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A Black Belt Test was held in Cadillac MI on November 8. Mr. VH, Mrs. Kathy Clifford and Mr. David Ancomb presided and Mr. Doug Kehlbly handled the corner for new First Degree Black Belts **Steve LaChonce, Janelle Kershner, and Andrew Hasse**. All candidates did an outstanding job.

Mr. VH conducted a self-defense seminar in Cadillac on November 9.

On November 23 there was a gup test in Mooresville.

A Black Belt Test was held for Wisconsin candidates on November 2 in Grafton. Participating were Second Dan Candidate Luke Mattias and First Dan Candidates Mr. Chris Bauer, Mr. James Pals, Mr. Mitch Pals, Mr. Alec Donlon, and Mr. Ross Gilbert. Presiding were Sadan Rick Bauman, Samdan Mary Lubner, Yidans Gregg Thursten, Paul DuKatz and and Jacqueline Karpinsky, Chodan Aaron Prohuska and Mr. VH. The test was cornered by Mr. Paul Schneider. Results soon.

There will be a test in Mooresville January 18

A Black Belt test is planned for Huntersville February 23.

On March 8 2003 USTF Nationals will be held at Jacksonville FL. Those with questions can inquire of either Mr. VH or Mr. Kempka.

Dr. Mark Brudnak, along with Drew Dondero, has had an article published in Medical Hypotheses. "Are the 'hard' martial arts, such as the Korean martial art, TaeKwon-Do, of benefit to senior citizens?" Congratulations to Dr. Brudnak and Mr. Dondero on the publication of their article. The basic conclusion? Yes.

Mr. Paul Metz, a distinguished Second Dan in TaeKwon-Do and Third Dan in Kenpo karate, has initiated a TaeKwon-Do curriculum in his Manitowoc school. The TaeKwon-Do curriculum in Mr. Metz's school is supplemental to his base curriculum. The Association has agreed to support and sponsor Mr. Metz's programs and looks forward to his contributions which, we are sure, will be many. Welcome, Mr. Metz!

On December 5 there will be a gup-level testing conducted at the Academy of Martial Arts in West Bend.

On Sunday November 10, there was a tournament in West Bend sponsored by the A.M.A.-West Bend. Attending schools included every Wisconsin Association School except one. Congratulations to Mr. DuKatz on a great job!

Congratulation to **Mr. Chris Bauer** on his promotion to First Dan, U.S.T.F.-I.T.F.!

This is the final issue of the Flash for the year. It will continue into its fifteen year of publication in January 2003. The subscription price will remain the same, \$5.00. Please remit to the publisher. We are grateful to our many readers and to our contributors, and look forward to being of service to the Association, to its member schools and the Art for many years to come.

The Association of Academies of Martial Arts has had a momentous year. Our numbers keep growing, our geographic reach expanding, and our numbers of participating schools increasing. We owe our thanks to the many fine leaders and school owners who have the wisdom to make us and keep us a whole. We wish them and all the adherents of our Art and their families blessed holidays and a joyous new year.

--Mr. VH

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Due to the current atmosphere of international confusion, the Association will again be issuing its own Dan certificates supplemental to those issued by the organizations with whom we are affiliated.

On November 20 a test was conducted for five students at the Academy of Martial Arts in Sheboygan. Mr. Jarvis Klassy, Mr. Marc Mikkelson and Mr. VH presided and Mrs. Jacqueline Karpinsky cornered.

On December 14 at 1:00 a Referee's Seminar will be conducted by Mr. Paul Metz at the Academy of Martial Arts-West Bend.

"Book Review: A PART OF THE RIBBON by Ruth S. Hunter and Debra M. Fritsch"
by Ross Gilbert

{Editor's note: This article which is completed in this issue is continued from the November issue of The Flash. Those familiar with Korean history will note errors. I have checked, and these errors are those of the authors Fritsch and Hunter and not Mr. Gilbert's.)

The ribbon brought them to a tall mountain. Jeffrey took a step and almost stepped off the mountain and

fell 20 feet but luckily Sabumnim grabbed him just in time. Sabumnim told them they were in a place Hanyan which is now called Seoul. They walked to the city and noticed that all the houses were different sizes but they all were the same icky brown color. Sabumnim told them it's because the people didn't want people to know how well off they were. So the only bright colored was the king's palace.

The ribbon next took them to the year 1598 A.D. where they saw boats that looked like turtles. Turtle boats were big fighting boats, which moved by men rowing them.

During that time Korea was in a war with China. In the war the leader of Korean army got shot and killed by a stray bullet. Jeffrey feels sad and realizes that war, peace, greed, generosity, everything affects everyone else. Even other countries that are not involved.

The ribbon took them to the time of the Hermit Kingdom Life. There they saw men with dragons on poles. They would run into each other crashing to the ground. The team still standing wins a lot of food, but even with this, there's not enough to feed them all during the winter.

Then they met a little boy who told them that taekyun wasn't studied anymore but people still wanted to learn it so they had to practice in the mountains or in the dark.

Next the ribbon took them to Harbor Station in China. Hirobumi Ito was the first Japanese governer General of Korea. He wanted Koreans to sign a deal Japan could occupy Korea. The Koreans found out and started to fight. In 1909 Japan turned over part of Korea to China. The Russians got confused so they wanted to meet with Hirobumi Ito and he was killed. By 1910 Japan had made Korea Japanese and they banned all Korean things. The martial artist moved out of the country.

The ribbon took them to where the Korean American soldiers were practicing martial arts and combing techniques.

Then in 1955 the ribbon shows General Choi suggesting the art being called Tae kwon do.

Then Jeffrey and Charlotte learned how the past and people connects to its present.

Some have inquired as to why references to their school events, student achievements, etc. are not reported in The Flash. The answer is simple: We didn't get notice. Email information to us five days before the month's end and it is very likely to be included. This is a chance to show your students they are noticed around the Association.



New Cadillac Black Belt Promotions
From Left: Andy Hasse, Janelle Kershner,
Steve LaChonce, Mr. VH, Instructor
Doug Kehl



Mr. VH with Kathy Clifford, Debbi Gray
and Janelle Kershner. How come he gets
the good jobs around the Association?



Nick Popowycz shows Yopcha Jirugi



M.A.T.A.

Martial Arts Tournament Association



Tournament Judging & Referee Seminar

445 N. Main Street West Bend, WI 53090 (262) 335-8020

Attention all Black Belts and soon to be Black Belts:

The new Martial Arts Tournament Association (M.A.T.A.) is hosting a seminar for refereeing and judging at tournaments. This will also be a great opportunity to meet and discuss any questions you have for the 2003 tournament promoters of M.A.T.A.

This seminar is for veterans of tournament judging and for those who are new to judging in tournaments. This seminar is to help you better understand judging and refereeing in open tournaments and will give you the confidence to step forward at tournaments when asked to help judge. Whether you have experience already, or if you are new to the tournament circuits, this FREE seminar, taught by Mr. Metz of Metz's Martial Arts, will teach you the ins and outs of judging and refereeing.

This informative seminar will be held at the Academy of Martial Arts in West Bend, Wisconsin, Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 pm. If you'd like to attend this FREE seminar, please notify Paul DuKatz at the Academy of Martial Arts, (262) 335-8020.

See you at the seminar,

Paul A. DuKatz