



Shufu Judo Yudanshakai

2014 Takemori Open Judo Championships

Shufu Judo Yudanshakai held the 2014 Takemori Open Judo Championships at DeMatha Catholic High School on October 25th in Hyattsville, Maryland. This tournament is named in honor of the Takemori Family. The Takemori family has been a key part of Shufu Judo Yudanshakai since it was founded in 1953. Sensei Jimmy and Sensei Edwin were both incredible competitive judoka in their early days and have been instrumental in the growth of judo in the US. As their competitive time came to end, they grew into international referees and have continued to lead their clubs and Shufu Judo Yudanshakai for over 60 years now. Jimmy first began practicing judo in 1937 in Fresno, California, and has been an instructor in the D.C. area for over 60 years. He has coached both the men's and women's U.S. national teams. He is 87 years old and holds a ninth degree black belt. The next generation of Takemoris were all skilled judoka on the junior and senior level. Sensei Miki and Sensei Terri continue the tradition of developing Junior and Senior elite judokas. We thank all the Takemori family members for their outstanding devotion and service to judo.

The event was jointly hosted by Hui-O-Judo Beltsville and the College Park Judo Club. The Outstanding Junior Competitor was Bella Bourke from Maryland Judo Team and the Outstanding Junior Team was Sport Judo . The Outstanding Senior Competitor was Alfred Brown from USA Stars East and the Outstanding Senior Team was USA Stars East.

The morning started with kata competition. Various katas that teams competed in were the Novice Nage No Kata, Advanced Nage No Kata, Katame No Kata, Ju No Kata and Kime No Kata. Diane Jackson is our kata development chair person and has been working to continually expand the development and growth of kata within Shufu Yudanshakai. She stated " I am very happy to see the kata in our area continue to develop. Shufu Yudanshakai holds a few different kata clinics throughout the year. We encourage all judoka to learn the katas to help enhance their judo experience and to expand their judo knowledge. Judoka of any age or level can learn the katas."

At the 2014 Shufu Yudanshakai Takemori Open Judo Championships, we added a team competition for senior judoka. This event was run by the US Naval Academy Midshipmen and Sensei Edwin Takemori. It was a five man and one woman team challenge. There were 4 teams who competed for the honor of the Ambassador Cup and three teams who competed for the honored Commanders Cup. The four teams competing for the Ambassador Cup were Washington Judo, Liberty Bell Judo, US Naval Academy and Performance Alliance. Washington Judo won the Ambassador Cup. The three teams in competition for the Commander Cup were Washington Judo, the US Naval Academy, US Coast Guard. Washington Judo won

the Commander Cup. Sensei Edwin Takemori stated “I was very pleased with the addition of the team competition to this event. It is important for all judoka to work together as a team and practice jita kyoei. I want to see more judoka supporting each other on many levels. We plan to hold this team competition again next year. I hope more clubs will consider sending teams to compete. “

It takes lots of staff to make any event happen. We want to say special thank you to all of the volunteers who make our events possible. All of officials who volunteer their time to help make our event successful by being a referee, technical official, or other tournament official. We would like to thank all of our competitors, without you we would not have an event. Thank you to the parents for bringing their kids to the events. And to all of the judo supporters who come to cheer on our judoka. We also thank Mr Ed King, the Athletic Director and DeMatha Catholic High School for allowing us to use the incredible venue for this event.

Participating at the 2014 Shufu Yuanshakai Takemori Open Judo Championships were judo clubs from the regional area including Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, North Carolina, Washington DC and Pennsylvania. Attending clubs included: Aldan (PA), Alleghany Youth Development (PA), Arlington (VA), Baltimore (MD), Budokan (MD), Budokai (OH), Bushikai (MD), Charlottesville (VA), Chester County Judo (PA), College Park (MD), Cranford Judo (NJ), Dale City (VA), DC Judo (DC), DC Recreation Judo (DC), Fairview Judo (PA), Forged Fitness (NC), Harrisburg Judokai (PA), Hui-O-Judo Beltsville (MD), Japan Martial Arts (VA), Jason Morris Judo Center (MD), Judo Movement (NJ), Kuma (PA), Lancaster (PA), Liberty Bell (PA), Maryland Judo Team (MD), Mountain Kim Martial Arts (VA), Mayfield Martial Arts (NC), North Raleigh Judo (NC), Passport Sports (MD), Pure Performance (MD), Roanoke Judo (VA), Seigneury (MD), Sacramento Judo (), Shore Thing (NJ), Sport (VA), TECH Judo (NJ), Trafford Judo (PA), U.S.A. Stars East (VA), U.S. Naval Academy (MD), US Coast Guard (), Villa Nova University Judo (PA) and Washington Judo Club (DC).



We continue to grow and develop judo in the area. Shufu Yudanshakai is strong because of its members and leaders. Shufu Yudanshakai was formed in 1953 under the Amateur Athletic Union, later under the Judo Black Belts Association, then under the current United States Judo Federation. Shufu was responsible for the eastern side the United States. Shufu Yudanshakai has outstanding local, regional, national and international leaders in all phases of our sport. To name them and all of their accomplishments would fill many volumes on each one. Their philosophy is plain: to strengthen and improve judo from the local through the international levels by the unswerving devotion to and promulgation of the Dr Jigoro Kano’s Rules and Philosophy. There rules, as simple as they may appear on the surface to the casual practitioner of the sport, encompass all that Jigoro Kano envisioned when he propounded his findings of “Maximum efficiency with minimum effort and mutual welfare and benefit”

Shufu Yudanshakai provides events throughout the year for its members and is open to all members of the USJF, USJA and USA Judo members. We provide teacher clinics, clinics on various katas, referee clinics, two promotional events, kata competitions and four tournaments. In addition there are 8 other local tournaments run throughout the year by local Shufu Clubs.

More information, tournament results, news and upcoming events can be found on the Shufu Judo website at www.shufujudo.org

Please note upcoming events will include: The Shufu Yudanshakai Promotionals on November 8 at the College Park Community Center. Please note that both juniors and seniors will be happening on Saturday. There is a Yudansha meeting on Saturday, November 8th at 8am. All Shufu Yudansha are strongly encouraged to attend. The 2014 Shufu Open Judo Championships will be held on November 22 in Lancaster PA. It will have four competition mat areas. Information on all of the above events are posted in the Shufu website - www.shufujudo.org

Finally we want to thank our leadership team of Shufu Judo Yudanshakai: Charles Medani, President; Eric Spears, Vice President; Kurt Tamai, Secretary; Michael Landstreet, Treasurer; Tad Wilson, Recorder; Mike Grunberg, registration and Tad Nalls, Chairman of the Board of Examiners. We also thank all of our subcommittee chairpersons for all the work they do throughout the year.

Thank you to all of our judoka and families for your support of Shufu Judo Yudanshakai. Have a great day.

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