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Taishi Daruma (470-543)
Monk from India who taught monks of the Shaolin Temple the first movements that formed Shaolin Kung Fu. Also known as the founder of Zen (Bodhidharma)

Yueh Fei (1103-1142)
Famous Sung Dynasty military general who created the Eagle Claw Kung-fu system from his experience in warfare.

Ji Longfeng (1588-1662)
Creator of Xing Yi Quon. This translates to "Form-Intention-Fist" and is characterized by aggresive, linear movements and explosive power influenced from the use of spears

Chatan Yara (1668-1756)
Legendary figure and one of the first to disseminate martial arts throughout Okinawa. Was sent to China as a child where he studied Kempo and weapons for 20 years.

Kwang Shang Fu (Kūsankū) (1670-1762)
Learned the art of Ch'uan Fa from a Shaolin monk. Became Qing Dynasty ambassador to Okinawa where he introduced Chinese Kung Fu.

Takahara Pēchin (1683-1760)
Well traveled Okinawan monk and warrior who was an expert in astronomy and mapping. Emphasized ethical principles in the martial arts and the importance of kata.

Tode Sakugawa (1733-1857)
Okinawan master who was a major contributer to the development of "Te". Created the kata Kusanku in honor of his master.

Matsumura Sōkon (1809-1899)
Founder of Shuri-te. One of the original Karate masters of Okinawa. First master to systemize Karate. Was given the title "bushi" (warrior) by the Okinawan king due to his accomplishments.

Kosaku Matsumora (1829-1898)
Famous Ryūkyūan Karate master who became an Okinawan folk hero when he stole a sword from a samurai using only a wet towel.

Chotoku Kyan (1870-1945)
Karate Master who had a large influence on what would become Shorin-Ryu and its related styles. Participated in 1936 meeting of Okinawan Karate Masters where the term "karate" was standardized.

Ankō Itosu (1831-1915)
Educator instrumental in introducing Karate to the Okinawan Public School System in 1901. Invented the Pinan Katas as learning steps for these students. Considered a grandfather of modern Karate.

Kodatsu Iha (1873-1928)
Sensei of Shoshin Nagamine who taught him several important katas including Chinto, Passai, and Rohai.

Motobu Chōki (1871-1944)
Widely considered the best fighter of his time in Okinawa. Founded Motobu Ryu.

Kentsū Yabu (1866-1937)
Introduced Karate to Hawaii. Made Okinawan training more structured and militaristic.

Yasutsune Azato (1828-1906)
Okinawan Karate Master and brilliant scholar. Chief of the Military for the King of Ryukus. Had only one student: Gichin Funakoshi.

Chotoku Kyan (1870-1945)
Founder of Shobayashi Branch of Shorin-ryu

Gichin Funakoshi (1869-1957)
Founder of Shotokan Karate. Master and Pioneer universally regarded as the father of Modern Karate. Trained Shihan Nishioka in 1955.

Chōshin Chibana (1885-1969)
Known as the "Last Warrior of Shuri". Last of the pre-WW2 Karate Masters. Established the Japanese name for Shorin-ryu. Was a historical scholar of the roots of Karate.

Ankichi Arakaki (1899-1927)
Most important teacher of Nagamine Matsubayashi philosophy

Hidetaka Nishiyama (1928-2008)
Isao Obata (1904-1976)
Toshio Kamada Watanabe (1918-2018)
Top students of Funakoshi who came to the US in 1953 to tour every Strategic Air Command Base in the US and Canada

Shugoro Nakazato (1920-2016)
Known as a "one punch artist". Taught many famous students in the USA. Upon Chibana's death, he became president of the Shorin-ryu Shoorinkan Karate Association.

Shoshin Nagamine (1907-1997)
Founder of Matsubayashi branch of Shorin-ryu 10th Degree Black Belt

Tadashi Yamashita (1942)
Master of Kobudo (ancient Japanese weapons). Founder of fighting system known as Suikendo which translates to "fist flowing like water"

Hikoki Nishioka (1907)
Renowned Jujitsu practitioner who had trained Imperial Marines in Japan before immigrating to Hawaii.

Henry Okazuki (1890-1952)
Renowned Sensei of Judo and Jujitsu Created school of Jujitsu called Danzan Ryu. Danzan being the Chinese name for Hawaii where he had settled

Kenji Tomiki (1900-1979)
Renowned Sensei of Aikido Founder of Japan Aikido Association

Kusuo Hosokawa (1955)
Sumiyuki Kotani (1903-1991)
High ranked instructors at the Kodokan Judo Institute

Hinori Otsuka (1892-1982)
Japanese Karate Master. Founder of Wado-ryu.
- Tatsuo Suzuki (1928-2011)
- Yoshio Kawaguchi

Shihan Nishioka sponsored these two Senseis to come to Hawaii for a two month tour.

Walter Nishioka (1932)
Founded the International Karate League (IKL) in 1955 previously known as the Statewide Karate League

Richard Nakano
Director of International Karate League
Came to Riverside, CA from Hawaii in 1962

Al Dacascos (1942)
Founder of Wun Hop Kuen Do Kung-fu
Long time Hollywood Stunt Choreographer

Del Bryant
Tang Soo Do

Joseph Pagliuso
Founded USKO in Riverside, CA 1972
(United States Karate Organization)

Michael Visser
Director USKO

Ron Krupa
Instructor USKO

Monton Roeksbutr
Director of MAI Corona

Dave Hopkins
San Soo Kung Fu

Rick Manos
Founder of Martial Arts International
Director of MAI Anaheim

Brendon Butler

Jeffery Quon

Sissi Hua

Dylan Hagmaire

John Stokes

Luis Arce

Megan Smith