

# *Pai Lum Tao's* Modern Lineage

**Grandmaster Seishiro "Henry" Okazaki** was a Japanese/ American healer, martial artist. He was born in Kakeda in Fukushima Province, Japan. He immigrated to Hawaii in 1906. He was a very sickly child and through hard training in Kung Fu, Kenpo & Jujitsu, Okazaki recovered completely and vowed to dedicate his life to propagating the Asian martial arts. Grandmaster Okazaki's teachers were Wo Chung – Kung Fu/Chuan Fa and Chinese Kempo, Tanaka Yoshimatsu – Yoshin Ryu, Jujitsu & Judo. These arts as well as the Hawaiian Lua fighting system were the foundation of Grandmaster Okazaki's Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. In addition to the martial disciplines, Okazaki studied health sciences and physical therapy, and ultimately gained a reputation as a healer of the sick and injured. In 1930, Okazaki opened the Nikko Sanatorium of Restoration Massage in Honolulu, which is still in operation today. Many famous personalities of the times came to the Sanatorium to meet, be taught by or be treated by Okazaki. Among the most famous were President Franklin D. Roosevelt, actress Shirley Temple, actor George Burns, and Olympic athlete, actor Johnny Weismuller.

**Grandmaster Richard S. Takamoto** was the son in law and student of Seishero Okazaki and a well known Hawaiian Kenpo and Hawaiian Lua master teacher in Maui, Hawaii. He operated Kenpo clubs at the Wahiawa YMCA and the Aiea Recreation Center on the Yasuyuki Sakabe Mountain in the late 1940s and the 1950s. Takamoto's reputation as a Kempo/Jujitsu master was widely known and sought after by many martial artists in Hawaii. In 1959 he opened his first school on the mainland USA in Los Angeles, California. Takamoto was one of the earliest and most respected Kenpo teachers in North America.

**Grandmaster Daniel Kalimaahaaee Kane Pai** was born in Kameula, Hawaii. Pai is a decedent of Chinese and Hawaiian ancestors. While growing up in Hawaii and having a passion for the Martial Arts, Pai trained with and was influenced by many teachers. Some of them were Wai Tsu Fu Pai, Herman Kane, Lum Tai Yung, Henry Seishero Okazaki, Richard Takamoto and his family of Pai, Fong and Po. As a young martial artist he became one of the most prominent fighters of the islands, winning trophies and respect for his family name. In the early 1950s Pai brought his unique system of Pai Lum Tao to the mainland USA. Throughout the mid-sixties and early seventies, he opened schools throughout the United States, with instructors in Florida, Texas, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Connecticut, Colorado, California, Virginia, Kansas and Canada. During this time he was operating a school in Daytona Beach and had many schools located in Florida. This era peaked with fifty plus Pai Lum and Fire Dragon schools operating in North America. Over the next two decades some of these students, who trained mostly in Kenpo, stayed close to Great Grandmaster - Pai as he trained new students in Kung Fu and Tai Chi disciplines. Pai's reputation grew throughout the world as one of the most feared and respected practitioners of traditional martial arts ever. His effectiveness as a fighter and iron palm master became legendary. Yes, Grandmaster Daniel K. Pai did things his way, and became a true martial arts legend in his own time!

**Grandmaster Glenn C. Wilson** was born in Florida and began training in the martial arts at the age of ten. Wilson has always had a passion for the martial arts and started in the discipline of Judo. He trained for a very short time in the Kwon styles of Korea then as a young teenager he witnessed the beauty of Kenpo and that became his life long love in the martial arts. It was a natural transition to the art of Kung Fu / Chuan Fa. Wilson is recognized as a true master in both of these arts. Wilson has trained in Kongo Do Kempo, Shorinji Kempo, Tracy Kenpo, Shaolin Chuan Fa, Gong Yuen Chuan Fa, Tai Chi/Chi Kung and Pai Lum Tao Martial Arts. Together, Wilson and Pai formed the White Dragon Warrior Society to standardize the curriculum, legitimize the ranking and preserve the traditions of Pai Lum Tao. Wilson was named 'Head of his Family' directly by his teacher, Dr. Daniel Kalimaahaaee Kane Pai and he has served this position faithfully ever since. Glenn Wilson has been a world champion competitor, coach and trainer to many world champions, voted into six martial arts hall of fames and continues to be an example of professionalism and guidance to martial artists throughout the world. He continues to travel throughout the world teaching seminars and giving lectures on the traditions of one of the most revered and respected martial arts systems today – Pai Lum Tao.

