



## PROFILE: GRANDMASTER DANNY T. ZAINO

Originally from Long Island, New York, Mr. Zaino began his martial arts studies in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida at the age of fifteen with the local YMCA. Dabbling in the arts of Kang Do Kwon Tae Kwon Do and GoJu-Ryu, Mr. Zaino began serious training after High School when he joined the United States Army as a Military Police Officer. Stationed in Korea he studied the art of Moo Do Kwon Tae Kwon Do. After 13 months he was transferred to Ft. Bliss, Texas where he joined the US Army Karate Team and became a member of the Black Knights Karate Association studying the art of Japanese GoJu-Ryu. During this time he competed and performed extensively on the international level. Upon completion of his military service, Mr. Zaino became a Florida law enforcement officer. In 1984 he earned the title of Kumite Champion at the Florida Police Olympics.

To enhance his skills and broaden his understanding of martial arts, Mr. Zaino has studied several disciplines and hold ranks in Japanese/Okinawan GoJu-Ryu and Kubudo, Niesi and Chinese GoJu-Ryu, Karado Karate, Tae Kwon Do, Thai boxing, and JuJitsu. With over 3 decades of dedication to the arts, Mr. Zaino has incorporated his knowledge from these various styles into his own system committing mainly to the traditional art of GoJu-Ryu.

### Martial Arts Rank

Hachidan (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) – Ken-Jiu-Ryu/GoJu-Ryu - Grandmaster Rich Alford / Okinawan GoJu-Ryu – Grandmaster Carl Stone

Shichidan (7<sup>th</sup> Dan) – Grandmaster Roy Williams (granted me my own system) / Ken-Jiu-Ryu/ GoJu-Ry - Grandmaster Rich Alford / Niesi GoJu-Ryu - Grandmaster Ulysses Pop Winn

Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> Dan) – Ken-Jiu-Ryu/ GoJu-Ryu – Grandmaster Rich Alford / Grandmaster John Gabriel

Godan (5<sup>th</sup> Dan) – American GoJu-Ryu – Grandmaster John Pachivas

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Yodan (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) – Japanese GoJu-Ryu – Grandmaster Ed Brown

Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan) – Niesi GoJu-Ryu - Grandmaster Ulysses "Pop" Winn

Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan) – Infinite Way of the Martial Arts / Chinese GoJu-Ryu - Grandmaster David Williams

Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> Dan) – Infinite Way of the Martial Arts/ Chinese GoJu-Ryu – Grandmaster David Williams

Shodan (1<sup>st</sup> Dan) – Niesi GoJu-Ryu – Grandmaster Ulysses "Pop" Winn

### Other System Rank

Blue Belt – Moo Do Kwon – Tae Kwon Do (Kuki Kwon) – Master Wong, Korea

Blue Belt – Thai Kickboxing/Tae Kwon Do – Master Udon Simon

Green Belt – Karado Karate (Chinese Karate) – Master Mark Juckett

Yellow Belt – Kang Do Kwon – Tae Kwon Do – Master Keith Bryer

### Professional Accomplishments

1979 – Founded Zaino's Martial Arts Gym / Designed official school patch

1988 – Founded Florida Palm Coast Karate Events Tournament Circuit

1996 – Innovated Pure Warrior Sports Tonfa for competition

1990 to current – produced numerous State and National Champions

2000 – Founded Team Pepsi National Martial Arts Team (Head Coach)

2006 – Host of his own online Radio Show "The Danny & Theresa Zaino's Martial Arts Radio Hour" voted # 1 Sports Radio Show 2007

Danny T. Zaino has produced some of the finest martial artists in the US winning championships on a National and World level in Sports Martial Arts.