

# **T. R. McCLANAHAN**

*Deceased...*

**Past Member – USJJF Board of Directors**  
**Past Chairman, Central Technical & National Coaching Committees**  
**Past Member – US Ju-Jitsu Masters Caucus**



Professor T.R. McClanahan's law enforcement career began when he was 29 years old as a Deputy Sheriff in Portage County, State of Ohio. Three years later he trained the Instructors of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in techniques of self-defense. Two years later he transferred to the Stark County Sheriff's Department where he worked as a Deputy, taught Self Defense, Scuba Diving/Underwater Search & Rescue, boating, and Riot Control to the members of the Department and other Law Enforcement Departments and Military. He was Permanently Certified by the Attorney General - Ohio Peace Officers Training Council as an Instructor - Teacher nine years later in all subjects.

He has also been certified by the Courts as an expert in the Methods and Techniques of Police Combat Pistol, Self-Defense, SCUBA Search & Rescue -Instructor (P.A.D.I.#15148), Riot Control, and Techniques and Mechanics of Arrest, and, Methods and Techniques within the Martial Arts of Judo, Ju-Jitsu, Karate and Taekwondo. While with the Stark County Sheriff's Department, his first year and third year with the department, he won the NRA Police Combat Pistol Class Championship of the United States. The year he started with Stark County Sheriff, he organized the SWAT and Riot Teams for said Law Enforcement Department, other Law Enforcement Departments (State and Federal Instructors), including the Military. Many Police Departments requested his assistance as an undercover operator his first year with Stark County Sheriff Department, for four years. He moved through the ranks to Major in sixteen years, retiring two years later. Life Active Member of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #105.

As his duties in law enforcement expanded, he was involved in the organization of undercover operations for numerous Police and Sheriffs Departments, including the United States Treasury, Bureau of Customs. With the endorsement of George Papadopolus, President of the National Sheriffs Association, he established the United States Police-Sheriff Association, an organization devoted to aiding law enforcement officers and instructors by preparing them for life and death situations during arrests involving hand to hand combat with violent perpetrators. Emphasizing officer safety, techniques were demonstrated which would minimize arrest time by enabling the officer to quickly subdue an individual, and thereby gain control of a potentially dangerous crime scene. Many Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs and Judges of many Courts approved all of the methods. Professor McClanahan has since then taught these sought after techniques to Police, Sheriff, and Military forces throughout the United States and in many foreign Countries. One of his students is an Instructor of the U.S. Navy Seals and Marine Corps Recon Rangers.

In 1990 he supervised the State Police Olympic Games for Judo and Karate and was also Chief Referee of these games. While acting as Director and Coach - Teacher at the United States Olympic Training Center, he became the only person in possession of the confidential complete biomechanics studies of the techniques of Judo, Taekwondo and Karate. These reports reflect the efficiency of each technique. He also served as a member of the U.S. Olympic Medical Committee for the National Governing Body.

As a beginning student of Judo, Ju-Jitsu, Karate and (Tang) Taekwondo at age seven, T.R. McClanahan studied these disciplines from the highest level Master teachers from and in Japan and Korea. He competed in tournaments and won many, at the age of 29 in Karate (Japan) Federation Championship in full contact (Bogu) competition. Original Life Member #230 "JBBF" of the Judo Black Belt Federation (age 22 ), the Armed Forces Judo Association, and the U.S. Judo Association Original Life Member # 125 (age 31). Life Member #1413 Amateur Athletic Union of the United States and Past National Chairman of Martial Arts Committee and Past National Taekwondo Committee Chairman. At age 37 he was an Instructor at the National Olympic Training Camp.

At age 29 years old, Professor McClanahan helped negotiate the weight class for Judo in Japan for the first Olympic Games as acting Chairman for the National Governing Body with Mr. R. Kano, President, and International Judo Federation. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for Judo, was the Original Director - Teacher at the United States Olympic Training Center for the NGB of Taekwondo. In 1985-86 he served as a member of the House of Delegates, United States Olympic Committee and the Medical Committee. In Karate, Taekwondo and Judo, he served as a Coach - Teacher on the Olympic level in all three sports. He also served as an Executive Officer of the Pan American Taekwondo Union which set up the original games in 1987. He was the original Chairman - Director of the United States Olympic Training Center for Karate (NGB) starting in 1988 and retired January 1, 1994.

He was rewarded by the State of Ohio House of Representatives, 116th General Assembly of Ohio for Taekwondo as one of "Ohio's finest Citizens" and again in 1990 by the 118th General Assembly of Ohio for Karate as one of "America's finest citizens."

Professor T.R. McClanahan has earned his 8th degree of Black Belt Certified by the Pan American Karate-Do Union, a Master Instructor 8th Degree of Black Belt from Major Dong Hi Choi, Republic of Korea, original Secretary of the Korean Taekwondo Association #117 [the original first number ever issued], authorized to sign all ranks, a member and Master Instructor with the World Taekwondo Federation (E6-1191) (WTF International Referee 2nd Class), his Professorship of Judo certified by the United States Judo Association [ his teacher and father was Professor Sadaki Nakabayahi of the Kodokan Judo Institute ], and the International Judo Association as a 7th degree of Black Belt, and his 4th Degree of Black Belt in Tomiki Aikido certified by the International Association Aikido Fugaguki.

His Ph.D. signed by the President of the Japan Aikido Association, Professor Hideo Oba, his 9th Dan from China in Jujitsu, and has been certified as a 9th Degree Black Belt with the National Governing Body for Ju-Jitsu of the United States of America (United States Ju-Jitsu Federation [Founding Life Member #014] Sanctioned with/under and by the International Ju-Jitsu Federation, Ju-Jitsu North American Union, General Association of International Sports Federation and the International World Games Association. On March 03, 2000, he was Certified as "having achieved the highest level of US JU-JITSU Instructor/Examiner" and "GRAND MASTER US JU-JITSU INSTRUCTOR / EXAMINER" by the National Governing Body. He is the Vice Chairperson of the "Central Technical Committee" for the United States.

He has been a National Referee in Judo, a National Referee in Karate and an International Referee in Taekwondo. He was the first AAU Judo and Karate Champion in and for the State of Ohio. He was the Konan Judo Yudanshakai Judo Championship when it was the JBBF - Judo Black Belt Federation, back in the late fifties early sixties. He was also on the Certification Rank (Technical) Committee for most all Martial Arts Organizations within the United States, at one time or another. He has served as a Manager and Coach at many United States Olympic Festivals with the National Governing Bodies. These special methods and techniques are on video and issued to only Law Enforcement Departments, by request. He has traveled as a member of the United States Governing Body Team(s) as a Coach, and/or International Referee and/or as the Pan American Treasurer of the NGB. These Countries were Ecuador, Denmark (2 times), Mexico, Japan, Korea and Spain.

During these times, he worked full time at other employment and in his spare time went to special schools for real estate appraising. He was initiated in to Freemasonry, and had his Master Mason Degree conferred by Wm. McKinley Lodge #431, and a year later his 32nd Degree Scottish Rite within the Valley of Canton. On May 5, 2001 he was knighted by the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR (Ohio Commandeer #83) and a member of the Order of Malta.

Today, Professor McClanahan, a State (and Federal) Certified General Appraiser, teaches methods and techniques of appraising, does commercial, industrial appraisals at "Appraisal Company" in Canton - Massillon, Ohio, part time, during the day, and he continues to teach Martial Arts to Citizens and Police in the evenings, in this time frame.

His hobby is sailing (Gulf of Mexico and Lake Erie). He is a member of the United States Coast Guard Aux. He is in the position of Division MT (Training Officer) - Instructor, the original Vice Flotilla Commander and founder of Canton Ohio Flotilla, the Founder and original Flotilla Commander of Massillon Ohio Flotilla, the original Founder Flotilla Commander of Lake Cable Jackson Township Flotilla, Stark County, Ohio, and was the new Flotilla Commander of the new Portage Lakes Chartered Flotilla for March, 2000, and a designated "Vessel Examiner."

He has completed the U.S. Coast Guard course "TCT" Team Coordination Training and the "Incident Command System" [National Strike Force] "National Training Curriculum" and as of 11/12/1997 a certified "Instructor" qualified to teach each course he successfully completed. He has completed the complete United States Coast Guard Auxiliary "Boating Skills and Seamanship Course, Sailing and Seamanship Course (grade 95%), Coastal Navigation General "Closed Book" BN-3 Exam (97.5%), Coastal Navigation Cruise Chart "Open Book" BN-4 Exam (100%), Advanced Coastal Navigation General "Closed Book" AN-5 Exam (100%), and the Advanced Coastal Navigation Chart "Open Book" AN-6 Exam (96.5%)(August 18, 1998). Shortly thereafter, he took the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation closed book exam at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Cleveland and obtained a grade of 96%.

This was certified by QE Earl Count. On March 27, 1999, he received the "United States Coast Guard Award of Merit". On May 18, 1999 he was "Crew Qualified" Certified. In November 1999 he obtained a "United States Coast Guard Auxiliary USCG OPERATIONAL FACILITY Number 429-609. On 3/26/2000 the United States Coast Guard submitted his completed Certified Pined Coxswain Rating, and then, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary confirmed his Pined Coxswain Certification. The Division Captain at that time requested he be the Division "QE" Qualified Examiner. In December 1999, he became the Division Eight Captain until January 01, 2003. In March of 2001, he received the U.S. Coast Guard Sustained Service Award and again September 2001.

The 123rd General Assembly of The STATE of OHIO gave "special recognition to Master T. R. McClanahan" for his outstanding service to the USA Karate Federation, civil concerns with dynamic leader in the community, and as one of Ohio's finest citizens."

On July 14, year 2000, THE US JU JITSU FEDERATION inducted "Thurl R. McClanahan GRANDMASTER" in the NATIONAL HALL OF FAME as "SENIOR FOUNDING MEMBER." He also received the "SADAKI NAKABAYASHI AWARD for OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE" by the US JU JITSU FEDERATION and the USA Karate Federation. The LAW USKA ENFORCEMENT INTERNATIONAL awarded a certificate for "PAST DIRECTOR & FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER, OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN OHIO, and confirmed A PERMANENT MEMBER of the INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE POLICE SELF DEFENSE INSTRUCTORS INSTITUTE of the UNITED STATES.

On August 26, 2000, at the UNITED STATES NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, Thurl "TR" McClanahan was elected as Chairman National Referee Committee for the United States Ju Jitsu Federation. In year 2001, he had another appointment as Chairperson of this committee so as to spend more time with the U.S. Team as Coach. On August 27th, 2000, at the UNITED STATES NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, Thurl "TR" McClanahan was selected as Senior National Coach of the United States Team for the UNITED STATES JU JITSU FEDERATION. This young team participate in the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS in Denmark in November, 2000. On Oct. 3, 2000, he became the new U.S. Coast Guard Aux. Division 09E-08 Captain until Jan. 2003.

At the NATIONAL HALL OF FAME on September 13th, 2002, Professor McClanahan received the following Awards: CITY OF AKRON, OHIO Special Citizen Recognition by Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic, the United States Ju-Jitsu Federation "Black Belt, 9th Dan US TAIHO JITSU" dated as of March 3, 2000, The United States Ju-Jitsu Federation 'OUTSTANDING SENIOR NATIONAL COACH 2000-2001 as of September 13, 2002, and the PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP AWARD as of September 13, 2002. At the 2003 National Championships in New York, Professor McClanahan was presented his (IJJF) International Ju Jitsu Federation 9th Degree Black Belt Certification Rank Certificate dated April 20, 2003, signed by the International President, from the North American Commissioner and the President of the United States Ju Jitsu Federation. It is understood there are only two International Certified 9th Degree Black Belts with the IJJF. Also, he received his 9th Degree of Black Belt from the "TAI-HO JITSU" of the "PSDI INTERNATIONAL" United States PSDI Association.

On February 20, 2010 "TR" McClanahan was promoted to "Grand Master Kodokan Judo Instructor / Examiner with the United States of America Traditional Kodokan Judo" as a 9<sup>th</sup> Degree of Black Belt.

On November 13, 2003, Thurl McClanahan was presented a "Homeland Security Founding Member's certificate" (dated March 01, 2003 Washington, D.C.) signed by Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security, United States Department of Homeland Security, from T.H. Collins, Admiral, United States Coast Guard.

The individual training record of the United States Coast Guard Aux reflects McClanahan completed since Oct 15, 2005 the Incident Command System level - FEMA - 100, 200, NIMS IS-700, National Response Plan (NRP-IS-800, VE / MDV, Team Coordination Training workshop and facilitator, Operations [ 9 times ] Workshops, BCM Pre-Underway, Man Overboard Evolution, Side Tow Evolution – Direct/Assist, (Cox) Complete Pre-Underway Check off – Rescue, Side Tow, Navigation Rules Exam(2 times), and the Instructors Workshop (4 times). Position held were Flotilla Commander (3), Member Training Officer (2), Operations Officer (2), Member Service Officer, Vessel Examiner (2), Public Service Officer, QE – Qualified Examiner since 2004 and is a Past 09E-08 Division Captain. In 2009 he became again Flotilla Commander on U.S. Coast Guard Aux Unit #09E-06-07.

In his spare time he teaches the NRA Basic Pistol Course, the CCW Course and Instinct Shooting Courses to Citizens and Police. He has qualified as an Expert in the NRA, a National Champion years ago, and was qualified as a Master Police Pistol Shot for years. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008, he was Certified as a NRA Pistol Instructor and Distinguished Pistol Expert.

In February 2010, McClanahan became Treasurer of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #105

#### **Partial Profile “TR” McClanahan - Sports**

- FINISHED TRAINING IN JAPAN FOR JUDO, KARATE AND AIKIDO LAST SCHOOL WAS KODOKAN 1961
- CLEVELAND ACADEMY OF JUDO AND JU-JITSU -1957 – 1961
- AAU OHIO STATE CHAMPION IN KARATE AND JUDO 1961 – 1962
- UNITED STATES POLICE COMBAT PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP 1967-1969
- UNITED STATES KARATE ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL AAU KARATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN 1977-1978
- NATIONAL AAU TAEKWONDO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN 1977
- UNITED STATES TAEKWONDO UNION 6<sup>th</sup> DAN LM NO. 17-000-0013 WTF 1977
- UNITED STATES KARATE ASSOCIATION POLICE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN 1977-80
- NATIONAL AAU KARATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR UNITED STATES 1977-1978
- UNITED STATES JUDO ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COACHING STAFF 1977-80
- UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER COACH JUDO 1980
- 6<sup>TH</sup> WORLD TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS 1983 COPENHAGEN DENMARK
- VIII PAN AMERICAN TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS PARAMARIBO NOV 1984
- DELEGATE to the BOARD of GOVERNORS – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1984 NATIONAL AAU TAEKWONDO UNON
- UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER ORGINAL DIRECTOR-COACH AND PROJECT MANAGER FOR TAEKWONDO (1984-1987) AND KARATE (1987-1993)
- UNITED STATES TAEKWONDO FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL REFEREE AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SEOUL KOREA AUG-SEPT 1985
- UNITED STATES TAEKWONDO FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL REFEREE AND OLYMPIC FEASTIBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1986
- FIRST OLYMPIC TEAM TRAILS FOR MEXICO AS SENIOR INTERNATIONAL TKD REFEREE 1986
- NATIONAL AAU TAEKWONDO UNON CHIEF REFEREE MOO DO WON CANTON, OHIO 1986
- RESEARCH REFEREE AT OPEN U.S. CUP TAEKWONDO AT UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE COL. SPRINGS, CO. OCT 29, 1986 DELEGATE AT LARGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MTG. UNITED STATES TAEKWONDO FEDERATION NOV 6-9, 1986
- NATIONAL AAU TAEKWONDO UNON CHIEF REFEREE MOO DO WON CANTON, OHIO 1986
- REFEREE – ARBITRO ECUADOR UNITED STATES TAEKWONDO FEDERATION DIC 10-14, 1986
- 14<sup>TH</sup> UNITED STATES TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS REFEREE 1988
- INTERNATIONAL REFEREE WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS 1990-1992
- COACH UNITED STATES JU-JITSU FEDERATION NOV 25-26, 2000 COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
- UNITED STATES JU-JITSU REFEREE AND COMMITTEE REFEREE CHAIRMAN UNTIL 2009
- U.S. JU-JITSU FEDERATION BOARD of DIRECTORS 2000 – 2011