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The WHA welcomes:

James Coker of Knoxville, TN
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**Start making plans for the 2009 WHA
SUMMER CAMP in North Carolina!
Details on pages 5!**

**A Gallery of photos from the recent
Winter Camp in Denver, Colorado are
now available on the WHA website.**

**World Hapkido Seminar
Essential Martial Arts
Saturday May 23, 2009
12:00-3:00 pm: All Belts
3:30-5:30 Black Belt Training**

**Special Guest Instructor
Master Dan Piller:
WHA Secretary General**

**Friday Night, May 22, 2009
Black Belt Testing!**

Contact **Monty Hendrix** or visit
www.essentialmartialarts.com
For more information

**GRAND MASTER JOSEPH RIVERA
MAY 2, 1939 – MARCH 9, 2009**

What can you say about a man that has given so much of his life to the arts? In his early career, Joe received his black belt from Master Edward Lee in 1984 through the Mid America Tae Kwon Do Assoc. In 1986 he received his 2nd in Hapkido from the same instructor. Working several places with individual students over the years, I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Joe in 1996 while my husband David Crow, myself and my son were enrolled in our school (Triple Creek Karate) Owned by Clint Wallis (3rd dan Tae Kwon Do). At first he used David as a sparring partner for his only student. That chance meeting grew into a friendship that will stand the test of time. After receiving our black belts in Tae Kwon Do, David and I decided to open our own school, and with Mr. Joe's help we managed to do so. In 2002 we purchased a house that had an out building that was perfect for our future permanent school. After long hours and a lot of hard work and lots of help from Mr. Joe we managed to open our own personal gym (Crow's Dojo).
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Need more Hapkido training?

Visit our web site—www.worldhapikdo.com
and check out our **Online Courses!**

Our online training program was established in 2000 due to an overabundance of requests from people who had the desire to study but could not, because they were unable to locate a training center in their area.

Offering a multitude of courses as well as certification programs that uphold the high quality standards of the World Hapkido Association, our online courses provide the opportunity for anyone to study Hapkido anywhere in the world.

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.*

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 25th of the month.

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Why do We Test?*

Many of us do not like the idea of testing. Just the mere thought sends a rush of panic through our being. On some level this is a good thing. Students often confuse testing with rank. Yes, testing does involve the ability to progress through rank but that is not the meaning of the test itself. Testing is a vital part of our training. Without it, we have nothing to gauge our progress on. Many times, just preparing for the "test" itself brings training up to a higher level. And as our level of training raises so does our ability and understanding. The domino effect is a focused, positive and productive growth experience, not only for the person testing, but also for the entire Dojang. Others are infected with the drive to hit the gas and work harder to achieve new levels. Preparing for a test is a way to lead by example. If there were never a challenge, what would you aspire to? How would you train? How would we know how far we have come? The test itself is the true assessment of character and development

– not the rank. How you approach the test and the time – before, during and after, is what defines the progress and the results.

- Michael Aloia Asahi Dojo, PA

Dojang Etiquette

Keeping the training area clean.

Keeping the entire area clean, the mat, dressing rooms, closets and seating area, is an essential part of daily training. Everyone must participate in the ritual of care and maintenance of the entire Dojang. This includes: sweeping, vacuuming, trash removal, dusting, organization of the closet and common areas.

The Dojang is a place where we regularly meet to explore and discover the many facets of Hapkido.

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Mr. Joe has not had many students that were as dedicated to the arts as he was, when he finally decided to let me learn his style. I was ecstatic and after 4 tough years I achieved the rank of black belt in Hapkido along with David, being the first of his students to complete his basic course.

After years of service to the arts David and I decided that Mr. Joe should be recognized for his undying devotion to his style. With a lot of hard work and discussion with the "Ozark Mountain Karate Association" (Sr. Instructor Franklin Arkansas Karate for Christ) Grand Master Curtis Futch, and Grand Master Jack Johnson (Sr. Instructor Combined Arts Dojo, Doniphan Missouri) agreed that he should be holding a higher rank than what he was.

On April 22, 2006 Joe achieved the rank of 7th dan Freestyle Hapkido through the Ozark Mountain Karate Association. And the following year June 24, 2007 Joe achieved the rank of 8th dan Freestyle Hapkido - compliments of Grandmaster Curtis Futch.

Grandmaster Joe has chosen the title of "Sabunim" and chose to keep this title thru out his ranks. It is very hard to put into words what this man meant to us and our students. A great warrior has fallen but will never be forgotten. Unfortunately we lost him before he

was given his 10th dan, it was to be awarded to him this summer. Saddened by his loss Grandmaster Curtis Futch is forwarding his certificates to our school for us to mount with his memorial.

Grandmaster Joe has touched so many lives thru out the years. While he worked on the maintenance crew with the public school system, he spent a lot of his time reaching out to young people to help keep the kids off the streets and out of trouble. If those children could see what he was really trying to do he would probably have several black belts. Unfortunately some of those children still fell through the cracks of society and couldn't see past their own vanity to appreciate the help that he was trying to lend.

I am not sure when he joined the World Hapkido Association, but for as long as I have known him, this was the association he promoted. Joe was very proud of his achievements and we all were very proud of him for those achievements, all his students past and present proudly carry and honor the W.H.A. for all that it stands for.

As instructors carrying on his great work, I know we will never fill his shoes but we will always have a place in our hearts and our

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school for practitioners and enthusiast alike who share the same commitment and love for the arts, whatever style they study, the martial arts has changed our lives for the better and we hope that with him in our hearts and his teachings in our soul we will be able to enlighten others to the great style of Hapkido.

Grandmaster Joseph Rivera left behind a small group of dedicated students that mourn the loss of such a great man. If I may I would like to recognize those students with you by order of rank.

Tina L. Crow (4th dan Hapkido, 5th dan Freestyle 1st dan Tae Kwon Do)
David A. Crow (4th dan Hapkido, 5th dan Freestyle 1st dan Tae Kwon Do)
Elizabeth Crow (black belt Tae Kwon Do, Blue Belt Hapkido)
Jacob Crow (2nd dan Tae Kwon Do, blue belt Hapkido)
Sonya Sloan (red belt Tae Kwon Do, white belt Hapkido)
Sheena Hooper (blue belt Hapkido)
Cora Hicks (blue belt Hapkido)
Chris Christain (blue belt Hapkido)
Dale Hinkle (blue belt Hapkido)
Dustin Bodkin (3rd dan Tang So Do, 3rd dan freestyle, blue belt Hapkido)
Danny Moore (blue belt Hapkido)
Kendra Tucker (green belt Tae Kwon o)

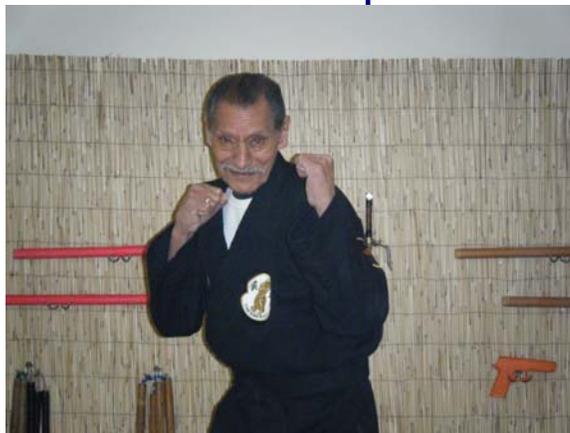
Joshua Sloan (green belt Tae Kwon Do)
Devin Knox (green belt Tae Kwon Do)
Sarah Killian (Blue belt Tae Kwon Do)
Patrick Oxley (Yellow Belt Hapkido)

Students no longer studying:
Cecelia Hicks (green belt), Mark Hicks (Yellow Belt) and Amber Hooper (yellow belt).

All of our students and family members greatly appreciate the Association for recognizing Grandmaster Joe for his life long commitment to his style, and our lives. All of us are greater and more humbled citizens for his contribution.

- Submitted by Master Tina Crow

Grandmaster Joseph Rivera



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**HAPKIDO SEMINAR
JUNE 6, 2009
10:00 am to 1:00 pm**



**The Body Shop Family Fitness Center
900 North Main Street,
Newcastle, Ok**
(15 minutes south of OKC on I-44)



**Basic to advanced Hapkido
Guest instructor:
Master Dan Piller,
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World Hapkido Association**



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2009 WHA Summer Camp to be held in Greensboro, NC -Monty Hendrix, WHA North Carolina Director



The **2009 WHA Summer Camp** will be held in **Greensboro, North Carolina on August 29th and 30th**. The camp is being hosted by the students of **Essential Martial Arts**. Specific venue details, session breakdowns and costs are being worked out over the next month. However, special Guests will be:

- ☉ WHA Secretary General, Master Dan Piller
- ☉ WHA President, Master Jung, Tae
- ☉ WHA Chong-Jae, Grand Master Hwang, In-Shik.

Greensboro is a beautiful town in the center of North Carolina with all the features of a big city and the feel of a small town. Greensboro, North Carolina is drivable from most points on the east coast. However, Greensboro has its own airport: Piedmont Triad International (airport code: GSO).

Want to bring your family? DO IT!

Here is a sample of things for your family to do in or close by Greensboro.

(The water park is very popular):

- ☉ Historic Old Salem (20 miles away):
<http://www.oldsalem.org/>
- ☉ Greensboro Children's Museum (minutes away):
<http://www.gcmuseum.com/flash.htm>
- ☉ Natural science center and mini zoo (minutes away): <http://www.natsci.org/>
- ☉ NC Zoo(25miles away): <http://www.nczoo.org/>
- ☉ Water Park: (15 minutes away)
<http://www.emeraldpointe.com/>

Golf:

North Carolina is considered the Mecca of golf. Check out these exceptional courses that are in the area.

- ☉ <http://www.greensboronatl.com/> (15 minutes away)
- ☉ <http://www.bryanpark.com/> (15 minutes away)
- ☉ <http://www.grandoverresort.com/> (15 minutes away)

The WHA summer camp has a reputation as a premier training event and is one of the reasons the WHA is growing. So, naturally we are very excited and honored for the 2009 WHA summer camp to be coming to North Carolina! Please join us. It will be an event to remember. Hap-Ki !

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Special Guests will be:

Master Dan Piller—World HapKiDo Association Sec-



⦿ **ATTENTION: Serious Hap Ki Do Students and World Hap Ki Do Association School!**

Special Training in WHA curriculum.

Saturday May 23rd :

12:00- 3:00 pm: All Belts
3:30-5:30 Black Belt Training

⦿ **Fees:**

⦿ **Under Black Belt \$59.00.**

⦿ **Black Belt \$79.00**

⦿ *Second family members are half price.*

⦿ *24 month members you receive an additional 25% discount.*

⦿ *All EMA members will receive two chevron patches for their uniform as this is*



⦿ Held at EMA of Greensboro (2957 Battleground Ave, 27408.)

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