



Taira Saiken
(1897-1970)



Akamine Eisuke
(1925-1999)



Yoshiko Dometrich



Hanshi Devorah “Yo” Dometrich

Ryu Kyu Kobudo Hozon ShinKōKai; US Headquarters; 8th Dan Kyoshi (Akamine Eitsuke Shinshi) Began 1974; assigned as US Headquarters 1977.

Sekai Kobudo Renmei, Jikishin Ryu, 8th Dan Hanshi (Inomoto Masaru Kancho) Began 1974

US Chito Kai, 5th Dan, Shihan (Hanshi Wm. Dometrich) Began 1965

Muso Jiki Den Eishin Ryu Iaido, Zen Nippon Iaido Renmei; Go Dan (Inomoto Masaru Kancho) Began 1974

Shinjinbukan, 3rd Dan (Onaga Yoshimitsu Kaicho) Began 1995

Noted Achievements:

1966: First Woman’s National Karate Champion in US History, 1st Place Kumite, 1st Place Kata US Armory, Washington D.C.

1974: JKA All America Karate Championships, 1st Place Kata; New Orleans, MS.

1974 - Present: Akamine Shinshi only foreign “Deshi.” Assigned as head of North America under Shinshi 1977. Kakazu, Tomigusuku, Okinawa

1975 First Okinawa Kobudo Shiai; 2nd Place Grand Champion - 2nd Place Bo, 2nd Place Sai; 2nd Place Nunchaku; 2nd Place Tonfa, Kakazu, Tomigusuku, Okinawa (no foreigners, no women)

1997 First woman to receive the Rank of 7th Dan in Okinawan History of Karate and Kobudo.

“Karate, empty hands - full mind; Kobudo, full hands, empty mind.”

