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COMING EVENTS

A USTF Referee Course will be hosted in Wyoming by Grand Master **Stan Martin** on August 21.

There will be a combined gup and dan testing for **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Bellevue, Nebraska, on August 26.

On August 28 there will be a USTF sanctioned tournament at Kirksville, Missouri. Promoter Grand Master Bill Stephenson, Tournament Director Sr. Master Ricky Todd, Chief Referee Grand Master Dustin Stephenson.

Grand Master **Renee' Sereff** will be hosting the USTF Black Belt test for Upper Dans on the 11th of September at **Sereff Taekwon- Do**.



Group photo from Enumclaw, Washington, Blackbelt test May 22. Story on page two.

The **Wyoming Invitational Tournament** will be held September 18, Promoter Master **Gerald Sisco**.

On October 16 Master **Anthony Giese** will teach the USTF Ho Sin Sool course at the Casper National Guard Armory (Wyoming). YHE has attended Master Giese's Ho Sin Sool courses in the past and they are excellent.

On November 6 a USTF Referee Course will be conducted at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**.

Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** is promoting a Dan and Gup test at Axe Taekwon-Do on the 18th of November.

The **Utah Chang Hun Alliance** will host a USTF Referee Seminar one January 29, 2022.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

On June 5 the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Association**, Promoter Master **Rob Riley**, hosted a Black Belt test at Draper, Utah. Sr. Master **William Dubbeld, Sr.** presided. Hopefully, some photos and an article in the next Flash.

Grand Master **William Stephenson** promoted a Black Belt Test at **Kirkville**



On May 22nd, 2021 a black belt grading was held in Enumclaw, Washington. The grading was conducted by Senior Master **Craig Craddock** of **Coastal Taekwondo** from Lincoln City, Oregon. He was assisted by Mr. **Joe Hancock** 5th degree from Longview, Washington. The caller of the test was Mr. **Eddy Cormier**, 2nd degree from Enumclaw, Washington. There were seven candidates grading.

These students didn't miss a beat with their techniques, applications or power. The ability to impress the onlookers with superb hol-sin-sul, step sparring, breaking and free sparring it was quite a demonstration

of perseverance to get to this level.

Congratulations to the following on their success: Ms. **Sharon Cormier** 6th Dan, Mrs. **Connie Craddock** 5th Dan (Best Patterns Award), and 1st Dans Ms. **Alexandra Soriano-Ross** (Best Ho Sin Sool Award), Ms. **Ashley Triplett**, Ms. **Lissyanna Triplett**, Mr. **Adrian Triplett**, and Mr. **Angel Soriano-Ross**.



Taekwon-Do in Missouri on the 5th of June. Hopefully, some photos and an article in the next Flash.

On July 17 Master **Jeremy Bennett** hosted a Black Belt test as **Senatobia Taekwon-Do** in Mississippi. Hopefully, some photos and an article in the next Flash.

Grand Master Winn hosted the **USTF Ground Tactics** course in Missouri on July 31st, in Columbia, Missouri. The course instructor was Mr. **Pete Rouse**, 6th dan. Hopefully, some photos and an article in the next Flash.



On June 21, 2021 students were promoted at **Marquette Taekwon-Do** in the U.P. Front: **Gabe Charboneau** 9th Gup High White Belt, **Grayson Wash** 8th Gup Yellow Belt, and **Josh Flint** 3rd Gup High Blue Belt, Mr. **Chuck Giotto**, school Director. Black row testing board Mr. **Bob Ross**, Mrs. **Sara Wisuri**, and Mr. **Jim Portale**. Students and testing board all did a fantastic job and very proud of them.

On June 27 a Black Belt test was conducted at **The Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan Falls**. Hosting was USTF Wisconsin State Director Mrs. **Jackqueline Karpinsky**. Presiding were Fifth Dans Mrs. Karpinsky, Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, and Mr. **Mark Johnson**, and Eighth Dan F.M. Van Hecke. At the Corner was Mrs. **Caren Johnson**, Fifth Dan. Successfully testing for First Dan were Mssrs. **Kevin Rauch** and **Ben Lorenz** and for Fourth Dan Mr. **Dan Kelly**. The group photo, left top, from left front row, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Lubner, Sr. Master Van Hecke, and Mrs. Karpinsky, and back row Mr. Kevin Rauch, Mr. Dan Kelly, Mr. Ben Lorenz, and Corner Mrs. Caren Johnson. Other photos, right top, Mr. Rauch, left below, Mr. Lorenz, right below, Mr. Kelly.





Sereff Taekwon-Do outing in Idaho Springs June 26 Above, Mr. Rose, Hannah and Emily Rose, below: this train don't carry no gamblers.





A mini-tournament was held at the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin on July 11. Mr. **Matthew Thur**, Fourth Dan, acted as Director, assisted by Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, Fifth Dan, Miss **Alyssa Jankowski**, Third Dan, Dr. **Elliott Humiston**, First Dan, and Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke.

Results by Division: Red/Black Patterns—First, **Patrick Kaye**, Second, **Shambav Ashwinkumar**, Third, Mr.

Ben Lorenz; Red/Black Sparring—First, Mr. **Ben Lorenz**, Second, **Shambav Ashwinkumar**, Third, **Patrick Kaye**; Green/Blue Patterns—First, **Joshua Rupert**, Second, **Cylis Zirtzloff**, Third, **Alex Rupert**; Green/Blue Sparring—First, **Joshua Rupert**, Second, **Alex Rupert**, Third, **Cylis Zirtzloff**; White/Yellow Patterns—First, **Jaavali Chittibamala**, Second, **Sam Locklair**, Third, **Jishanth Chittibamala**; White/Yellow Sparring—First, **Jaavali Chittibamala**, Second, **Jishanth Chittibamala**
 Pic: one of these divisions with awards, from left, Cylis Zirtzloff, Joshua Rupert, and Alex Rupert.



Cowns Taekwon-Do had a small (but great!) gup testing June 24th, 2021. Two of our newest students test to 9th Gup, **Rylan Nolte** and **Chloe Nolte**. **Christopher Dominguez** tested for 8th Gup Yellow belt. **Nicole Lomax** tested for 3rd Gup Blue Belt. They all were outstanding!

I have had a few inquiries lately and hopefully our Club will thrive again soon. We are located in the heart of the DFW (Dallas-Ft. Worth) area in North Texas and typically have classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Anyone who knows me knows I have established clubs wherever I go and have logged thousands

of miles to teach and assist clubs and students. My motto, “Have Dobok, will Travel!”, still stands. There are several USTF Black belts who have stopped by and visited our Dojang while traveling through as well as from Ireland! The McCarthys came by and taught a class! I encourage anyone who relocates to the Great State of Texas to contact me and keep active and growing in TaeKwon-Do. I am here to assist. As State Director I would love to see all the inactive students start training again and will travel, etc., to make that happen. [From left, Miss Lomax, Mr. Dominguez, Master Cowns and the Noltes. And, right, Miss Lomax.]

—Master Freddie Cowns



The Northwest USTF celebrated a big day July 22! The event was hosted by Sr. Master **David Mason**. The following schools attended: **Mountain View Taekwon-Do, Bodystrong Taekwon-Do, Golden Tiger Taekwon-Do, Valley View Taekwon-Do, Next Level Taekwon-Do** and also with



permission we had two masters from **Sereff Taekwondo**, Sr. Master **Ed Newcomer** and Master **James Smith**, who joined Sr. Master Mason and Sr. Master **Brandon Stoppani** in presiding over the black belt testing and also the color belt testing. They then also ran an all school workout after the test. Students into four groups: sine wave and fundamental exercises, breaking, Ho Sin Sul and sparring drills. Afterwards we had a full scale group workout that was led by Sr.

Master Newcomer. Above, group photo of attendees, middle, workout led by Sr. Master Newcomer, bottom, the gup testing group photo, candidates and officials.





On Saturday, July-24, **Senatobia Taekwon-Do** held a black belt testing for two students. Mr. **Samuel Holliday**, now 4th Dan, and Mr. **Christopher Barlow**, now having achieved his 1st Dan.

Mr. Holliday, originally from Grenada, MS, has studied Taekwon-Do for over thirty years, with a few breaks for school and family. In that time, he has trained and taught in Mississippi, Alabama, and Kentucky. He currently lives with his wife and two children in Huntsville, AL, where he works as an engineer in the aerospace and defense industry. Mr. Holliday's daughter, Maggie, was promoted to 9th Gup the same day.

Mr. Barlow started his Taekwon-Do journey with his two sons. Both sons eventually left to pursue other interests, but Mr Barlow continued wanting to follow through and test for

1st Dan. Work demands and returning to school to finish his bachelor's degree slowed his journey down some, but he stayed active and attended every Taekwon-Do class he could. His journey took six years and six months, but he finally reached his goal. [Photos: above left, Mr. Holliday makes short work of multiples of those nasty plastic boards while, right and below, Mr. Barlow goes airborne and gets the job done.]

*Master Jeremy Bennett,
Mississippi State Director*



6th Annual Kirksville Invitational Tournament

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Kirksville Middle School Gymnasium 1515 South Cottage
Grove Kirksville, Missouri

Registration Starts @ 9:00 a.m. Competition Starts @ 10:00 a.m. Referee
Meeting @ 9:45 a.m.

Cost: Individual Pattern, Fighting, and Breaking: **\$40.00** Spectators: **Free!**

~ Sparring ~ Pattern ~ Breaking ~

Kirksville Taekwon-Do invites all USTF affiliated schools and their students to this tournament. This event will include individual patterns, sparring, breaking and team patterns. All divisions will be created the day of the event at the discretion of the Chief Bracketeer.

Competition will be in accordance with USTF rules. Sparring gear including hand and foot pads, mouthpiece, head gear and protective cup for male competitors will be required. Head gear is mandatory for all ranks. All referees and judges must be certified by the USTF and dressed properly in the official dress code established by the USTF (white shirt, blue tie, blue pants, and white shoes).

Breaking:

Must be 12 years of age or older.

Two Breaks Scored: Side Piercing Kick & Downward Knife-Hand or Downward Forefist Punch

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