

## Chapter 1

# **General Information on the American Traditional Jujutsu Association**

The American Traditional Jujutsu Association (ATJA) was founded on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, was incorporated on March 22, 2010 and became Non-Profit (501-C3) June, 2011. The ATJA became a Class "A" member of USA Judo in September, 2015.

**Our Mission – Who We Are:** Our mission is to provide the martial arts and sciences an organization rooted in tradition, innovative to find improvement and committed to preserving legacies through sharing of knowledge, and training of various combat sciences throughout world. In partnership with all like-minded organizations, The American Traditional Jujutsu Association provides exceptional training, empowers to view beyond perceived limitations, and embodies the mind, spirit and body of Bushido.

**Our Values – What We Believe In:** We are committed to being a member-focused organization whose environment is characterized by Rectitude, Courage, Benevolence, Respect, Veracity, Honor, and Loyalty. We are open to all individuals who subscribe to our Values.

**Our Vision – Where We Are Going:** By living our mission and values, The American Traditional Jujutsu Association will be the recognized leader in the Martial Arts and Sciences, setting the standard by which all will be compared: service, to which all will be measured; and member satisfaction, to which all will aspire. We will be the first choice for a broad range of individual and organizational growth needs.