



The Ola'a-Nalo Times

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OLD TRADITIONS, NEW PATHWAYS

It all started in 2004, when the spirits of the 5 Eskrima Manoy's came to visit me at 3:00am that December morning. While we still do not fully understand the reason for their visitation we are always moving forward with our school's mission to preserve and spread the movements of GGM Braulio Pedoy's Style of Derobio Eskrima.

Over the past 7 years we have gained and lost people in our school. Some people have moved on to form their own schools or join other groups and that is ok. To the people that have joined us in the past few years, welcome to our humble group. One thing I have come to understand that people in martial arts are in constant transition. I guess that transition is indicative of the nature of martial artists themselves. In my humble opinion the people of our organization are the best people and martial artists around.

You all make a difference to our school.

Thank you for your support.

2011 *What a year*

The 5th Annual Maui Open

On October 22, in conjunction with Ohana Martial Arts of Maui, HOPE and the Westin Resort & Spa we hosted our 5th Annual Eskrima Tournament. A big mahalo to our instructors, students and supporters in Maui, you did an excellent job in organizing and promoting the tournament. It was a huge success.

WEKAF USA Pacific Island Regional Tournament

The next day on October 23rd at the Westin Hotel our school along with WEKAF USA hosted the first ever sanctioned WEKAF USA Pacific Island Regional tournament. While the turnout was much smaller than the Maui Open we accomplished our mission in qualifying fighters from Hawaii to compete at the WEKAF USA National tournament that will be held in February 2012.

Other than the 2 tournaments we had no other events occurring in 2011. I anticipate that in 2012 we will be much more active and have many more events.

It is time to make more inroads in FMA.

What's coming up in 2012?

The 2nd edition of our school training manual will be issued in January. This new manual among other new features will include testing information for the Beginning student levels through Maestro Instructor.

The WEKAF USA National Tournament will be held in Las Vegas on Feb 24-26, 2012.

I will be heading there as the Pacific Island Regional Director. I hope some of you can make the trip to Las Vegas. For more information please check the WEKAF USA website or Face Book pages.

Ola'a-Nalo seminars are now being discussed for the mainland. As dates and locations are confirmed I will pass that information on to you. SPKF is going to be a feature in seminars planned for 2012.

The 6th Annual Maui Open is will likely take place in October of 2012. The venue and events are now being considered and as information becomes available we will pass it on to you.

The Ola'a-nalo website and Face Book pages. Senior Chief Bert and I have been slowly working on developing a new website that will be more interactive than our old site, hopefully it will be completed in early 2012. Asst Maestro Karl and I have created 2 Face Book pages for our main school. We have a face book page for our Washington DC branch and a web page for our New York branch. I encourage all branch schools to develop Ola'a-nalo related Face Book or web pages. We invite you to join these media sites to show your support of our school and to stay informed of our current events

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ALOHA MASTER RON**