored guests at an Open Karate Tournament on June 24-25, 2006. A delegation of karatekas will also be joining the SKIF-USA national team at World Tournament in Tokyo, Japan.

SKIF Hawaii would like to recognize and congratulate Hawaii's two recent

Hachidans (8th dan), Hanshi Victor Takemori and Hanshi Edward Kiyuna who were Kancho Kanazawa's first students when he arrived here in 1960 to begin his teachings overseas. Hanshi Takemori continues to teach at his Pearl City dojo and Hanshi Kiyuna at Susannah Wesley. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Renshi Glenna Burleson for her many dedicated years as General Secretary and helping to guide SKIF-USA to where we are today. I would also like to congratulate Kyoshi Glenn Stoddard for assuming the new role of General Secretary. Together with newly appointed Administrative Assistant Lynda Crimmins, new board member treasurer Chris Johnson and the rest of the board our organization has made great strides into the new year.

SKIF-USA and all its member dojos strive to continue to expand the teachings of Kancho Kanazawa and his spirit of harmony. We look forward to a great and exciting year.

With Warmest Aloha,

Francis C. Fong, Hanshi
SKIF-USA, President

Special Training in New York with Sensei Glenn Stoddard December 10th 2005

By Sensei Marvin Chambers, Kokujiin Dojo, New York

On December 10, 2005, Sensei Glenn Stoddard, 6th Dan, and the current General Secretary of SKIF-USA, gave a training seminar in New York, at one of Sensei Marvin Chambers' Kokujiin Dojo locations (Aims of Modzawe African Cultural Arts Center). The attendance at the seminar consisted of about 35 people, including several instructors with students from various schools affiliated with the Danha-Kai and the Kokujiin Dojo, as well as other organizations. The schools were from the local New York area to Pennsylvania and all gave good support. We were fortunate to have from the D-Dojo, the 2005 SKIF-USA tournament Men's Kumite Grand Kumite Champion, Sensei Igor Dyachenko, who came out to give support.

Everyone who attended the seminar was anticipating a sweat drenching workout, with the hope of becoming more familiar with Kancho Kanazawa's SKIF syllabus. Sensei Stoddard began with a variation on Kancho's warm up and then proceeded with various Kihon-Ido extractions for which everyone participated. Like unto Kancho, Sensei Stoddard gave a new meaning to "simplistic," by breaking down the Kihon into components the way Kancho teaches. Although he is nearly, 6'4" in height, Sensei Stoddard is very agile and moves quite impressively, and his technical mechanics (waza) are dynamic.

Afterwards, Sensei Stoddard reviewed the Gohon and Sanbon Kumite drills from the SKIF system. This was very fascinating, for the major point of this lesson was to develop a "harmonic spirit" between the attacker and defender. This must be acquired before physical contact is reached during the moment of "rei." This harmony with the opponent echo's the caring relationship Kancho displays between the beginner Kyu's to the veteran Dan holders within SKIF. Sensei Stoddard noted that if you "do not have harmony with your opponent in this type of training, you can expect disaster." A good number of principles were exhibited and demonstrated by Sensei Stoddard, and after the second hour he only took a ten minute break to sip on a Gatorade.

At times there are moments in a karate class when a question is asked that leads to an explanation or demonstration of the true spirit of karate-do. That happened during this seminar when we were going through the SKIF Sanbon Kumite drills. At this time, Marion J. Crandle, a six year old orange belt from the Sweet Kai Dojo of Pennsylvania, said: "I did not get the second part of the drill, could you please show it to me again?" Immediately

Sensei Stoddard, who was towering like a giant over this 3 ½ foot tall boy, asked everyone to stop the drill so he could help little Marion learn it and thus be able to walk away knowing how to perform the drill. Once again the love, sincerity and passion to give equal instruction to all was harmoniously expressed by Sensei Stoddard which is very unique unto itself and rare.

Sensei Stoddard then proceeded for the next hour with extracts from the Jiyu Ippon Kumite drills for the Brown and Black Belts. It was very interesting to see those who weren't familiar with the SKIF syllabus try to adjust to the natural flow and rhythm as taught by Kancho Kanazawa and conveyed by Sensei Stoddard. Then Sensei Stoddard topped the seminar off with a review of the Gankaku-Sho Kata. As modest as Sensei Stoddard's character is, his expertise was shown when he displayed this specialized kata. For those who are interested in seeing the seminar, we have made a DVD and will make it available for purchase through an arrangement with SKIF-USA and Sensei Stoddard.

After the four exhausting hours of the seminar, a party of 25 attended dinner at an authentic Korean Cuisine restaurant, which is known for its Korean style barbeque prepared before you while you dine. (Han Woo Chon, 142-34 Roosevelt Ave., Flushing, NY.) The next morning, with all hospitality, my wife, Karen Crawford Chambers, prepared a home-cooked breakfast at which Sensei Stoddard was given a cup of a traditional Trinidad West Indian beverage called "Sorrel." This is a special drink and Sensei Stoddard enjoyed it very much.

Overall, the seminar was a success for it brought forth new members to the SKIF-USA

Family. The year is now 2006 and this year the Danha-Kai and Kokujiin Dojo's are looking forward to having Sensei Stoddard and other talented SKIF-USA instructors spread their knowledge and experience in the "Kanazawa Kancho way of Karate-Do".

In closing, we learned much and had a nice experience with Sensei Stoddard's visit to New York. As for those who missed the seminar, you missed a real treat and a serious workout. Our SKIF-USA Family has some top notch instructors with the experience and expertise to help us all become a more refined national organization contributing to the "Budo Spirit" of Karate-Do within the USA. As a message to the official member Dojo's of SKIF-USA, we encourage you to utilize the talents of our high-ranking Dan holders nationally, for they all have much to offer in their own special way.

The Danha-Kai and Kokujiin Dojo would like to thank:

SKIF-USA General Secretary, Sensei Glenn Stoddard -Wisconsin;

The D-Dojo, Sensei Igor Dyachenko, New York;

Danha-Kai of Maryland, Sensei Gerald L. Johnson, Maryland;

The Sweet Kai Do Shotokan Dojo, Sensei David Crandle, Pennsylvania;

The BNAI ZAKEN-E.P. System, Sensei Jeremiah C. Lewis, New York;

JKA, Sensei Gary Thomas Burnette, New York;

JKA, Sensei D. Dean Lucas, New York and Trinidad; and

Danha-Kai of Virginia, Sensei Daniel R. Clinkscales, Virginia.



SKIF-USA RECEIVES TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

By Glenn Stoddard

The SKIF-USA was recently informed by the U.S. Treasury's Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that our application for recognition as a federally tax-exempt, nonprofit organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501 (c)(3) has been granted and will be effective as of November 2005. This is an important development for SKIF-USA, because we can now accept tax-exempt charitable donations from individuals, corporations, organizations, and foundations.

To qualify as a tax-exempt organization described in IRC Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, SKIF-USA had to show that we are organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes set forth in IRC Section 501(c)(3), and that none of the earnings of the organization could inure to any private shareholder or individual. In addition, SKIF-USA had to show that it would not attempt to influence legislation as a substantial part of its activities and would not participate at all in campaign activity for or against political candidates.

According to the IRS, the organizations described in IRC Section 501(c)(3) are commonly referred to under the general heading of "charitable organizations." Organizations described in IRC Section 501(c)(3) are generally eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with IRC Section 170.

The exempt purposes under IRC Section 501(c)(3) which apply to SKIF-USA are described as "charitable," "educational" and "fostering national or international amateur sports competition." The term "charitable" includes relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged; advancement of religion; advancement of education or science; elimination of prejudice and discrimination; defense of human and civil rights secured by law; combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency; and other purposes. These purposes are certainly consistent with the ideals of our SKIF philosophy of "harmony," as taught by Kancho Kanazawa.

To help us celebrate this recognition of SKIF-

USA, we are asking all of our members, including member dojos and individuals, to send us a tax-deductible contribution in whatever amount you can afford to help support our USA team. No amount is too small and no amount will be considered too large! Please send your contributions directly to: SKIF-USA, P.O. Box 120904, New Brighton, MN 55112. On your check you should simply note "Team Contribution." You should also be sure to keep a record of your contribution so you can deduct it from your 2006 income taxes.

We are also looking for other fundraising ideas. So, if any of you have any great ideas to help raise funds to support our USA Team or any other efforts to help us spread SKIF karate-do to others, please let us know.

ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP IN SKIF-USA

By Glenn Stoddard

SKIF-USA has grown rapidly and in the past few years and has welcomed many new members. We also commonly receive inquiries about establishing membership from individuals and instructors who are interested in joining SKIF-USA. Under our SKIF-USA Constitution, the two basic classes of membership are individual members, and group members. The requirements necessary to establish membership are as follows:

I. Individual Membership.

"Individual Members" are defined to include all individuals in the USA who hold kyu or dan grades recognized by the SKIF of Japan, provided they have been approved for membership, paid their annual membership fee, and are otherwise considered "in good standing." To hold "regular individual membership" in SKIF-USA, a person must belong to an affiliated SKIF-USA dojo or hold SKIF kyu or dan rank or be actively training on his or her own or with a karate club or dojo that is not currently affiliated with SKIF-USA. An application for individual membership must be submitted each year to SKIF-USA along with the annual fee of \$10.00.

We also have another category of individual membership called "special circumstance membership." This type of membership is intended primarily for individuals who do not yet hold an SKIF kyu or dan grade and have

moved or lost their connection with an SKIF-USA dojo. It may also be approved on a case-by-case basis for persons who have trained under Kancho Kanazawa or an SKIF instructor to some degree and who have demonstrated a commitment to establishing regular individual membership in SKIF-USA by training and eventually grading under the SKIF system. To apply for this type of membership, a letter requesting such membership must be submitted to SKIF-USA for consideration. If approved, the annual fee is \$25.00.

II. Group Membership.

"Group Members" are defined to include all Shotokan karate-do groups, as defined by the SKIF-USA Board, which are located in the USA and affiliated with and recognized as group members of the SKIF of Japan, provided they have been approved for membership, paid their annual membership fee, and are otherwise considered "in good standing." To establish "group membership" in SKIF-USA, the chief instructor or owner of a club, dojo or other karate organization must submit the following application materials to SKIF-USA: (1) A letter of introduction; (2) A resume of his or her karate training and teaching experience; (3) A completed group application form with the initial fee of \$200.00 (the annual fee drops to \$100.00 after the first year); and (4) A copy of the highest dan certificate held by the chief instructor or owner of the dojo or group. If the

dan certificate of the chief instructor or owner is from the SKIF, JKA, ITKF or ISKF, it will be recognized and the person may register his or her current rank with SKIF in Japan without a required confirmation grading. However, if the dan certificate is from another organization then an initial confirmation grading under Kancho Kanazawa or another qualified SKIF examiner may be required after one year.

After receipt of all application materials, the SKIF-USA General Secretary will review the application documents and either approve the application or send it on to the SKIF-USA Board for further consideration and a final determination. Once an application has been approved by SKIF-USA, the application will be submitted to SKIF Headquarters in Japan for review and approval. When an application has been approved by both SKIF-USA and SKIF Headquarters in Japan, a letter of approval and a Dojo Certificate, along with other information, will be sent to the chief instructor or owner of the new Group Member.

More detailed information on the membership application process may be obtained by contacting SKIF-USA headquarters.

THE MEANING AND HISTORY OF SEIENCHIN KATA

By Glenn Stoddard

The SKIF system as developed by Kancho Hirokazu Kanazawa includes all 26 traditional Shotokan-style kata as practiced by the Japan Karate Association (JKA), plus four additional kata: Seienchin, Seipai, Gankaku-Sho, and Niju-Hachi-Ho. Although Kancho Kanazawa has been teaching these four additional kata to his yudansha (black belts) for many years, the origins of the four additional kata are not well understood by many members of SKIF. This is because SKIF members are generally more familiar with the traditional 26 Shotokan-style kata originally taught by the JKA. This article discusses the Seienchin kata. Future articles will discuss the other three kata.

Seienchin kata is a traditional Japanese/Okinawan style kata. It is most commonly practiced by Shito-Ryu, Goju-Ryu and Kyokushinkai karate stylists. The name Seienchin is generally defined as either “the calm before the storm” or the “storm within the calm.” There may be other meanings as well. Although Seienchin is traditionally part of the Goju-Ryu and Shito-Ryu styles of karate, it was fully incorporated into the SKIF system of Shotokan taught by Kancho Kanazawa in the early 1990s.

Seienchin was one of the many kata handed down by Kanryo Higaonna, a famous Okinawan karate master. It is a very old kata and its roots may be from the Hsing-I system of Chinese wushu (martial arts). Today, the World Karate Federation (WKF) lists Seienchin as a kata of both Goju-Ryu and Shito-Ryu. The Shito-Ryu version is one of the standardized WKF competition kata. Kancho Kanazawa incorporated this kata into the SKIF system largely because it provides training in shiko-dachi, a stance that is not used in other traditional Shotokan-style kata or Shotokan basic training. The Shito-Ryu version of Seienchin, with slight variations, is the version Kancho Kanazawa has incorporated into the SKIF system. Seienchin is now fully recognized for competition in all SKIF tournaments.

Seienchin is unique among advanced kata because it has no kerī (kicking) techniques. Four stances are used in Seienchin kata: shiko-dachi, zenkutsu-dachi, sanchi-dachi, and nekoashi-dachi. Correct breathing, smoothness of movement, pivoting in and out of shiko-dachi and sanchi-dachi, and effective use of open and closed hand techniques are important points in the performance of this kata. Even more important, however, is to perform this kata in a manner that communicates its name to the observer: “The calm before the storm” or “the storm within the calm.” Thus, the kata must be performed to convey a feeling of calm with an undercurrent of power that is about to be unleashed by the forces of nature. This is much more difficult to accomplish on the dojo floor than it is to describe with words on paper. However, mastery of proper breathing is of paramount importance.

Spotlight on Hawaii

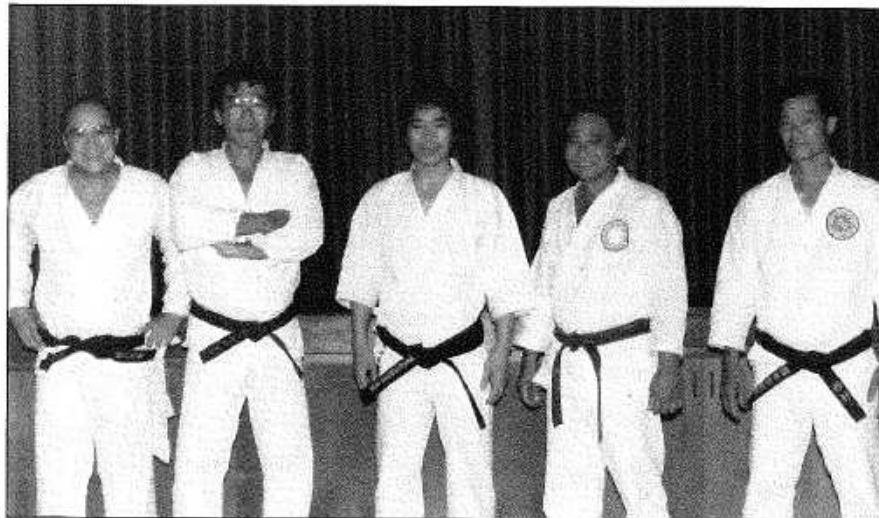
History of Shotokan Karate International Federation Hawaii So-Honbu

By Steven D. Wong

The history of Shotokan Karate International Federation of Hawaii can be traced back to the actual arrival of Kancho Hirokazu Kanazawa in Hawaii. Kancho Kanazawa arrived in Honolulu on December 21, 1960. He was sent by the Japanese Karate Association to teach karate to Hawaii. The dojo was at 1502 South King St. We lovingly called it the "Kaheka St. Dojo" and many of the senior sempais spent many long hours there. At that time, there were about a 100 students. Some of his first students who were instrumental in bringing Kancho to Hawaii were E. Hara, James Tompkinson, Victor Takemori, Ed Kiyuna, Stanley Ono, Mr. Yano, Mr. Sorinaka, Elvin Nakamura, Thomas Morikawa and others.



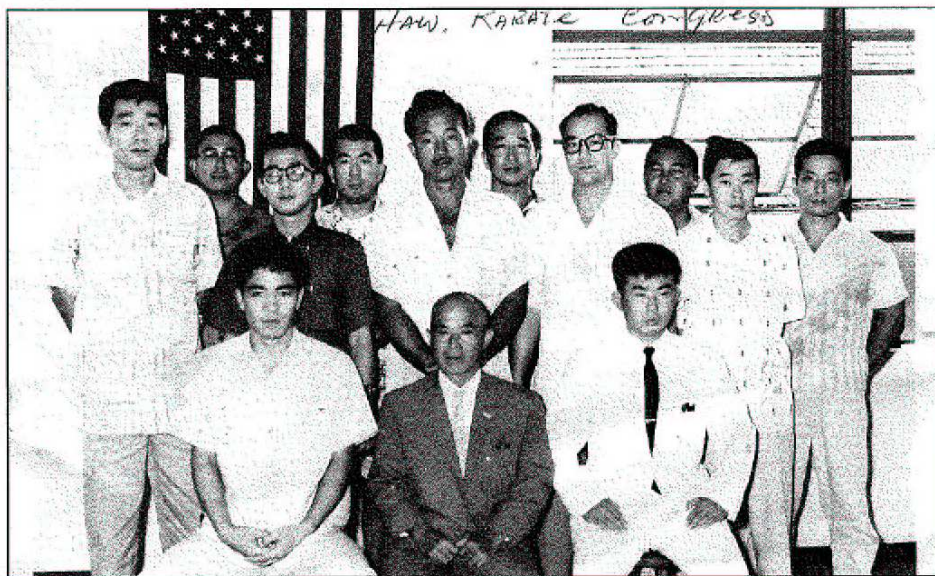
Oasis, Hawaii, with (from l) Victor Takemori, the author. Right, Shioda, 3rd from right, Noguchi.



1975 SKIF Instructors: Stanley Ono, Victor Takemori, Kancho Horikazu Kanazawa, Ed Kiyuna, Robert Nishimura

Kancho tried to establish karate in Hawaii. In this endeavor he enlisted the use of television. This was a very innovative idea for his time. A number of his early students appeared with Kancho on this television show to demonstrate karate. These included Victor Takemori and Ed Kiyuna. In relating this story, Sensei Takemori tells us that Kancho's kicks were so high that the overhead television lights were in danger. After this television program, many parents called the dojo to try and have their children sign up for karate.

In 1961, Kancho tried to initiate a federation to bring all karate dojos in Hawaii under one umbrella. Nine dojos agreed to this idea and the Hawaii Karate Congress was formed consisting of about 1500 people. On November 5, 1961, a commemoration tournament was held at the Civic Center. Many further interesting stories about this time could be found in Kancho's book "Karate My Life."



1961 Meeting of First Hawaii Karate Congress. (Seated in center, (founder) of Goju Kai Isumikawa, Sensei) since deceased.

Later that year, the United States Karate Championship was held. Kancho took a number of his students

to this event. Karate became strong in Hawaii and many new students joined the ranks. These included Benjamin Cayetano (former Governor of Hawaii), Francis Fong (high school principal), Stanley Mukai (international lawyer), Ron Awa (current SKIF-Hawaii Chief Instructor), Steven D. Wong (current President of SKIF Hawaii), Kenneth Funakoshi (current head of FSKA), Allan Sekiguchi (current head of Hawaii Shotokan Karate), George Sasano, Harry Tagemori, Eugene Watanabe etc. After about 2-1/2 years, Kancho felt that karate had a strong foothold in Hawaii and left the islands.

Following his return to Japan, Sensei Tetsuhiko Asai (current head of Japan Karate Shotokai) and H. Mori arrived in Hawaii. Several of Kancho's selected Hawaii instructors continued their mission to teach and preserve the lessons taught by sensei and opened their own dojos. Dojos were opened up at Kotohiro Temple on N. Vineyard St., University of Hawaii and in Moilili. Kancho occasionally visited Hawaii during the next 15 years and officiated at many tournaments. In 1978, a first international karate training (Gasshuku Training) was conducted by Kancho Kanazawa in Hawaii. In 1979, an international karate tournament was held and officiated by Kancho Kanazawa. Many of the current senior sempais participated in this tournament at the Civic Auditorium. A select JKA team from Japan was sent to Hawaii. The contingent included Kancho Kanazawa, Sensei Nakayama and Sensei Enoeda.



Kancho referring match between Allan Sekiguchi and Katsuyuki Miura. Sensei Enoeda (corner judge) and Sensei Nakayama at official's table in background

In 1978 Kancho formed the current Shotokan Karate International Federation. In 2000, the current SKIF Hawaii So Honbu was incorporated. Stanley Ono was elected the first President of SKIF Hawaii So Honbu. Steven D. Wong has been the succeeding President from 2001 to the present.

In 2001, at the request of Kancho, SKIF Hawaii undertook the task of conducting an international Gasshuku and the first Hawaii Kanazawa Cup Tournament. This event was a huge success. Sixteen countries with about 450 participants from all over the world attended. Many of Japan's senior instructors attended the event. These included Shigeyuki Ichihara, Manabu Murakami, Ryusho Suzuki, and Shinji Tanaka.



June 2000 40 Year Reunion of former students.

Currently, SKIF Hawaii So Honbu consists of nine dojos. These are listed along with their instructors. Others listed serve as advisors to the Honbu

Victor Takemori (Hanshi – 8th. Dan - advisor)
Bob Nishimura (7th. Dan - advisor)

Susannah Wesley Dojo:
Ed Kiyuna (Hanshi – 8th. Dan)

Iwilei Dojo:
Ron Awa (7th. Dan)

Pearl City Dojo:
Les Nishikawa (5th. Dan)

Kaumakapili Dojo:
Clifford Sasano (4th. Dan)

Salt Lake Dojo:
Francis Fong (Hanshi – 7th. Dan)

Makaha Dojo, Church of the Crossroads & Chinatown Dojos:
Rev. Kaleo Patterson (3rd. Dan)

Current SKIF Hawaii So-Honbu Officers:
Steven D. Wong (President)
Rev. Kaleo Patterson (Vice President)
Dr. Ha'haeo Guanson (Secretary)
Clifford Sasano (Treasurer)

SKIF Hawaii So Honbu in its guiding principle strives to encourage the spirit of *"Aloha"*, which is in keeping with Kancho's teaching of harmony. Aloha is a word which means the sharing of the breath of life between two people striving for harmony.

SKIF Pearl Takemori Sensei

Introducing myself, Victor Takemori, 75 years old, 8th Dan Hanshi, SKIF. I started when Kancho came to Hawaii in 1960 as a J.K.A. instructor. I trained under Kancho and Mori Sensei while they were here in Hawaii. You'll see my picture with Kancho in the book of Kancho's biography, *Karate My Life* and have been involved in many other dojo and tournaments.

Since we have gotten organized in Hawaii (7 dojo), we are trying to expand and promote SKIF in Hawaii. We've had 3 SKIF tournaments with other Shotokan dojo invited. We are planning to have the next tournament in June to coincide with Kancho's visit.

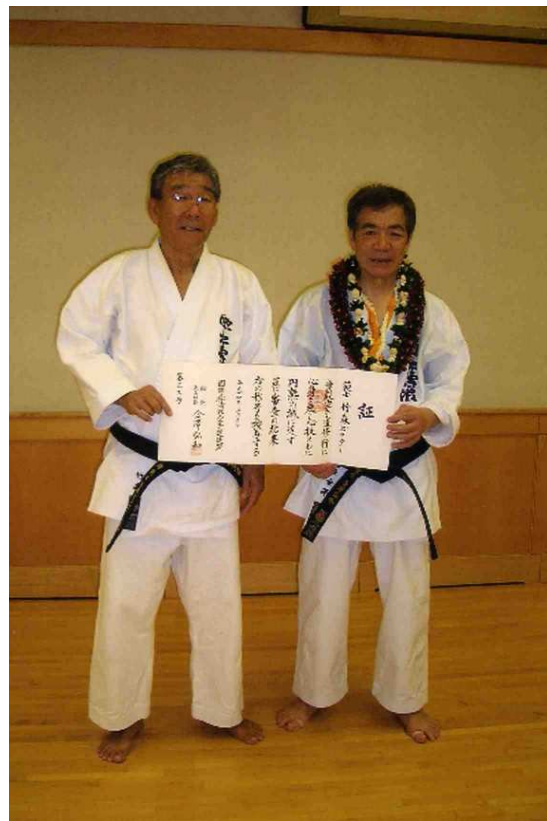
We at Pearl City started five years ago and we have youth starting from 6 years old to 16 years with a total of 30. As Kancho would say, youth are the future of the world, we need to help and educate the kids.

After five years, five of the brown belts took their junior Shodan exam from Kancho Kanazawa. Hopefully, these kids will be SKIF leaders here in Hawaii in the future. Enclosed is a picture of when I received my Hanshi certificate from Kancho. And one of us reminiscing old times by taking sumo with Kancho!

Aloha and Oss!
Victor Takemori
SKIF Pearl City Foundation



Takemori Sensei and Kancho



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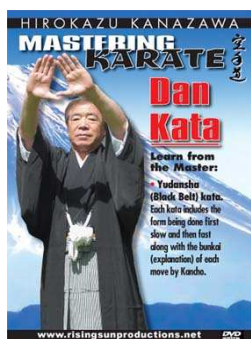
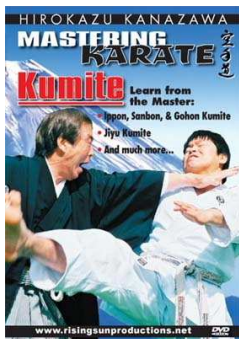
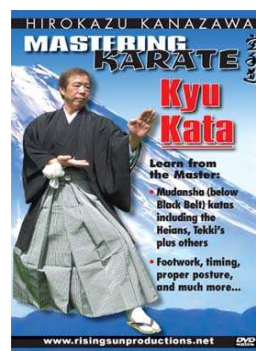
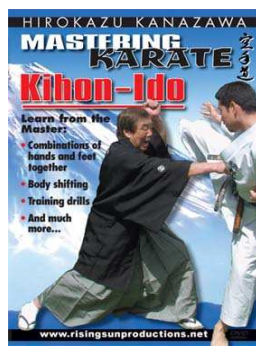
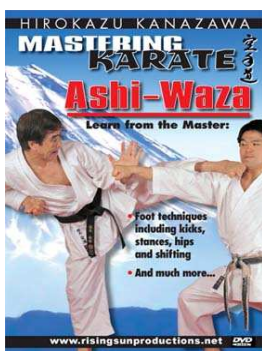
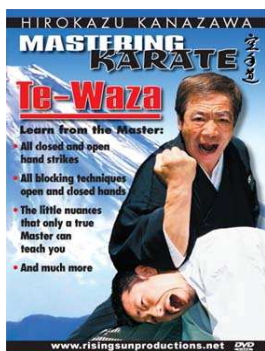
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