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UPCOMING EVENTS

On May 5, in Grafton, Wisconsin, the **Association of Academies of Martial Arts Spring Classic Tournament** will be held.

On May 16 there will be a Gup level testing at the **Academy of Martial Arts**, Grafton, Wisconsin.



At a Black Belt testing in Columbia, Missouri, on March 22, Senior Master **Larry Winn** and Mr. **Kenny Fairchild**, Sixth Dan, presided for new First Dan Mr. **Agrim Sharma** and Mr. **Dan Pingelton**, now Fourth Dan. In the photo, left to right, Mr. Fairchild, Mr. Sharma, Sr. Master Winn, Mr. Pingelton, and Mr. **James Given**, Third Dan.

Mexico, Missouri was be the site of a USTF Referee Course on March 17 hosted by Master **Kenny Fairchild** and taught by Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**.



On May 20 the **Maestas Taekwon-Do Spring Black Belt Test** will be held at Arvada, Colorado. Students will be testing for Sixth, Fifth, and Second Dan.

Also on May 20, the **Spring Awards Dinner** of the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, will be held.

A combined Black Belt and Gup testing will be held at **Axe Taekwon-Do**, Bellevue, Nebraska, on May 24.

On May 31 Sr. Master **Randy Casco** will preside at a Black Belt Test at Lahaina Civic Center, Hawaii.

On June 2, there will be a Black Belt test at **Kirksville Taekwon-Do**.

On June 11 (or thereabouts) at the Pine Grove Athletic Club in **Cadillac**, Michigan, Ms. **Autumn Dutka**, will test for her Second Dan with the **Cadillac Taekwon-Do Club**. Dr. **Steve Osborn** is her proud instructor. YHE presided at her First Dan test and is convinced she's exactly what Taekwon-Do needs.

On June 23 there will be a Black Belt test at National Taekwon-Do in DesPlaines, Illinois. The Promoter is Grand Master **Earl Weiss**. Participants are likely from several Midwest states.

On June 23 **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance** will hold its 2018 Spring Black Belt Testing at Salt Lake City.

Sereff World Camp 2018 will be held at Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colorado June 24-29 . It will feature World Class Instructors, fun, and the Great Outdoors. Camp T-shirts and

Hoodies available. Contact USTF Headquarters, (303) 466-4963 if interested.

On July 14 there will be a USTF Basic Ho Sin Sool course taught by Mr. **Anthony Giese** will be conducted at Harrisburg, Missouri. Contact Sr. Masters **Larry Winn** (573-356-7896) or **Tom Cope** (417-540-9145).

On July 19 there will be a gup level test at Sereff Taekwon-Do.

Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** will conduct a USTF Breaking seminar at **Big Dog Taekwon-Do** in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on August 4.

August 3 through 5, East Canyon State Park, Morgan, Utah, the **2018 UCHTA Summer Weekend TKD Camp**. Come join the fun!

A combined Black Belt and Gup testing will be held at **Axe Taekwon-Do**, Bellevue, Nebraska, on August 16.

On August 25 a Taekwon-Do Tournament will be held at Kirksville, Missouri. Sr. Master **William Stephenson** is the Promotor, Tournament Director Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Chief Referee Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**.

Old Man Conquers Andes



“All right, hand over those candies!”

(Try this one with a broken bone in your right foot!)

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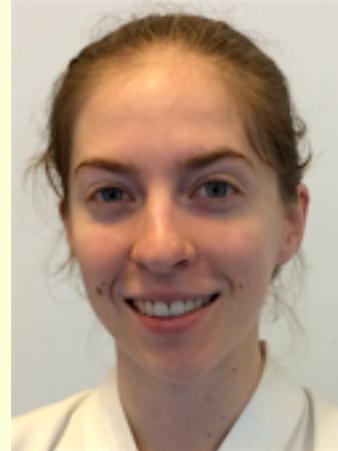
The Secret Life of Dans

(Series originated by DFS R. Romberg)

Another in our series of marathoners, cellists, gymnasts, physicians and okra-picklers who bring an absolute cacophony of disparate interests and talents to our Art, Second Dan **Valerie Locklair**, a student and teacher at the **Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton**, recently published Called to Defend: An Apologetics Handbook for the Middle School Student (NRP Books, Irvine CA). She is a Fellow of the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism and Human Rights in Stasbourg, France, where she earned her Diplome in



Christian Apologetics. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin. Somewhere around first in her class--like first. Your Humble Editor was given the privilege of reviewing her thesis prior to argument and its subsequent publication and thus with ample justification is confident the book will be absolute dynamite. Pictured here, on eagle's wings of a different sort.



On Sept. 15, the **19th Annual Wyoming Invitational Tournament** at Casper, Wyoming. Mr. **Anthony Giese**, Promoter.

On November 3, the **UCHTA Championship Tournament** will be held at Salt Lake City.

A combined Black Belt and Gup testing will be held at **Axe Taekwon-Do**, Bellevue, Nebraska, on November 15.

The Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance will hold its 2018 Falss Black Belt Test on November 17. Venue to be announced.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

The **Maestas Taekwon-Do Annual Tournament** was March 24, 2018, in Arvada, Colorado, at the Apex Recreation Center. Promoter Master **Robert Martin**.



On Saturday, April 21st, at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska, Axe Taekwon-Do hosted the **11th Annual Axe Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament**. This USTF sanctioned tournament featured over 70 competitors this year. It was a day of intense competition conducted under the rules and regulations of the USTF. Students from Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Illinois participated. Students were competing in individual patterns, sparring and team breaking competition.

There were numerous distinguished USTF officials in attendance. Grand Master **Renee' Sereff**, USTF Headquarters, Sereff TKD, Broomfield, CO. Grand Master **Stan Martin**, Martin's TKD, Casper, WY. Grand Master **Bill Stephenson**, Kirksville TKD, Kirksville, MO. Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**, USTF Director, Region 1, Sereff TKD, Broomfield, CO. Sr. Master **Larry Winn**, Harrisburg TKD, Harrisburg, MO. Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**, Kirksville TKD, Kirksville, MO. Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, USTF Director, Region 2, Axe TKD, Bellevue, NE. Master **Lenard Graham**, White Oak TKD, Unionville, MO. Master **Phillip Ordonio**, Kirksville, TKD, Kirksville, MO. Master **Kevin Bushor**, USTF Nebraska State Director, Axe TKD, Bellevue, NE. Mr. **Anthony Giese**, 6th dan, USTF Wyoming State Director, Wyoming TKD, Casper, WY. Mr. **J. Rolston**, USTF Missouri State Director, Kirksville TKD, Kirksville, MO. The Tournament Director was Sr. Master Stephenson, D., and the Chief Referee was Mr. Rolston. Tournament Promoter – Sr. Master Todd. The announcer for the event was Mr. **Dan Linder**.

Opening the tournament, Mrs. **Deborah Ragone**, 4th dan and Ms. **Ashleigh Ragone**, 2nd dan sang the National Anthem. Grand Master Sereff welcomed the crowd and participants with opening comments. The competition started with individual patterns, sparring and team breaking divisions. There were too many individual winners to list in the newsletter, but pictures have been posted on the Axe Taekwon-Do Facebook page and the winners for every division will be listed on the Axe Taekwon-Do webpage. (Cont'd next page.)





After the individual patterns and sparring competition, points were tabulated for an overall Grand Champion of the tournament. The Black Belt division winner was Ms. **Ashleigh Ragone**, 2nd dan from Axe TKD. The Color Belt division winner was Mr. **William Fleming**, green belt blue stripe also from Axe, TKD.

Individual schools represented were **Sereff Taekwon-Do, Martin's Casper Taekwon-Do, Kirksville Taekwon-Do, Axe Taekwon-Do, Wyoming Taekwon-Do, Casper Recreation Center Taekwon-Do, Casper College Taekwon-Do, Snowy Range Taekwon-Do, Harrisburg Taekwon-Do, CAT Taekwon-Do, Fairchild Taekwon-Do, and National**

Taekwon-Do. I want to thank all instructors and students who helped make this a great event!

Sr. Master Ricky J. Todd, D.F.S.

On April 7 a color belt test was held at Broomfield, Colorado.

On April 8 there was a USTF Referee Course at **Concord Taekwon-Do** in Massachusetts, taught by Grand Master **Louis Reyes**.

A gup and Dan testing was held April 14 at Kennesaw, Georgia, promoted by **Manera's Taekwon-Do**, promoted by Mr. **Mario Manera**.

On April 28 there was be a Black and Color Belt Testing at one of USTF's most venerable clubs. Mr. **Chuck Giotto**, U.P. State Director, hosted the test held in Marquette, Michigan, at **Marquette Taekwon-Do**.

A NOTE

Every month for quite a few years we send out several hundred issues. Often, a limited few "bounce," and after a few months, we simply delete the recipient from the mailing list. A few have accounts which reject e-mail with enclosures, likely company systems trying to avoid compromising their software; these folks would more likely successfully get the Flash if

they had an "at home" or free e-mail account, e.g., gmail.

The fact is, it costs us no more to send three issues than 300. If you'd like a copy for your kid so he's not bugging you, just supply name and e-mail address and we'll add him. If an instructor would rather we just send direct to students rather than forwarding or printing out for "bulletin board material," the same applies. If an instructor has a policy for removal of inactives, just let us know. (Removal from the mailing list is easy.)

We aim to please.

Remember, we're not Facebook. No politics, personal put-downs, gossip, garbage, total navel-gazing time-wasting or trash around here (at least as long as I'm the boss!)

Some have inquired as to why their group is limited to 20 or fewer recipients. The reason is simple: we send in small batches, there are just a lot of those batches. That way we avoid "list piracy" and a host of other potential problems.

Question about about The Flash and its distribution may be address to the Editor or to Mr. Malcolm Blashtritt, Circulation Editor.

Your Humble Editor

P.S. Summer's coming, as well as the **2018 TKD Flash Kids' Art Contest**.

Harrisburg
Taekwon Do

presents

USTF Basic
Ho Sin Sul Seminar

Instructor

6th Dan Mr Giese

Date - Saturday July 14, 2018
starts 9 am

Seminar location
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233 S. Harris St.
Harrisburg , Missouri 65256

cost - \$75.00 1st timers
\$35.00 retakes

contact information
Sr. Master Larry Winn- 573-356-7896
Sr. Master Tom Cope- 417-540-9145

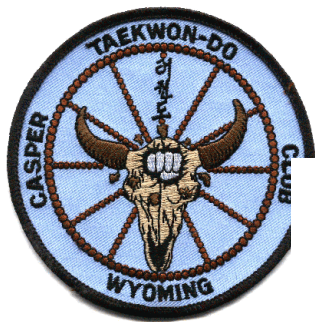
Caitlyn Fitch, newly promoted IV degree from Sereff Taekwon-Do, is taking this summer to travel, participate in community service, go mountain climbing, take cold showers and baths, and show off some of that innate etiquette (sound familiar?). Miss Fitch is planning to participate in a cross-country bike ride through June and July from Yorktown, Virginia to San Francisco, California. The best part of the trip is that it is a charity ride designed to raise research funds and awareness for multiple sclerosis. Along the way the group is stopping by households of diagnosed individuals to help with projects the disease makes difficult or impossible.

The group she's riding with is Bike the US for MS and she is beyond excited for this wonderful opportunity. She's asking for some help though. As it is a charity ride the program asks each individual to raise enough funds to make the trip possible. At one dollar per mile it comes to \$3785. Which is where we can help. Miss Fitch is still \$2000 behind on her goal and needs to have all of the funds raised before she leaves for Virginia at the end of May.

Miss Fitch chose to miss World Camp for the first time since she started for this opportunity and she hopes she can make it worth the sacrifice! Just a few dollars will be a great help for her and for those struggling with the disease.

Her goal is to raise \$5000 in order to make as much of a difference as possible. Together we can help make this trip possible and make a difference in the lives of 400 million people world-wide. Help her out by visiting www.BikeTheUSForMS.org CLICK "Donate" and type Caitlyn Fitch into the box!





19th Annual Wyoming Invitational
USTF Tae Kwon-Do Tournament
Hosted by: Casper Rec Center Tae Kwon-Do
September 15, 2018

The competition is sanctioned by the UNITED STATES TAE KWON-DO FEDERATION, INC. and its rules and regulations regarding fighting.

Casper Tae Kwon-Do invites all USTF affiliated schools and their students to compete for top honors in over 50 divisions. This event will include competition in individual sparring and patterns. Divisions will be combined at the discretion of the tournament director, depending on participation, to allow for all participants to compete.

Registration forms can be obtained from all our USTF affiliated schools. The fighting will be LIGHT CONTROLLED CONTACT. Hand pads, foot pads, mouthpiece, and protective cup for male competitors, will be required. **Head gear is mandatory for all sparring competitors – NO EXCEPTIONS.** Chest protectors are optional for adults. No soccer style shin pads will be allowed. All referees and judges must be certified by the USTF.

All referees will need their certification cards and proper dress to be on the competition floor (blue pants, white shirt, blue tie, WHITE tennis shoes). Dress codes will be strictly enforced! Please see your instructor, or contact Master Sisco.

CASPER RECREATION CENTER
 1801 EAST 4TH STREET
 (CORNER OF 4TH AND LOWELL)
 CASPER, WYOMING 82601

Saturday	September 15, 2018, Doors Open @ 7:30 AM
Registration	7:30 – 8:30 A.M.
Black Belt Patterns Bracketing	8:30 AM SHARP
Referee Meeting	8:45 AM
Tournament	9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Admission	Free to the Public

Sponsored by:
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Contact: Master Sisco (307) 267-2336
 E-Mail: jerrysisco@bresnan.net

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