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## COMING EVENTS

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 October 30, a truly impressive array of tests will take place under Grand Master **Stan Martin**’s leadership: Wyoming USTF schools come together for a Black Belt testing including ranks for First, Third, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Dans. To put it mildly—wow!



**Sereff Taekwon-Do** is pleased to announce the I Dan promotion August 14 of three students, **Dustin Lambert**, his son **Zane Lambert** and **Emily Rose**. Officiating as the test board were Grand Master **Renee’ Sereff** and Grand Master **Kirk Steadman** with Master **Cameo Zugschwert** running the test and Mr. **Jason Rose** running

the breaking. Some interesting facts about this test: Dustin Lambert tested under Sr. Grand Master **C.E. Sereff** with his brother many years ago and wanted his son to experience the same path so Dustin started over with his son as a white belt and together they met this goal! Emily Rose, the youngest of the Rose family, followed in the footsteps of her late grandfather Master **Keith Rose** and father Jason Rose. Congratulations to all! [Photo: Master Zugschwert, Grand Masters Sereff and Steadman, Miss Emily Rose, Mr. Zane Lambert, Mr. Dustin Lambert. More on page two.]



A bit of history: Sr. Grand Master Sereff with Dustin Lambert and brother (Mr. Dustin Lambert on left), and, below, making new history on August 14, candidates and Ho Sin Sul partners Emily Rose, partner Hannah Rose, Zane Lambert and partner Peter Daniell, Dustin Lambert and partner Devin Fitch.



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

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

On December 18 a Black Belt test will be held at **New Life Taekwon-Do**, Arvada, Colorado, under the leadership of Sr. Master **Paul White**.

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.

Grand Master **William Stephenson** promoted a Black Belt Test at **Kirkville Taekwon-Do** in Missouri on the 5th of June. Hopefully, some photos and an article on these events in the next Flash.

On July 12 **Marquette Taekwon-Do**, one of USTF's most venerable clubs headed up by Mr. **Chuck Giotto**, Fifth Dan, held a small gup testing. **Ivy Wash** was promoted to High White Belt, **Max Wash** to Yellow Belt and **Zehydan Tinney** to High White Belt. Special thanks to Mr. Chuck Giotto, U. P. State Director, for this information.

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

Congratulations to **Montana Lang**, **Steven Smith** and **Dean Rohr** for persevering through a difficult time to achieve the next level in Taekwon-Do in a September 15 testing at **Sereff Taekwon-Do!**



**Martin's Casper Taekwon-Do** in Casper, Wyoming, hosted a USTF Referee course taught by Grand Master **Kirk Steadman** on August 21 for Wyoming, Utah and Montana attendees. Lots of great training on our referee system and some great stories to tie it all together! Above, the group, left, the instructor, below left, and, right, don't hit this guy below the belt!





Congratulations, **Marquette Taekwon-Do**, for a great and long run, sure to continue under able leadership. Marquette, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, has celebrated its 50th Anniversary! Your Humble Editor has visited many times and regards this historic club with the greatest of respect and affection.

According to its current Head Instructor, Fifth Dan **Charles Giotto**: “The school was

established in the Fall of 1971 (late August/September). I believe there were no national organizations yet, schools associated themselves with a school that had an instructor with master rank to get promotion.

Master Yu had several schools located in lower Michigan, so from fall of 1971 to prior May of 1980 Master Yu promoted black belts for our school.



“In May of 1980, then Master C.E. Sereff (now Senior Grand Master) started testing for our school. The picture above (and left) was taken at Northern Michigan University and prior to the adoption of dress blues. Obviously back row Senior Grand Master Charles Sereff second from right, **Dan Oja** fourth from right (our school director at the time) and **Jack Eibler** front row fourth from right. Jack tested his 1st through 4th under Senior Grand Master.”

On the right, a picture of Master Yu taken in the early '70s and, below, a collage and ceremonial belt displayed at the celebration.



**The Twenty-First Annual Wyoming Invitational** was held on September 18. A few photos from that event, courtesy of Flash Stringer Mrs. Corinne Sroykum. Tournament Dir. Mr. **Roland Flynn**, Chief Referee Ms. **DeeDee Connell**, 15 schools, 5 states. Over 100 competitors!





On September 13 a gup level test was held at the **Academy of Martial Arts** in Grafton. Presiding were Sixth Dan **James Pals**, Fifth Dan **Mary Lubner**, First Dan **O.J. Locklair**, First Dan **Gabriel Peters** and Ninth Dan F.M. Van Hecke. Serving ably at the Corner were **Sophie Wall**, **Patrick Kaye**, **Vyshanth Selvakumar**, and **Connor Maehl**.

**Jaavali Chittibomala, Jishanth Chittibomala, Khoi Le, and Khai Le** were promoted to Gup Nine White Belt Yellow Stripe.

**Jimmy Ward, Molly Weeden, and Olivia Handrow** were successfully promoted to Eighth Gup Yellow Belt.



**Sam Locklair** tested to Gup Six Green Belt. **Joshua Rupert** and **Alex Rupert** achieved Gup Five Green Belt Blue Stripe. **Cylis Zirtzlaff** tested to Gup Two Red Belt. And **Shambav Ashwinkumar** tested to Gup One Red Belt Black Stripe. [Pics: top, Jishanth, Jaavali, Khai and Khoi line up (we'll be speaking to Khai about that belt), middle, Molly and Jimmy square off, bottom, Shambav breaks.]

## Important USTF Testing

### Promotions included 3 Masters, 3 Grandmasters

The United States Taekwon-Do Federation had the pleasure of hosting the Black Belt test held September 11, 2021 with Wisconsin, Nebraska, Utah and Colorado represented. Sr. Grand Master **Charles Sereff** was on hand to promote Sr. Masters **Frederick Van Hecke, Dan Griffin** and **Ricky Todd** to Ninth Dan Grand Master. The test board of Grand Masters **Renee' Sereff, Stan Martin, Kirk Steadman,** and **Tom Cope** also graded **Gahlen Bell, Lorie Ruby** and **James Sroykum** to Seventh Dan Master as well as **Kristie Eysser** to III Dan, and **Gina Bangerter** and **Morgan Hurley** to I Dan.

Special thanks to Master **Cameo Zugschwert** for running the testing and aiding



**Caitlyn Fitch** with the Rose ceremony. Swords were presented to the new Masters by Sr. Grand Master Sereff.

Sr. Grand Master Sereff was able to present all certificates to these successful candidates with a fist bump instead of a hand shake and the belt presentations were by the Grand Masters on the test board. All candidates were ready for this test and the Taekwon-Do spirit was flying a mile high!

Sr. Grand Master Sereff concluded the event with an inspiring message. Congratulations to all the candidates !

Photo, from left back row, Grand Master Cope, Grand Master R. Sereff, Grand Master Van Hecke, Grand Master Todd, Grand Master Griffin, Master Bell, Master Sroykum, Master Ruby, Master Zugschwert, Grand Master Martin, Grand Master Steadman, and, kneeling, Ms. Bangerter, Ms. Hurley, and Ms. Eysser. [Continued, next page.]



September 11,  
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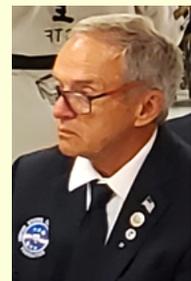




More pics from the September 11 testing at Broomfield.



Clockwise from 11:00: Bangerter and Hurley; Eysser; Sroykum, Ruby and Bell; Grand Master Robert Haynes, observer; USTF Masters in attendance; Ho Sin Sool action; more Ho Sin Sool; breaking.





New USTF Masters accompanied by Sr. Grand Master C.E. Sereff. From left: Master James Sroykum, SGM Sereff, Master Lorie Ruby, Master Gahlen Bell. All achieved their Seventh Dans after many years of study and presented formidable and highly skilled exhibitions of what it is to be a USTF Master.



A Breakathon of ladies.



The new USTF Grand Masters (in uniforms) pictured with presiding testing board. From left, Grand Masters Stan Martin, F. M. Van Hecke, Renee' Sereff, Dan Griffin, Kirk Steadman, Tom Cope and Ricky Todd.

Grand Master Ricky Todd began his career in Taekwon-Do under the late and great Senior Master Gary Meek in Germany while in service and took his First Degree in 1986. He has taught in Turkey and in many different clubs. He is currently the chief instructor at Axe Taekwon-Do in Bellevue, Nebraska and has Class A designations as an Instructor and Umpire. Grand Master Todd has served USTF as State, Regional and Armed Forces Director. He currently heads up USTF's breaking program.

Grand Master Dan Griffin began his studies with Mr. Michael Perez and took his First Degree in 1982 under the late and great Grand Master Paul DeBaca. He has held status as a USTF Senior Master since 2014. Grand Master Griffin has taught almost continuously since in many schools, including teaching at Sereff Taekwon-Do in Broomfield; he has earned Class A designations both as an Instructor and as a Referee.

Grand Master Van Hecke took his First Degree in 1970 under the late, great Grand Master Son, Duc Sung of the Chung Do Kwan and joined USTF in 1993; an "A" Instructor and Referee from Wisconsin, he has served as a State and Regional Director, has written and taught extensively both inside and outside of USTF, and currently edits this publication.

A bit of a story behind the story: A special recognition to Gina Bangerter, testing on September 11 with her baby boy in tow along with her two other children and a helpful husband. She managed to train hard, have a baby, and be ready for I Dan. Nothing would stop this young mother who managed to feed he baby during testing in between patterns and step sparring! What a great representation for all women juggling life and still able to meet their goals!

*Grand Master Renee' Sereff, D.F.S.*



A Fist-Bump for the Ages. Mrs. Bangerter and  
Sr. Grand Master C.E. Sereff