Hanshi Carlos H. Montalvo 10°

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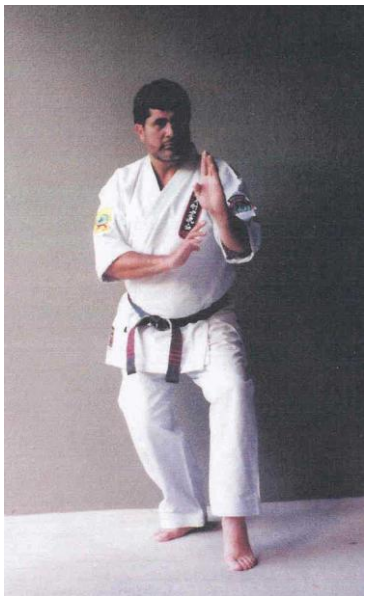

He began his career in the Martial Arts during his early middle School years in the City of San Sebastian, Puerto Rico where His father was the former City Police Chief. He practiced first Karate and Tae Kwon Do (1969) for a short period of time at the 4-H Club nears his house. Later he practiced the Chinese Style of Shaolin Tsu Kempo. His only brother began practicing Okinawa Kempo Karate Do under Sempai Luis Camara, Willie and Edwin Hernandez (a direct student of Toshimitsu Kina, Naha, Okinawa). During this time, Hanshi Carlos H. Montalvo practiced Boxing under Silverio "Yeyo" Salas, former City Major of his adopted hometown of San Sebastian. Kyoshi Carlos H. Montalvo joined his (oldest) brother Miguel and both practiced Okinawa Kempo Karate-Do under Master William Hernandez. Under the supervision and guidance of Master William Hernandez both brothers were tested and promoted to 1st and 2nd Degree Black Belt.

On January 1974, the Montalvo's brothers decided to open their first Okinawa Kempo Dojo in San Sebastian, P.R. By this time Hanshi Carlos H. Montalvo was already competing in Full Contact /Kick Boxing events in the island making him one of the pioneers of this modality. In 1980, Master William "Willie" Hernandez and Hanshi Carlos H. Montalvo met and trained under Hawaiian Kempo Karate grand Master Cecil Peoples (direct student of Bill Ryusaki, Van Nuys, California). Under Master Peoples, Kyoshi Montalvo obtained 2nd and 3rd Degree Black Belt.

From 1974 to 1978, '80 – '81, Hanshi Montalvo was the Inter-American University, San German Branch (Puerto Rico), Physical Education/Martial Arts Professor, Team Coach and Captain. In 1978 to 1979 Hanshi Montalvo traveled to study at Yale University and the University of Connecticut, Psychology post-graduate School. During that time, he taught Karate and Full Contact seminars at the Eastern Connecticut State Collage and the Windham Youth Center (for disturbed youngsters).

Upon his return to Puerto Rico, he competed on most of the major tournaments and established himself as one of the top fighters in the Caribbean. He was interviewed by many sports magazines and acted as Body/Personal Guard of several celebrities during their visit to the island of Puerto Rico. Some of the celebrities included: Rock Star Peter Frampton, Hulk's Lou Ferrigno, Latin Singers Jose Feliciano, Jose Jose and Menudo among others.

On April in 1984, he moved to Miami, Florida to work as a Special Agent for the U.S. Treasury Department. During this time he began a long-lasting friendship still carried today with Grand Master Manny Saavedra, founder of Sansei Goju Ryu World Karate Organization. Grand Master Saavedra was a direct student of Peter Urban Father of American Goju Ryu.

Under the direction and guidance of Grand Master Saavedra, Hanshi Carlos H. Montalvo was tested to the ranks of 4th, 5th, and 6th degree, later promoted to the 7th Dan during his visit and while giving a seminar in Carrizales, Estado Miranda in Venezuela. While in Puerto Rico, on July 1999, Hanshi Montalvo was verbally promoted to the 8th Dan by Grand Master Manny

Saavedra. On the year of the Dragon (2000) Hanshi Montalvo was promoted and presented with the 8th Dan certificate/diploma by Grand Master Manny Saavedra.

During his tenure in Florida he became part of the internationally rated "Miami Vice Team" and retired undefeated after four (4) years of competition. Hanshi Montalvo was the Vice-president of the Sansei Goju Ryu World Karate Organization and in charge of over 200 Black Belts around South America and the Caribbean. Later he was entrusted with the position of President of Sansei with approximately 400 Black Belts under his management worldwide.

At the end of the year 2000, Hanshi Montalvo with GM Saavedra's blessing, left Sansei and founded three Martial Arts Organization under the umbrella of Ronin Brotherhood LLC® to wit: *Rônin Goju Ryu Kai World Karate Organization®* (a Goju Ryu based karate organization that believes in rescuing the traditional values and ancient combat techniques of Okinawan Goju, incorporating contemporary fighting methods in tune with today's challenges), the *International Rônin Martial Arts Federation®* (a federation composed of several Martial Arts styles Organizations) and *Rônin Police Defensive Tactics Association®* (an association composed of Sworn Law Enforcement Officers, all Martial Arts practitioners and instructors of several LE Agencies and Military Organization, with the common goal to improve their tactical operations techniques through the use of Martial Arts and Survival Techniques).

Throughout his long and intense Martial Arts career, Hanshi Carlos Montalvo has been inducted in numerous Martial Arts Halls of Fame Since 1994 to 2009. Hanshi Carlos H. Montalvo is a U.S. Government Certified instructor on Closed Quarters Combat, Safety & Survival, Street Alertness, Advance Undercover Techniques. Special Response Team (SRT) and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Instructor, he is presently a Peer Support Team Member and a SRT Crisis/Hostage Negotiator with a U.S. Government Agency. Hanshi Montalvo is a Renowned International Defensive Tactics Instructor. As a US Federal Age he was nominated at one time to receive a total of four (4) Medals of Valor along with four (4) Hostage Incident Awards.

As a US Agent he has provided protection to five U.S. Presidents (Carter, Reagan, Bush Sr., Bush Jr. and Clinton) also to the Presidents of Cuba, Nicaragua and Panama. Hanshi Montalvo also participated in two protection details for your Holiness, POPE John Paul II.

On July 17, 2005, at the City of Fergus, Ontario, Canada, Hanshi Montalvo was promoted to the "Kudan" (9th Degree Black Belt) and the Title of "Hanshi" in the Style of Goju Ryu Karate Do by the Hawaiian International Martial Arts Society.

On June 2006, Hanshi Montalvo decided to celebrate his 50th birthday by competing at the US Open World Championships, Orlando, Florida placing third and fourth places in Kumite and Kata respectably. The same year he competed at the Battle of Columbus Championships, Ohio and won the Master Grand Championship in Kumite and Kata.

On August 2007, Hanshi Montalvo competed at the Cosmopolitan Florida Martial Arts Championships and won the Master Division and also the Grand Champion in Kata. As a black belt, Hanshi Montalvo has competed in a total of 384 tournaments, wining in 364 of them. As a Full Contact/Kick Boxing fighter, his has 36 fights, 33 wins with 31 wins by way of knock out.

On August 2008, Hanshi Montalvo was Inducted into the International Ju-Jitsu Hall of Fame. Hanshi Montalvo is in the process of becoming a student of Qi Gong in an attempt to understand better the therapeutically soft side of the Chinese arts.

On March 2010, at the City of Calusso, Italy Hanshi Montalvo received the Judan (10th Dan) from the Unione Palestri di Arti Marcialis (UPAM). Hanshi Montalvo coordinated and sponsor an Annual Ronin Camp in Puerto Rico. Presently the Ronin Brotherhood out of the approximately 700 Black Belts members from 16 countries and from the three mayor groups it has over 50 black belts members with the ranks of 7th Dan to 10th Dan from various Styles/Systems and countries.

Hanshi Carlos H. Montalvo is also a loving family man who is dedicated to the service of his Country, Family and the Rônin Martial Arts Organizations. Hanshi Montalvo currently resides and teaches in a Southern State of the United States where he continues to live through the precepts of the Bushido as a true Rônin.