

Kata Committee report
Diane Tamai Jackson, Chair
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- 1) Faye Allen Kata Championship, held on September 23rd, hosted by DC Judo. Two clinics were given USA National Kata Team members: Nage no kata by Diane Tamai Jackson and Karl Tamai, and Kodokan GoShin Jutsu by Lisa Capriotti and Robert Gouthro.
- 2) 2017 USJF Kata Conference was given by two Kodokan instructors, Murata and Utsugi senseis, in July 2017 in St. Louis, MO. The 2018 USJF Kata Conference will be held over the summer in Hawaii.
- 3) Judo Kata World Grand Slam and Championships were held in Obbia, Sardinia, Italy on October 6 - 7, 2017. New format with Under 35 year category, and 35 years and over category. The two categories merged for the Finals. Four USA teams (8 team members), half were from Shufu. Karl Tamai and Diane Tamai Jackson (VA/MD, Ju no kata), Lisa Capriotti and Rob Gouthro (SC, Kime no kata), Bryce and Chase Oishi (CA, Katame no kata – Under 35), and Sergio Segerio and Gereldo Tello (FL, Nage no kata).
Congratulations to the USA judo kata team members.
- 4) Senior National kata: Leah Fisher and Margie Kettl – all around female team champions. Lisa Capriotti and Rob Gouthro, Karl Tamai and Diane Jackson placed in several katas. Karen Whilden and Terrance McPartland placed third in Ju no kata. Well done!
- 5) Local judo tournaments included kata competition: Beltsville Open
- 6) Edwin Takemori gave Ju no kata clinic in Cary, North Carolina in November 2017.
- 7) Kata Judge Examination can be held if venue & event director is available