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WHA 2011 Winter Camp

WHA Members planning on attending the Instructor's Course need to fly into Denver and the course will be held in Indian Hill. This is a different location from where the rest of the Winter Camp will be held, which is 3.5 hours from Denver.

If you need transportation please contact Master Piller directly. See you in Colorado!

The WHA Welcomes:

Jim Richard from Richmond, VA
Tiernan G Fernando from Singapore
James Jennings from Brooklyn, NY
Michael Laterza from Chagrin Falls, OH

WHA Facebook Chat - LIVE!

Master Hindley will be doing a live Facebook chat on Mon., Feb. 7th, 6pm PST on the WHA Facebook page.

Members worldwide will be encouraged to get online, meet and talk about martial-arts, Hapkido, history, principles, training, suggestions, ideas etc...

Master Piller in PA

Once again the Southeastern PA members

of the WHA had the honor of having *Master Dan Piller* as a guest instructor. This time sessions were held at Mr. Aloia's, WHA PA State Rep, Asahi Dojo, Collegeville. Master Piller's last visit in



October 2010 took place at the Pottstown branch – marking the first event to be held at this location. Members from both Asahi Dojo and Dragon Star of Martial Arts, who is headed by Mr. Benedetto, WHA Northeastern Rep, attended.

Master Piller discussed in great detail the need for longevity in our training and that care that must be taken not only with our training partners but with ourselves to make that possible.

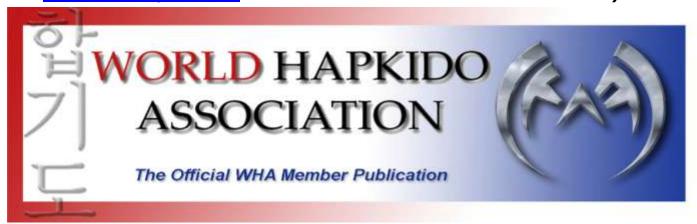
Master Piller also stressed that the ultimate goal in any self defense situation

is not to inflict pain or damage but rather either get out of the way all together or when that is not possible, to stop the attack placing the attacket



attack placing the attacker in a position rendering him powerless.

Thank you again Master Piller for your time and teaching. We look forward to having you visit again soon!



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We Want to Hear from YOU! The WHA Newsletter is for the members by the members.

If you have something to say we want to hear it: *events, seminars, testing, promotions, opinions, questions, experiences, photos etc, on and off the mat.*

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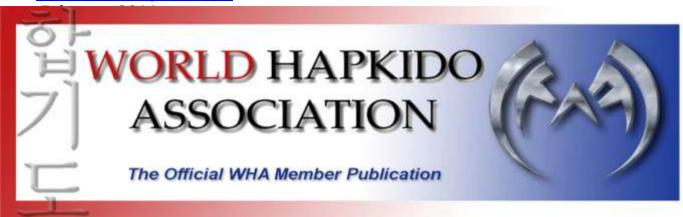
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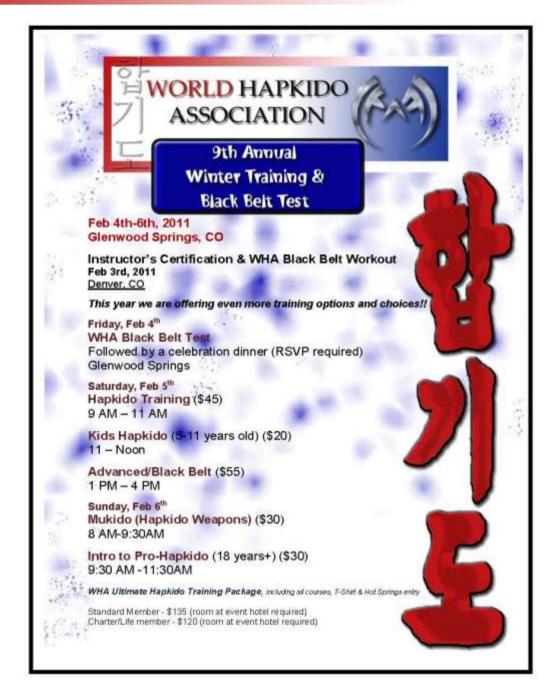
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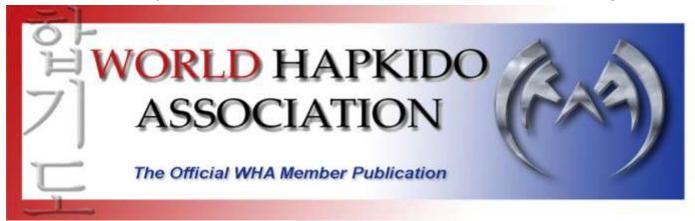
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Enjoy Your Accomplishment*

This year our school's focus is **kanshou**. It is the Japanese word for enjoyment. With coming off of 2010's focus of jouju accomplishment – taking the time to enjoy what was achieved is long overdue. This is not to say that we should become relaxed in our training endeavor. On the contrary, acknowledging our accomplishments by enjoying what they have done for us on and off the mat should only fuel the fires to press on and work harder. Success is a here today gone tomorrow sort of thing. It is short lived. For it to be life-long it requires constant diligence and effort. It creates an opportunity to build on what we have achieved and has us working to excel for more – not to be the best but rather be the best that we, as an individual, can be. That is all anyone, including ourselves, can ever ask of us.

To be able to enjoy, we need to give ourselves something to enjoy. Enjoyment from accomplishment is only obtained by setting out to do something. Within the martial arts accomplishment is not only an individual endeavor but it is also a group or community challenge. Forge a clear path of goals to accomplish and challenges to overcome. Make your efforts inspiration to aspire others to do the same. Share in the accomplishments then share in the enjoyment.

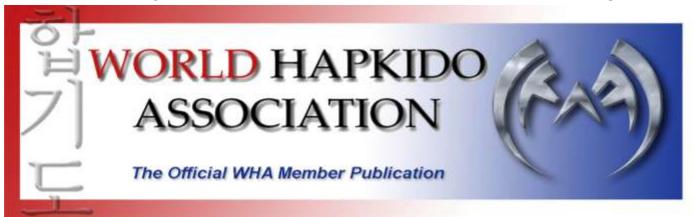
- Create a big vision over exaggerate
- Create a plan of action layout your steps
- Success gets success work with others who inspire
- Persevere the real secret to success
- Adapt and modify as needed flexibility is longevity
- Trail blaze set the standards
- Never give up never make it an option

Each of us has the opportunity every moment of everyday to enjoy who we are and what we are doing. Those moments go by so fast without even realizing or a second thought of what we have missed. Give yourself the gift of enjoyment this year and you may find a whole new world of accomplishments!

Michael Aloia - Asahi Dojo, PA

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SELF DEFENSE 101: AVOIDANCE

A lot of people these days are looking for effective strategic, common sense self defense training. Adults and kids want to know how to protect themselves if the need arises. Amazingly parents are just getting around to the importance. Studies show that parents spend more money and time on leisure activities such as soccer, basketball, baseball, cheer leading and the lowest of all in my book: video games than they do on their child learning how to defend themselves.

In recent years that trend seems to be changing for the better albeit for very unfortunate reasons. The Michael Jackson case has people watching who their children hang out with more. A few years ago if you remember we had a large number of kidnappings going on all over the country and of course who can forget the tragedy of 9/11. What many parents and individuals over the years took for granted their safety, are now rethinking and reeducating themselves and their loved ones.

To begin the best and most basic way avoid a potentially dangerous situation or encounter is to do just that: avoid it. Many of you know where the bad parts or areas of town are. You've heard or read where drugs are bought and sold, or where homicides and kidnappings take place. Or for parents who's picking on your child in school or on the way home. Be smart avoid being in that situation.

For ladies have someone walk you to your car if you're leaving work late. Kids stay away from the bad element at school or on the playground. I don't care how cool that someone is. It is not cool to get picked on, beat up, or worse. Be aware and alert. When you walk keep your head up and shoulders back. This projects confidence. Remember stalkers,

murderers, and bullies all have something in common: they're predators and they're looking for an easy prey. Don't be the easy prey. You've heard the old saying, "fake it til you make it." Do the same in life, if you want to feel and be more confident, act like it and eventually you'll be there.

On top of walking with confidence, speak and look with conviction. Instead of looking away from people when you're talking, look them in the eye. Let them know that you are you and that you are someone to deal with and not to be walked over. Speak so that people can hear you easily. Look at people as equals and not from the position of a mud puddle waiting to be stepped on. Now I'm not saying that you need to prance around growling and looking for trouble, but do let others know that trouble will have a hard time with you. If you're not a confident person or are easily taken advantage of remedy the situation.

Join a local karate school, start working out at the gym, see a counselor or hypnotherapist, and even read a book on the subject. You may laugh at the book idea, but don't, there are plenty of good self help books on the market. Such books are authored by: Tony Robbins, Zig Ziglar, Tom Patire, General Patton, Brian Tracy, Peyton Quinn, Andrew Wood, and many others including autobiographies.

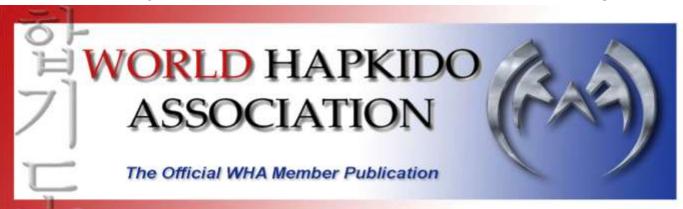
Above all else when dealing with personal protection or the protection of your love ones try to avoid the situation all together. Think ahead, plan ahead. You may be a certified bad mother or a seasoned fighter, or an unconfident person but heed the advice. Avoid if at all possible.

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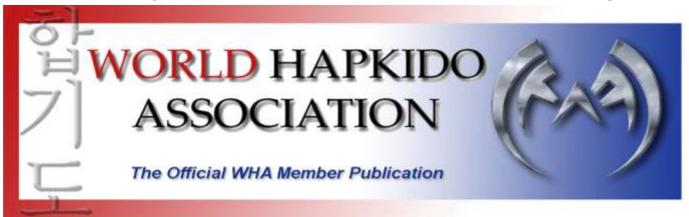
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