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### Editor's Letter:

Greetings, WHA members and Instructors.

On the next page of this newsletter you will find the flyer for the upcoming WHA winter camp in Las Vegas on February 7th - 9th. You can register for camp at this link: <http://worldhapkido.com/registration/>

Then on the following page you will find additional information about the WHA Level 1 Instructor Course that is being offered at the camp.

We hope to see you all at this year's winter camp in sunny Las Vegas! It should be an absolute blast!

-Master Monty Hendrix  
WHA Newsletter Supervising Editor  
WHA Eastern USA Director



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# 11th Annual



**WHA**  
Winter Training Camp

Feb. 7-9 at the  
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Fabulous  
**Las Vegas**

**Featuring GM Hwang In-Shik**



Registration \$175 (non WHA members \$195)  
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Instructor course held Friday morning  
All ranks and styles welcome - White uniforms only for all participants

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## WHA Instructor's Course Information

### WHA Family:

The WHA Level I Instructor's Course is being offered at the 2014 WHA Winter Camp in Las Vegas, NV. This course is for WHA students ranked 2nd Geup and higher. Additionally, all Black Belt participants' WHA membership must be current.

This is the pre-requisite to the Level II WHA Certified International Instructor Course. Of note is a recent change in the WHA By-Laws requiring anyone wishing to test for 4th Dan and higher to be a Level II Certified Instructor. Even if you don't teach now, or have been teaching for some time, this seminar will increase your Hapkido knowledge and ability. Now is the time to start your journey.

### Course Schedule:

**Date:** Friday, February 7, 2014

**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Cost:** \$99

**Refresher:** If you have taken the course previously, you may take it again as a refresher for \$49

**Attire:** Sweats and a WHA/Hapkido t-shirt

**Materials:** Bring a notebook and pen/pencil. Pre-reading material will be sent out approximately two weeks before camp. A written and physical curriculum test will be administered. GM Jung will also be present at the completion of the course to meet the participants.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [WorldHapkidoEducation@yahoo.com](mailto:WorldHapkidoEducation@yahoo.com)  
I look forward to sharing Hapkido with our growing WHA family. HAPKI!

Master Dante J. James, Esq.  
Director of Education  
World Hapkido Association





**WHA Secretary General Master Dan Piller  
Teaching New WHA Affiliate  
Master Yurian De Freitas And The  
Members Of The Panama HapKiDo Center  
In Panama City, Panama  
From November 13th - 18th, 2013**



WHA Seminar in  
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General - Master Dan Piller

Master Dan Piller  
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Thank you,

**Tom Reed  
Executive Director**

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## Fruit Salad Martial Arts

By Jeff Hindley



It is very common in the religious/spiritual world today to concoct an amalgamation of doctrines and beliefs from a variety of disciplines and claim allegiance to it. After all, it seems quite politically incorrect to adhere to a rigid set of beliefs that are codified in one of the more organized world religions.

In fact, it is the most common of all the arguments that I hear today, "I don't believe in organized religion". My rebuttal question then usually is, "would you prefer a disorganized religion?" Unfortunately, this "fruit salad theology" does not stand up to logic, especially since most of the major world religions have completely different beliefs in heaven, hell, the afterlife, creation, sin, repentance etc. They are antithetical to one another and therefore simply impossible to reconcile. I call it fruit salad theology and it is the flavor of the month these days.

Unfortunately, our culture seems to breed this sort of mindset, especially in a post-modern world. It is not surprising that individuals tend to follow the martial path very similarly these days. There are many traps that we fall into as students and teachers that we must be cautious of. Many have done so and not realized it. The most common thing that many students do is migrate from one art to another and due to an apparently significant "general fund of knowledge" believe that they have come to some stopping place in their training. This usually coincides with them developing their own system and becoming a self-promoted Master. Don't get me wrong, training

in more than a few martial arts (cross-training as it is commonly known) is a good idea but only after one has secured a strong foundation in one martial art. And, understand me here, a strong foundation does not mean 2-3 years. Anybody who has trained for any length of time will understand what I mean

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by this. I would go as far to argue that even attaining the coveted Black Belt has not led one to have a full-orbed view or enough ability in their particular art to be considered an expert. Not even close! It takes many years beyond black belt for one to have a well enough formed opinion, based in evidence and experience, in which to scrutinize other techniques, philosophies and theories with the proper eye. We are easy to be led astray by others and their opinions if we

do not already know what we know and why we know it. Being an epistemologist is indeed a warrior trait that one should strive to develop. There is a phrase used by a mentor of mine that I often keep close to my heart that states, "We must be so familiar with truth, that when a counterfeit looms on the horizon, we will know it instantaneously." Now, I am not belittling other martial arts. Far from it. However, what we must understand here is that you need to have a thorough and detailed knowledge of at least one martial-art before you are best able to add techniques and theories from others into your martial-arts makeup. Let me quickly illustrate how far this can go for people. There was an organization I ran into a while back that stipulated it would promote an individual for the total number of degrees they held in other arts

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because they believed that “overall knowledge” was something that should be rewarded. So, if you follow me here, you may have a 1st Dan in five martial arts and thus you could get promoted to 5th Dan by this organization. However, if we have never spent enough time to get close to mastery or spend enough time in the presence of Masters, we all could very easily be convinced of this being truth...and we being worthy of it. I have known well-intentioned people who have forever been caught in the grip of this once they have started down the path. Ultimately, their ability and knowledge will impact their students, and not for the better. It must be understood that all one has gained is a basic level of knowledge in more than one martial art. If we flesh this out logically, what it really means is that the individual really has no more than a surface knowledge of several martial arts, nothing more.

I once was told that, “a persons’ ability to appreciate something is relative to their knowledge of the thing.” In other words, Tiger Woods can appreciate a masterful game of golf far more than I because he understands the nuances and subtleties that I can never see. A masterful musician can hear pitch, tone and sharpness variances within a whole orchestra playing that the untrained could never hope to hear or appreciate in the same way. Are martial arts any different? No, it’s not! Case in point, the other night I was watching a freestyle-wrestling match that a friend of mine was ridiculing mostly due to boredom. I found it quite enthralling because I could see things

that he could not see. He just wanted to see throws, pins and the like. But I saw much more than he could and appreciated it for its technical quality far more than him.

One must read between the lines here and understand that cross training in and of itself is not bad. It is even possible that one may study a few arts at a time simultaneously if their path is one of longevity.

Although as many of you also understand, the time constraints to this end is difficult for one art, let alone 2 or 3. The beauty of Hapkido is that it already has a very well rounded system of self-defense and includes techniques in the standard 4 ranges (kicking, punching, trapping/throwing and grappling) as well as weapon training and weapon defense. Ev-

erybody must understand that Mastery of something is more than just fighting skill. In fact, in the long term, this is the least measure of Mastery. Mastery of any martial art (or some other skills for that matter) gains us those warrior intangibles that we can best apply to our everyday life. This is the true sign of a warrior. These intangibles will be lost on those who do not, at least originally, follow a consistent, in-depth path of a martial discipline. Later in one’s training, cross training in other arts that compliment and expand on our knowledge and ability will very much enrich all future paths and us. However, having said that, a focused path has so much richness inherent in it that one wonders why anyone would want to do anything else...

Stay the course and be patient in your training.

**...it is not really possible to saturate yourself in one of these stages and gain true “understanding.”**

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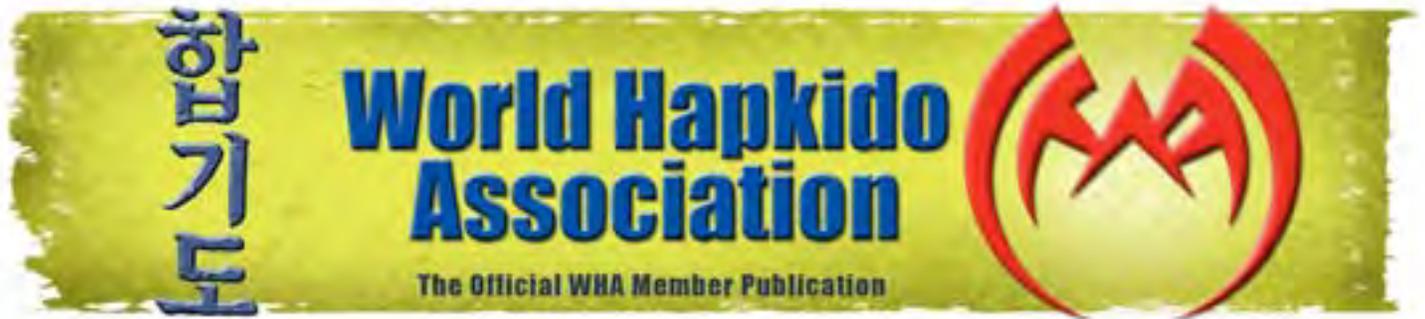
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Events, Seminars, Testing, Promotions, Opinions, Questions, Experiences, Photos etc,  
on and off the mat.

## **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.

## **Submissions Are Due The 1st Of March For The March/April Issue.**

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Master Monty Hendrix at: [Mhendrix@EssentialMartialArts.com](mailto:Mhendrix@EssentialMartialArts.com)

## **Can We Quote You?**

**We want quotes from any "Hapkidoist" for the  
March/April Newsletter.**

**Please briefly state your personal gains  
from your training in Hapkido,  
your Instructor and Dojang.**

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