



The UNITED STATES JU-JITSU Journal

The USA National Governing Body

During the past few years, more and more Ju-jitsu leaders and their organizations have been “coming together” with USJJF to help build and further unify Ju-jitsuka across the USA! It’s understandable that this process has not been a perfect one. However, we have been making exceptional progress. While there are still some challenges ahead for our Martial Art and Sport of Ju-jitsu, the **United States Ju-jitsu Federation** has come a long ways since its beginning in 1971. We should remember that the United States of America is the most successful and resourceful country in the world. The USA is a very large country with tremendous resources founded on our ability to truly be a great “melting pot” of different nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and ideologies which has created the strongest nation in history. And, thus so should our **United States Ju-jitsu** be immensely strong working together for the Betterment of Ju-jitsu across this Great Country, It is our responsibility to maintain the Principles of Bushido, “to serve” and further develop Ju-jitsu for our future generations. The **USJJF** is the **National Governing Body (NGB) for Ju-jitsu in the United States of America** as recognized by the Ju-jitsu International Federation (JJIF). The **JJIF** is the **World Governing Body (WGB) for Ju-jitsu** as recognized by the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), the International World Games Association (IWGA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The World Games is conducted under the Patronage and Support of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Every two years the USJJF selects, prepares, manages and sends the Official **“JU-JITSU TEAM USA”** to the World Ju-jitsu Championships and every four years to the World Games. The USJJF is not a private organization, but a public National Organization that any Ju-jitsu student and instructor can and should be a member. There are several fine Ju-jitsu organizations in this country, but there can only be one NGB. Everyone should be able to be part of the NGB, with no barriers or political boundaries of any kind.

“ACTION IN ROTTERDAM” at the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS!!



And SWEDEN 2008,,
Here We Come!!!!

US JU-JITSU
is on the Move!

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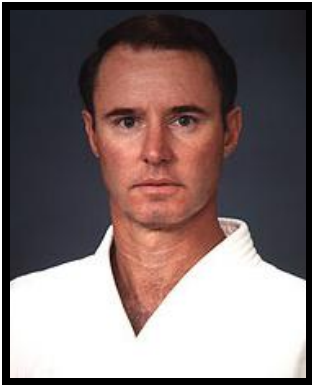
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President's Corner...



President Bethers

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Welcome to this Summer Issue of the **"US JU-JITSU JOURNAL"**. Many exciting developments are and have been happening for Our Martial Art and Sport of Ju-Jitsu! Since last year's USJJF "Team USA" trip to the WORLD JU-JITSU CHAMPIONSHIPS in Holland (and the Friendship Tour to Paris, France), we have been very busy working with Ju-Jitsu Sensei & Athletes across the country preparing for the Next World Ju-Jitsu Championships which will be in Sweden in 2008. State level Ju-Jitsu Competition has been growing in several State Governing Bodies (SGBs) and many new USJJF Referees are being trained and certified to officiate tournaments. Meanwhile, our more "traditional minded" Ju-Jitsuka are likewise continuing to grow in numbers with their focus on the history, etiquette, waza, kata and self-defense aspects of Ju-Jitsu. In the first half of this year, we have seen a noticeable large increase in USJJF Life Memberships. No doubt the benefits of the "internet" has helped in the increased "networking" amongst Ju-Jitsuka across the globe as well. We are constantly receiving messages from our many Ju-Jitsu Friends from our affiliate National Governing Bodies in other countries with the Ju-Jitsu International Federation. ***In summary, Ju-Jitsu is enjoying Great Popularity & Growth in the USA and Worldwide!***

JJIF Grows with New Official Website!

The recent **2006 World Ju-Jitsu Championships** were conducted in Rotterdam, Holland and proved to be the BEST in Ju-Jitsu Action to date! The Championships results and Spectacular Photos may be viewed at JJIF's new Official Website at www.jjif.org.

Also, this summer, the Asian Ju-Jitsu Union received Recognition from the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The Asian Ju-Jitsu Union is a Continental Union of JJIF.



WWW.JJIF.ORG



Upcoming 2007 National Championships!!

Dates: Friday thru Sunday, November 2 - 3, 2007

Location: The Crowne Plaza Hotel, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, New York, 14303

Hosted by the USA Self Defense Centers

For Hotel Reservations: **1-800-953-2557**

Mr. Ernest G. McPeck, J.D. - National Championships Director: For Details, Call: **1-800-676-8087**

Mr. Michael K. Piaser - Chairman, USJJF Referee Committee & PAJJU Referee Committee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

This is going to be "Great Event" as JU-JITSUKA from across the USA test their skills and enjoy good competition and fellowship with Old Friends and make

New Friends in UNITED STATES JU-JITSU!!

See You There!



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National Team Selection for the 2008 JU-JITSU TEAM USA is now in Process!!

The next **WORLD JU-JITSU CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be held in Sweden in 2008. And **JU-JITSU TEAM USA** will be there! Every two years, the USJJF selects, prepares, and sends the Official United States Ju-Jitsu Team to represent the USA at the **WORLD JU-JITSU CHAMPIONSHIPS**. The next World Championships will be held in Malmo, Sweden under the direction of the World Governing Body for Ju-Jitsu, the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF). All Ju-Jitsu Athletes across the USA are invited and encouraged to participate in the upcoming "US JU-JITSU National Championships". As part of the USJJF Team Selection Program, this Championships as well as other Championships and Team Selection Camps are incorporated into the "selection process" to find the Best Ju-Jitsu Athletes to represent the USA at the JJIF World Championships and the World Games, which are conducted every four years under the Support and Patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Again, ALL Ju-Jitsuka in the United States of America are Invited and Encouraged to participate in US JU-JITSU.



JU-JITSU TEAM USA: Athletes, Coaches, Referees and Officials at the 2006 **WORLD JU-JITSU CHAMPIONSHIPS** in Rotterdam, Holland.



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 USJJF 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 USJJF is Great Organization to be a Permanent Member of as it promotes and further develops both the "Traditional Side" and the "Sport Venue" of the Ancient Art of Ju-jitsu! In fact, our New Life Members are from as Three Years Old to Seventy Three Years Young! We have also noticed that several Clubs are making the "Commitment" to become a USJJF LIFE MEMBER a part of the "path" to becoming a Ju-jitsu Black Belt! This is most gratifying to see this level of Leadership and Commitment from so many of our supporting members. In summary, Ju-jitsu has come a "Long Ways" down the path of Martial Arts, originating with the Ancient Samurai of Japan. Perhaps the word, Samurai, meaning "To Serve" still has Great Purpose in our Society and our National Organization - USJJF.



Leadership Highlighted in S.E. Region

Congratulations go to **Sensei David E. Parritt** of Melbourne, Florida. He has been recognized for his Technical Excellence and Leadership in Ju-jitsu and Traditional Kodokan Judo. Recently, he was promoted to the Dan Grade of Shichidan (7th Degree Black Belt) in both martial arts. **CONGRATULATIONS** Dave!



Sensei David E. Parritt

Schedule a USJJF Seminar!!

Now, is your opportunity to attend or schedule a National Certification Training Seminar conducted by the USJJF. Both Ju-jitsu and Traditional Judo are being conducted across the USA!! **"One Day"** to **"Four Day"** Events are now available and being conducted by Senior USJJF Yudansha. **Training Subjects** include; Intensive Curriculum Courses, Kata Certification Training, Referee Training, and Competitor Orientation are available and being scheduled by contacting the USJJF National Office at **1-703-920-1590** or **1-800-676-8087**.



National Certification Training Events!



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*The **Mission** of the United States Ju-Jitsu Federation is to unify American Ju-Jitsuka & Judoka with a foundation of mutual respect for all systems of Ju-Jitsu and Traditional Kodokan Judo, as well as provide services and guidance to foster Technical Excellence, Fellowship and Human Character Development.*

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United States Traditional Kodokan Judo



Prof. Jigoro Kano

Welcome to the **USJJF National Program** - United States of America - Traditional Kodokan Judo (USA-TKJ). For More Details, visit:

www.ustkj.org

"**Traditional Kodokan Judo**" is simply the practice of Kodokan Judo as described in the text "Kodokan Judo" by Prof. Jigoro Kano, without the "overwhelming emphasis" on the *Sport of Judo*. Studying the History, Etiquette, Waza and Kata of Kodokan Judo and enjoying them for what they are - "The Knowledge, Skills and a Way of Life" based on Principles taught by its founder, Prof. Kano.



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