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IN THE NEWS

Member Submitted Profile:

Mr. James K. Wax:

Mr. Wax was the first well-known American in the Nagamine Dojo; moreover, he was the first American to receive a Black Belt in the Matsbayashi Shorinryu System under Mr. Shoshin Nagamine and Mr. Ansei Ueshiro.

While stationed on Okinawa in the Marine Corp, Mr. Wax trained at the Nagamine Dojo, and after his discharge, he remained in Okinawa to train for another five years.

In 1960, Mr. Wax returned home to the United States bringing with him the beginnings of Matsubayashi Shorinryu to America. He also opened his first Matsubayashi Shorinryu Dojo in the U.S. located in Dayton, OH.

During the time span covered from 1960 to 1962, Mr. Wax opened dojos in Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, and New York.

In 1962, Mr. Ansei Ueshiro, a senior student of Mr. Shoshin Nagamine, journeyed to the United States and traveled throughout the country before finally settling in New York. At roughly the same time, Mr. Wax arrived in St. Louis, MO to teach at the J & K, Inc. Dojos where Mr. Parker Shelton taught Judo.

At this point, Mr. Jim Harrison was already in St. Louis and Mr.

Robert Yarnall had arrived as a Shodan.

Some time later, Mr. Wax left St. Louis to move to NY to be with his instructor – Mr. Ansei Ueshiro. After a while, he returned to St. Louis to stay with Mr. Parker Shelton for a bit before leaving again.

The years passed and folks relocated with Mr. Parker Shelton traveling and opening more dojos prior to settling in Indiana while Mr. Jim Harrison moved to Kansas City before settling in Montana. Mr. Robert Yarnall stayed in St. Louis and opened a dojo on the south side.

Suddenly, in 1970, Mr. Wax is shot in the head and the world changes forever. Never as active afterward, he is seen at tournaments and classes; however, he mostly travels the country visiting family and friends.

Finally, on June 6, 2010, while visiting and vacationing with his family, Mr. James K. Wax passed away.

Some of the students in his lineage are:

- **Mr. Robert Yarnall**
- **Mr. Parker Shelton**

- **Mr. Jim Harrison**
- **Mr. Dave Nichols**
- **Mr. Mike George**
- **Mr. Greg Helm**
- **Mr. Frank Grant**

Mr. James K. Wax was the man that started Matsubayashi Shorinryu in the United States.

The King has passed but his legacy lives on!



Picture Perfect:



[L-R] Mr. Takayoshi Nagamine, Mr. Shoshin Nagamine & Mr. Phillip Koeppel



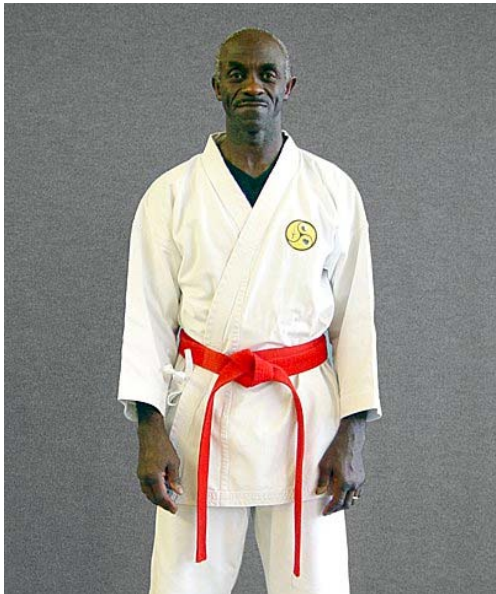
[L-R] Mr. Doug Adamson & Mr. Robert Yarnall



Mr. Dennis McMullin



Mr. Parker Shelton



Mr. Bill Marsh - (Mr. Yarnall's 1st Black Belt)



[L-R] Mr. Phil Koeppe & Mr. Mike George

“Karate Ni Sente Nashi” – There is no first attack in karate



Mr. Shoshin Nagamine

“Karate Ni Sente Nashi” – There is no first attack in karate



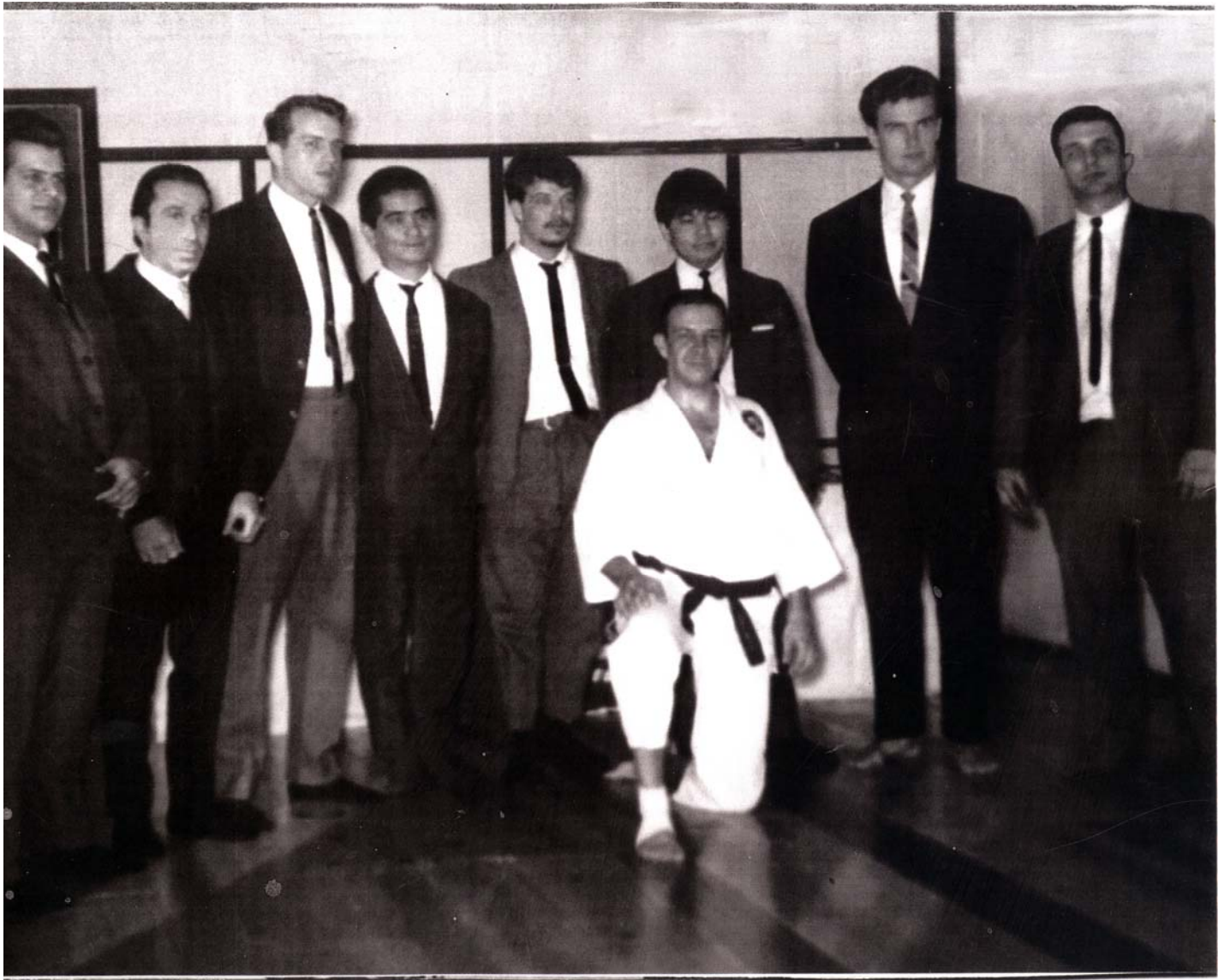
Mr. James K. Wax

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Mr. Robert Yarnall

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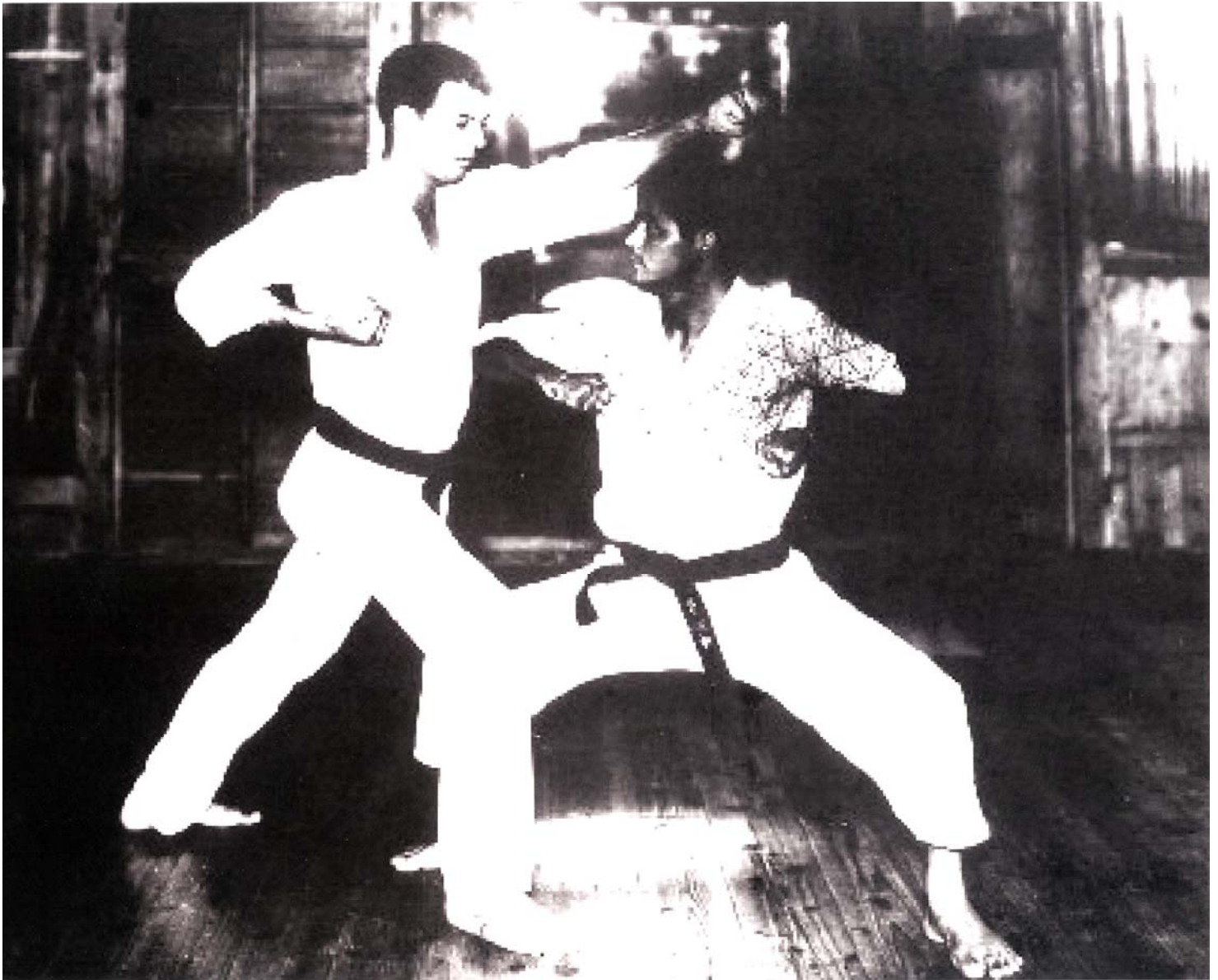


[L-R] Mr. Ernie Ferrara, Mr. Joe Fuschi, Mr. Robert Yarnall, Mr. Zenko Heshiki, Mr. James Wax, Mr. Ansei Ueshiro, Mr. Greg Helm, Mr. Frank Grant / [Kneeling] Mr. Sam Palmer

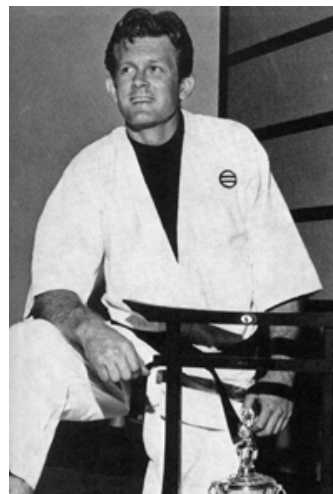


Mr. Shoshin Nagamine

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[L-R] Mr. James K. Wax & Mr. Ansei Ueshiro



Mr. Jim Harrison

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Mr. Robert Yarnall

Note: Special thanks to Mr. McMullin for the pictures and profile narrative of Mr. Wax

Martially Yours,

**H Eugene Talbott
President, Bushido International Society**

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