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The WHA welcomes:

Richard Thrasher of Locust Grove ,GA
Do Young Kim of Carrollton, Texas
Francisco Garay of San Juan, Puerto Rico



Congratulations New WHA Black Belts:

Gene Banks
Rhys Devan
Brian Jonhstone
George Paulson

Congratulations – 2nd Dan

Melissa Fields
Luiz Guedes

"all endings start something better , it is inevitable."

New WHA Representatives:

Kyle Ament – Central Missouri
Gene Banks – South Chicago
Scott Kendrick – Oklahoma City

Awards:

President's Award – Mr. Tom Reed
Master Instructor of the Year – Master Dan Piller
Representatives of the Year – Master Carlos Feliciano
Black Belt of the Year – Ms. Melissa Fields
"Ki" Sprit Summer Camp 2008 – Giddy Withington

Master's Promotions

Master Paulo Caldas Junior – 4th Dan
Master Carlos Feliciano – 5th Dan
Master Marcílio Nogueira – 7th Dan

"Melting Pot" Training Camps By Nandini Bapat

Summer: A time for lying on the beach and vacationing. A time for long picnics in the park or barbeques on the weekend. Alternatively, it is also the time for WHA Summer Training Camps. When I first heard about the August 9 summer camp in Ventura, CA, I was skeptical. Intense training on the weekend is not usually my cup of tea. However, I decided to give the camp a try. It turned out to be one of the best training sessions I have ever had.

The training was very focused and intense. Students and instructors had come from all over the Western Hemisphere to represent their studios. It was truly a melting pot of Hapkido techniques.

Different Masters taught basic yet unique techniques that could be specifically attuned to their own styles of teaching.

Master Feliciano, the Brazilian representative, taught effective towel and belt defense techniques. These were designed to incapacitate the attacker using either a hand towel or a belt and could be done despite differences in strength and size.

Master Hindley, the representative from Oregon, explained how the center of balance could affect self defense. He taught students how to identify an opponent's center by feel, and then react according to that information.

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Need more Hapkido training?

Visit our web site—www.worldhapikdo.com and check out our **Online Courses!**

Our online training program was established in 2000 due to an overabundance of requests from people who had the desire to study but could not, because they were unable to locate a training center in their area.

Offering a multitude of courses as well as certification programs that uphold the high quality standards of the World Hapkido Association, our online courses provide the opportunity for anyone to study Hapkido anywhere in the world.

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.

Please have all submissions in by the 25th of each month.



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Imagine *

You are positioned alone at the bottom of a large hill. Before you stands an army of opposition, blocking your way to the top. Poised for battle you stand fast. The army general signals for his men to rush the lines. Charging forward, a wall of soldiers awaits. With your sword drawn you too advance forward. As your steel collides with the oncoming train of your enemy, you, one by one, bring your aggressors to their knees. Your skill is unmatched. Through the sea of steel and battlement you make your way to the top. The remaining soldiers flee in retreat. Atop the hill you stand victorious.

Though this is not necessarily how we live today, many of us martial artists have had a similar dream. But is it only a dream? If we approach our daily training with the same intensity, with the same intent, with the same dedication and passion to be victorious, then maybe the dream is not far from being reality.

In the above story the physical details of slaying your attacker or those who oppose you is more sensationalism and does not have a place in today's martial arts training or the world in which we live. But the spirit of the story does. We must approach our training as if it meant something not only to us but to the world. That means how we train and what we do with our training affects everything around us. We are responsible for our actions and reactions. We are held accountable.

Train to make a difference. Train for the better of you and for the betterment of humankind. Look to make a difference. Accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative. Negatives are the true aggressors and they have no place in your daily training.

Work to maintain and enhance life not to destroy it. True victory is victory over one's self.

Creating the balance of perfecting the human condition. Embrace victory.

Imagine.

-Michael Aloia Asahi Dojo, PA



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WHA Seminars



Master Tae Jung is coming to **Essential Martial Arts** in Greensboro, NC to conduct a seminar on **Saturday, September 13, 2008**. The seminar time is from 10 am - 2:30 pm. Lunch break will be from 12-1 pm. Essential Martial Arts is headed by WHA member **Mr. Monty Hendrix**.

Pre-register now for \$69.00. (The fee is \$89 if you register after September 1st)

For more information contact:

Essential Martial Arts HQ's

2957-B Battleground Ave

Greensboro, NC 27408

Contact Person: Monty or Ellen Hendrix

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The World Hapkido Association Summer Camp 2008 at Ventura, California.

Featured
Grand Master Hwang & Master Tae Jung

Course Instructors
Masters Jason Jung, Piller, Feliciano, Hindley, Phillips

On Friday, as all the participants filed in, an air of respect and anticipation filled the room. Different faces, different uniforms, and different languages were uttered at almost a whisper in all areas of the room. Sign-ins and sign-ups, distribution of information, t-shirt allocations and quite orderly directions were given as the new World Hapkido Association Summer squad began to form.

In addition to all that was going on Master Piller politely introduced himself to each and every one of us as he extended a firm welcome.

As the time to start the World Hapkido Association Training camp grew nearer, Master Piller gave the command to line up.

Suddenly, a loud command to attention was heard as Grand Master Hwang had reached the entry door. With great respect we all greeted him with a solemn bow as Grand Master Hwang entered the room. Master Piller organized the troops regardless of the existing language barriers and managed to introduce each World Hapkido Association Masters individually.

Master Piller then described what would be in store for us all for the next three days of training.

The entire camp was asked to be seated for one of the most exciting demonstration of Sword by Master Jason Jung and Master Piller to set the stage, the attitude, and the pace of the World Hapkido Association Summer Camp of 2008. Elegant, poised and graceful sword play to say the least. What a powerful, humbling demonstration of skill and experience. A moment of silence swept the room.

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Four Masters



Master Carlos Feliciano towel & belt defense



Master Jeff Hindley – Reversals



Master Shawn Phillips – Street Survival

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And lastly, Master Phillips, the Canadian representative, identified a Hapkido student's major weakness when applying martial arts to real life situations. His techniques were based on working through adrenaline and fear stresses, to be able to think and defend properly during stressful situations.



In the subsequent weeks, I have found that I am able to incorporate all of these techniques into my Hapkido training. When practicing self defense,



I try to feel out the opponents weaknesses and shift my techniques accordingly. I have also decided to use some of my favorite belt and towel defenses in my self defense repertoire. I am striving

to improve my reaction time and my ability to work through a stressful situation.

I learned, in just one weekend, that the WHA Summer Training Camps are more than just blocked hours of training and sweat. They are about meeting other Hapkido students and instructors, and exchanging the best of what Hapkido has to offer us. By sharing what my teachers have taught me and learning what their teachers have taught them, we have broadened our minds and skills.

This one experience has strengthened my resolve to train and become a better martial artist, as well as encouraged me to attend the next Summer Training Camp in 2009. And I hope that many more students and instructors will join us at wherever that camp may be. It truly is a once in a lifetime experience.



The Camp participants were then asked to line up to be split into individual groups for "rotation". These rotations were designed to allow all of the present Masters to conduct their daily objectives with each group for an interval of time that was enough to teach the Camp to learn what the Masters had to share. Time flew by as if it were a movie.

Saturday came at record speed. 7 A. M. breathing exercises conducted by Grand Master Hwang in full view of mother of Ocean and the vast sea of the Pacific. This breathing, meditative exercise was followed by a marathon type run from the Hotel to the end of the California Street Pier that stretches almost a half of a mile into the Pacific Ocean. This run went to the end of the Pier and back ending in an exhilarating response to begin the day of training ahead. A unique, one time view of our Pacific Ocean at its full glory for a second day in a row overwhelmed the Camp.



The warm up exercises, after a ceremonial bow in, were both different and educational. The Camp squad was again divided, arbitrarily, for rotation for the second time. As odds would have it, my partner from the day before, had ended up in my group in each rotation. Three times running! Renato Ferreira, a Brazilian resident, who traveled with Master Carlos Feliciano of Brazil. We became friends and as the training came to an end Carlos, Jewels, Luis, Renato, and his twelve year old daughter Samantha and I spent the rest of the week together touring LA, Hollywood, and shopping until we dropped!

Sunday was another surprise experience with Master Jung and his awesome training techniques. Although the entire experience was extremely condensed, jam packed with information, technique, and empowerment, this is an experience for anyone who wants to engage in a Martial Arts career of empowerment and desire. I have found a new desire to train with more enthusiasm and excitement than I have felt before. I recommend these Training Camps to anyone who desires a feeling of accomplishment and pride in what rewards are acquired in a Martial Arts career.

Thank you for an unforgettable experience.
Curt Roth—Way of Orient, Ventura, California USA

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Midwestern Pro-Hapkido Championships

Featuring Dynamic
Pro-HKD Style Matches!!
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Self Defense \$40, Kids Sparring \$40, Pro-HKD – Jr. & Sr. divisions \$55

Contact – Mr. Gene Banks, Tournament Director: gbanksmaw@yahoo.com 773-759-4911

For rules and info log onto: www.Pro-Hapkido.com

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