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William Abraham
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WHA Winter Camp February 2012
California, USA
Details coming soon!

Final WHA Do Bok Order for 2011
Due date: October 17, 2011
Contact Master Dan Piller for details and ordering today.

Custom Made

I was meeting with some friends that other day that used to share a training space with me. They're both Enshin Karate practitioners...very skilled and true "practice people" as an old instructor of mine used to call them. *Practice People* is a term used to connote an individual or individuals who are not only true warriors, but embody those characteristics or traits that we believe to be the best of a person that we strive to duplicate in ourselves; those centuries old intangibles, such as honesty, humility, compassion and honor.

The martial arts milieu was always a place where we worked diligently to replicate the finer points of a culture that best supported how we wished we and others could be. Hoping, perhaps against hope, to provide change in our larger community from within ourselves as it is these traits we find frustratingly lacking in the broader context of life outside of practice. And yes, as true humility would have us understand, even the more trained of us at times stumble in this area but it's the warrior context, that beyond the physical, which constantly reminds us to be striving in this area. We need to get to a point that despite our occasional blunders in this area, that the opposites of the desirable traits listed above are dishonest, arrogance, selfishness and immoral. These are, unfortunately, manifested more often than not by the...

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**We Want to Hear from YOU!
The WHA Newsletter is for the members by the members.**

If you have something to say we want to hear it: *events, seminars, testing, promotions, opinions, questions, experiences, photos etc, on and off the mat.*

Want to have your school profiled in an upcoming issue of the **WHA Newsletter**? Send us a bio on the school, instructor(s) and a photo and we will include it.

Submissions are due the 21st of the month.



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larger world around us as a means to "get ahead"...the warrior knows differently. That ultimately, *what goes around, comes around* and that these are just a means to an end.

This reality is so often understood from the context of sub-cultures such as the world of athletics and Hollywood. These sub-cultures are typically much stronger and the sociological impact far greater than the internal strength and moral consistency of many of the individuals who are found to be in it. It's not difficult for most of us to see the logical extension of many of these individuals' decisions. The lure of money (greed), attention (vanity), social praise (ego) and coveting (entitlement, selfishness) is very powerful and difficult to turn away from for even the strongest of warriors. To those who don't claim adherence to, or inclusion in any form of warrior culture that prizes the opposite of those, the end of their path is not too much in doubt. This of course would be true for any religious cultures or anything that prizes right dealing and moral behavior. And even those who claim allegiance to those, at times, fall away.

I'm continually reminded of the difficult road the warrior walks. And after talking with my friends the other day, I was reminded of a phrase GM Jung used several years back during a Seminar where he referred to us as "*Custom Made.*"

He went on to explain that the opposite of this, of course, was "*Factory Made.*" If you've been in martial-arts for a long time, the idea of *factory made* martial-artists should make perfect sense. It's not uncommon these days for instructors to boast of thousands of black-belts, quick and easy testing procedures with pomp and circumstance abounding, 30 to 45 minute classes to squeeze in the maximum number of students per day, or students who don't really have to do much more than some moves and a bit of cardio and they're moving on with monthly testing. If any of you know anything about *Enshin Karate*, it's a bit like *Kyokushin* but with takedowns and throwing allowed. They spar A LOT and it's not for the faint of heart. Heather also does a UBC body-shaping course which is packed constantly so I decided to ask about their "karate" class. Lance mentioned they have 5 regular students. I remember chuckling because I know what that meant...if students have to choose between coming in and getting pummeled every night or running down the street to the mom and pop martial-arts studio with rapid promotions and no contact sparring, what the hell should they choose? I had the same experience with my own school. Granted, I understand it from a practical standpoint. But the reality is, the warrior chooses the path least traveled and that's the common denominator of those who are *Custom Made* and those who are *Factory Made.*

*Jeff Hindley
WHA Oregon*

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Getting Better Together

Each of us wants to improve the things we do – the person we are. Great pains are often taken to achieve such a goal. We work longer and harder, even to the point where we sacrifice many of the enjoyments in our lives. All in the hopes of getting better. This is true in life and in Hapkido.

With life, however, many of us choose to go it alone – making the journey solo. In Hapkido we are fortunate enough to have a support system at our disposal every step of the way. Hapkido is an interactive and connective relationship. There are many levels to this relationship: *attacker and defender, junior and senior, teacher and student, dojang and member and art and practitioner*. Through these relationships each of us are given opportunity to learn, grow and progress as we experience and excel – together.

The relationship, however, requires both parties to be actively engaged in pursuing to “get better”. It cannot be one sided. Individually and collectively the goal is to improve and to properly

achieve such feats necessitates a trusting and cooperative relationship. Trust ensures no harm will come to us as we challenge each other to train at the highest levels. Without trust, hesitation, doubt and apprehension exist. Cooperation refers to each participant, being actively engaged, fulfilling their role intended for quality training – no more, no less. This does not mean we just take falls or go through the motions – this is compliancy and often leads to incomplete training and bad habits. Thus, the true meaning of technique and a deeper understanding is lost.

As we challenged ourselves personally – individually, we are in turn challenging our partners individually and collectively. Simply put we must get better for others to get better and others must get better for us to continue to improve. It is a symbiotic co-existence. We get better together.

Michael Aloia – Asahi dojo, PA



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WHA U.S. East Coast Director—Master Hendrix' North Carolina HapKiDo Work-Shop Schedule

Tentative: Saturday, Aug. 20th. 12-2:00 pm.

/ Topic: Kick Defense

/ Only \$45.00. (\$35 for EMA members)

Tentative: November 19th. 12-2:00 pm.

/ Topic: Advanced Grab Defense & Finger Locks

/ Only \$45.00. (\$35 for EMA members)

Note: If you are coming from out of town and wish to book a private lesson with Master Hendrix, please pre-pay and book in advance as availability is extremely limited.

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Master John Emmons Taekwondo Academy
Will be hosting Pro Hapkido Seminar



With Master Dan Piller
WHA Secretary General
6th Degree Black Belt

Time: 10am-1pm



If is pay by Check

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to: C. Maisonet*

Cost: \$ 50 Per Person

When: October 9th, 2011

**Location: 1050 Aeronautical Drive
Kissimmee, Florida 34744
407-931-1118**

Contact Mr. Luis Maisonet 863-261-2511



**Han Ho Martial Arts is proud to host
Master Monty Hendrix
U.S. East Coast Director of the WHA**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011 9AM – 12PM



In this interactive session, Master Hendrix will teach and demonstrate:

Practical Ground Escapes: Getting Off Your Back * Street Sparring: How to Convert Sparring Techniques To Street Application * Worst Case Scenario: Finger Locks * Translating the Dan-Bong (short stick) To Edged Weapons

There will be a fee of \$50 for WHA Members and \$60 for Non Members due by Friday, October 7th.

Han Ho Martial Arts is located at 2376 Route 6, Middletown, NY 10940 845-355-4462.

Please visit our website for directions & PayPal payment options:

www.hanhomartialarts.com/class_schedule_events

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Ki Martial Arts Centers
WHA Curriculum Boot-Camp
(Hapkido Green Belts and Higher are welcome)



What: WHA Curriculum Review & Black Belt Testing Prep

When: Saturday, November 12th, 2011 11:30 AM – 2 PM (Black Belt & 1st Geup until 3PM)

Where: KiMAC-Indian Hills new location - Conifer Jazzercise Center, 9064 Hwy 285, Morrison, CO

Details & Cost: Contact Master Pillar - dpillar@kimartialarts.com

Whether you just tested for your current belt or you are getting ready for your WHA Dan promotion, test this is the course for you! We will be covering the four major groups of Hapkido techniques in an intensive and comprehensive course:

Throwing & Falling
Ground Defense
Joint locks & Transitions
Kicking & Striking

Plus, we will be focusing on WHA flow drills and finishes! Pack your water bottle, lunch, and your notebook!

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Hapkido Seminar



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When: November 5th & 6th

Where: Lake Country Martial Arts
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Learn from Hapkido Master Dan Piller

Session Syllabus

- ◆ Saturday (Nov. 5th) Session to focus on the World Hapkido Association Curriculum
- ◆ Sunday (Nov. 6th) Session to focus on Pro-Hapkido Competition & advanced testing

Prerequisites

- ◆ 14 years old and older
- ◆ Blue Belt minimum or if not a LCMA Student, knowledge of Break Falls, Rolls, and other safety measures from similar styles (Hapkido, Judo, Jujitsu, etc.)



Cost per Session

\$25 for LCMA Students

\$50 for Non-LCMA Students

**Pre-register by
Saturday October
29th**

Waivers

All Non-LCMA students will need to sign a waiver.

All Non-LCMA Students under 18 will need to have a parent present.

Master Piller has dedicated his life to training and teaching martial arts and Law Enforcement Defensive Tactics. He currently serves as the Secretary General for the World Hapkido Association and travels the world teaching the art of Hapkido. He also founded Ki Martial Arts Centers, which has 3 locations in the Colorado Front Range area. Master Piller is also one of the founders of SDO (Strategic Defense Options), which focuses on Law Enforcement and civilian Defensive Tactics.

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