

Personal Bio Format for Shufu Elections

SHUFU OFFICE: *Shufu President*

NAME & JUDO RANK: *J. Miki Takemori, Shichidan*

JUDO DOJO: *Toshi Budokai Judo*

PROFESSION: *Retired Physical Therapist*

YEARS IN JUDO: *54 years*

PERSONAL HISTORY: *As many of you know, I grew up in a judo family, but what you probably don't know is that my dad (James Takemori, 9th Dan in Judo) was not the reason for me starting judo. My dad was always away for judo so much that my mom insisted that we (my sisters and I) start judo to spend time and get to know him.*

I am 67 years old and I am the oldest of 4 sisters. My sisters are Robin Takemori Taylor (5th dan and multi-national champion), Teri Takemori (7th dan, IJF-A referee, national champion, National coach and co-owner of Jason Morris Judo Center and married to Jason Morris), and Chrissy Takemori (4th dan, Junior National champion, assistant instructor of Seinan/Long Beach Dojo). My mother, Helen Takemori (not in judo) is still with us, is 93 years old, healthy, lives in her home in Alexandria, VA.

I graduated from T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA in 1976. I went to Northern Virginia Community College and then University of Maryland at Baltimore for Physical Therapy (graduated in 1981). I practiced PT for 40 years in various settings (In-patient hospital, out-patient, traveling, rehabilitation and nursing home). I retired from Physical Therapy June of 2020.

I am married to John Floyd (also a member of Shufu BOE) and we live in Quincy, MA

JUDO HISTORY: *I started studying judo in 1971 at Washington Judo Club under my father, James Takemori. I practiced regularly until I went to Physical Therapy school. Upon graduation, I went to LA and practiced at Seinan Dojo (K. Kuniyuki, sensei). I changed to a travel job and practiced at various clubs across the country. I settled in Boston, MA area and practice at San Machi Dojo (Foxboro, MA) and Tohoku Dojo (Somerville, MA). In 1985, John Floyd and I started Toshi Budokai Judo in Braintree, MA in January 1985.*

JUDO ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- *7th degree Black belt in Judo (USJF and Kodokan)*
- *IJF – B referee. I continue to referee at local, regional and National Judo events. Occasionally I am tasked to be the mat supervisor and at local events – head referee.*
- *Head Instructor and co- founder of Toshi Budokai Judo in Braintree MA with John Floyd (4th Dan and my husband) since 1985.*
- *Present President of Shufu Judo Yudanshakai (since 2022). I have conducted biannual Shufu BOD meetings. Through my (and my husband, John) efforts in the New England area, there are 6 new clubs in Shufu Judo.*
- *Member of the James Takemori Memorial Clinic Committee which has been held annually since 2015 (except for COVID years). It has had clinicians such as Kayla Harrison, Marty Malloy, Amaryllis Savon, Neil Adams, Berliners (Gary, Kell, and Ari), Hamada Hatsuyuki, Jason Morris and Kevin Asano.*

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- *Past Chair of Shufu Board of Examiner (the promotional board for a black belt organization encompassing much of the East Coast of the United States and associated with the United States Judo Federation)*
- *Past Member of United States Judo Federation (USJF) Promotional Board as the Shufu representative.*
- *Regularly representing Shufu at the USJF Board of Examiners Bi-Annual meetings in the last 10 years*
- *USJF Master Teacher Instructor*
- *USJF Self Defense Instructor*
- *Past National competitor. Placed as high as 2nd as a shiai competitor in the Senior National Judo Championships, National Kata Champion (in Ju no Kata and Katame no kata), High School (1976) and Collegiate Champion (1981). I believe that I am the only person who has placed in shiai (regular senior category) and kata more than once (3 times) at the Senior National Championships.*
- *Past team manager of several Junior and Women's US teams for British Open, Junior Pan-American Championships, Junior World Championships.*
- *Actively competing in Ju no kata at the National level with Wendy Pietroniro of Shinzan Judo, NH.*
- *Member of the technical staff at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Judo venue.*
- *Have run bi-annual judo promotions in the New England area (using Shufu/USJF guidelines) for interested judo clubs. I even brought up members of Shufu BOE (Jimmy Takemori, Edwin Takemori, Dick Hugh, Fran Vall and Karen Whilden) to act as examiners. I now include the Shufu BOE via zoom connection so they can see our process.*
- *2025 Doc & Phyllis Kowai Award for Service for Judo from Liberty Bell Judo at the Liberty Bell Championships, Philadelphia, PA*
- *I am a USJF certified kata instructor in Nage no kata, Katame no kata and Ju no kata*
- *In the past I was one of the drafters of USJF Handbook, Senior and Junior Guidelines (it has since been revised again.)*

PERSONAL STATEMENT: *I feel that I have the qualifications and experience in many aspects of judo (shiai, kata, refereeing, teaching, etc.) to continue my father's work in growing Judo. I have memories of what USJF was in the past, but I can be progressive enough to accept what USJF can be in the future. I believe that I can be the link from the past to the future*