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The WHA Welcomes:

Scott Gebar
Manhattan, Illinois

Editor's Letter:

Greetings to all WHA members.

In the following pages you will find this month's newsletter. Please note the dates for the 2013 WHA Winter Camp in Santa Monica, California are February 15-17th. Make your plans now. This promises to be an outstanding event with participants attending from around North America and potentially, around the globe. As always, we welcome your: articles, quotes, training tips and pictures for inclusion in future newsletters. Just be sure I receive any submissions by the 20th of each month for the following month's newsletter. Submissions can be e-mailed to MHendrix@EssentialMartialArts.com.

-Master Monty Hendrix
WHA Supervising Newsletter Editor
WHA U.S.A East Coast Director



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Upcoming Events WHA Seminars

With Master Piller,
WHA Secretary General

November 3, 2012
Martial Arts Society TX

604 South Denton Drive,
Lake Dallas, Texas
Contact Mr. Daniel Edgar for details at
972-966-9487 or
danielpaige73@yahoo.com



Video Training Tip With
WHA U.S. East Coast Director
Master Monty Hendrix:

In this 8 minute video the WHA's U.S.A East Coast Director Master Monty Hendrix goes over proper posture during HapKiDo: Throwing, joint locking and finishing maneuvers. He then wraps up the lesson with two chokes utilizing the opponent's HapKiDo Dohbok or Judo/ Karate "Gi" against them. From a self defense perspective, now might be a great time to brush up on your chokes that utilize an opponent's jacket/coat lapels as we are moving into cooler weather. This short concept based video is guaranteed to improve your HapKiDo techniques while expanding your repertoire.

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-Master Hendrix
WHA Eastern USA Director

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“Richard and I have been watching a f/b page called WORLD HAPKIDO ASSOCIATION. Wahoo, I was the 800th “like”, so I won an autographed DVD. check it out everyone 900th isn’t far away. They’re giving away WHA uniform with custom embroidery. Plus, you might find a new interest in this effective and practical martial art. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain ♥”

Carmen Portman-Doi



WHA Charter School Essential Martial Arts Holds October Belt Promotion.

The Greensboro, North Carolina exam was overseen by WHA U.S.A. East Coast Director, Master Monty Hendrix along with WHA Director's Assistant and 3rd Degree Black Belt Dr. Bruce McKillican and WHA Newsletter Chief Editor and 3rd Degree Black Belt Mr. Dug Weston.



Pictured from Left to Right:

Rich Manzi: Promoted to Green Belt - 6th Gup

Michael Gibson: Promoted to Purple Belt - 7th Gup

Cameron Gibson: Promoted to Purple Belt - 7th Gup

Angelo Santoro: Promoted to Orange Belt - 8th Gup

Drake Blochard: Promoted to Orange Belt - 8th Gup

Not Pictured:

Frankie Smith: Promoted to Sr. Red Belt - 1st Gup

David Ayers: Promoted to Sr. Red Belt - 1st Gup

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of a change in your email address, please drop me a note with your name and new email address.

I can change the database and you will receive the newsletters every month. If you are a WHA member and you're not getting the newsletter every month, then I don't have your correct email address. This also means that we can't send you special notices about camps etc.

Thank you,

Tom Reed

Executive Director

Tom@worldhapkido.com



“...I Will Send A Battleship.”

By Daniel Edgar

KI Martial Arts Centers saying, “Change is inevitable – growth is optional” sums up the story of Martial Arts Society Texas perfectly. Three years ago the school we were studying at closed. Because of a deep desire to continue training I opened a school for us and talked our instructor into continuing to teach. Our instructor stayed for a year, then decided to move into a different direction after our first expansion. Now we were without a qualified instructor and many classmates left. We were lucky enough to find a black belt instructor trained in our same system and he was able to stay for a six month



Daniel Edgar & Emily Nichlas

period until he was forced to leave to seek employment. Now we were totally alone without a legitimate path to black belt.

Knowing there were other schools trained in our system, we began to search for another instructor or at least advice. We were lucky enough to find Master Monty Hendrix who had trained under Grand Master Bong So Han. We reached out to Master Hendrix (a man we had never met) and he responded back immediately. Master Hendrix was now with the World Hapkido Association and offered advice and assistance.

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Being unwilling to accept change I continued the unlighted path for several more months on my own without direction.

One day I noticed an announcement for the Rocky Mountain Pro Hapkido Championships. I have always loved to compete and was very excited by the idea of this event. I again reached out to Master Hendrix and he put me in contact with Master Piller. Master Piller invited us to come to Colorado and compete in their event. Long story short, my classmate and a student and I traveled to Colorado. Upon our arrival we met Master Piller and several of his students. We watched a very impressive self - defense demonstration with such high level skill. Then we competed in the sparring section. I was overly impressed with Master Piller's students' skills in the ring and felt very fortunate to be amongst such wonderful Martial Artists. One thing that I remember clearly is that Master Piller's students were cheering for my student and were very pleasant to us and supportive.

After the tournament we traveled home and I sat down to assess my own program. We were down to three students and were in terrible financial shape. We had no legitimate path to

black belt or beyond. I didn't have the education or training to run a Martial Arts school and I didn't feel qualified to teach. I had two choices – first choice was to give up and disappoint myself and my friends. Second choice was to

ask for help - something I was uncomfortable doing. Because of my great desire to continue training I reached out for help from Master Piller. I will never forget his response to me: "If you ask me for a life boat I will send a battleship for you. True to his word he sent a battleship to rescue me

and my school.

One year after joining the World Hapkido Association our school has grown from three students to forty students. We are now a full time Hapkido School with two World Hapkido Association Black Belts. We traveled back to Colorado for the second Rocky Mountain Pro Hapkido Championships and will every year. We will be forever grateful to the WHA and the battleship Master Piller sent to rescue our school. Our school now has a clear and legitimate path to black belt and beyond.

Daniel Edgar

**Change Is Inevitable,
Growth Is Optional.**



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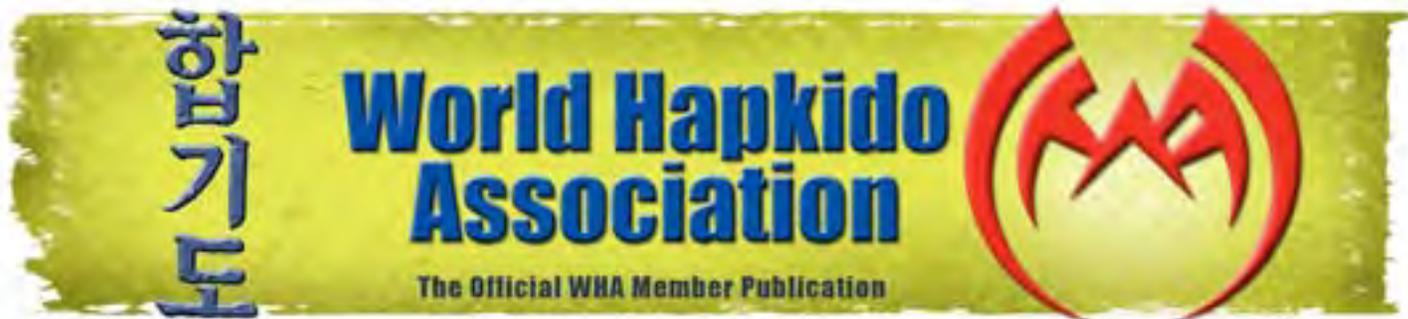
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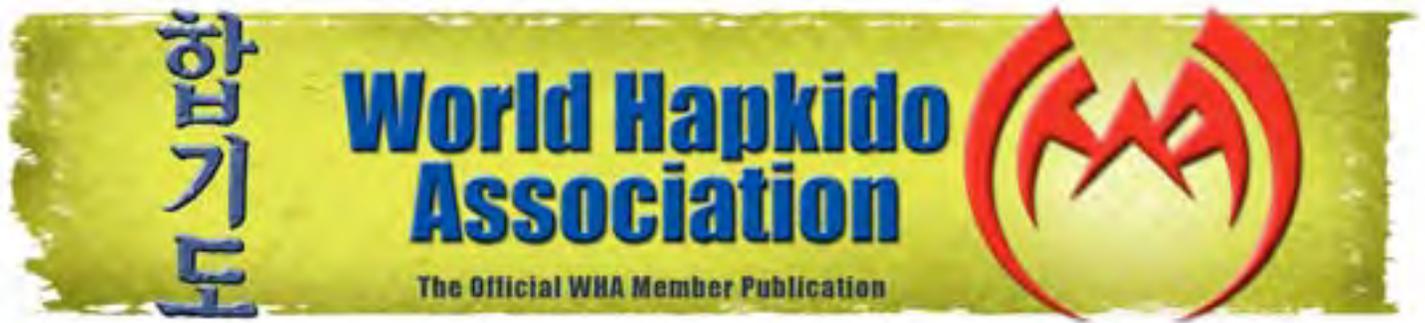
By Keith Righthouse

I wanted to take a moment to share a thank you to all of my instructors and fellow students with me here in Colorado. I feel that we are so very lucky to have Master Dan Piller as our Kwanjangnim (school owner) and even luckier that we get to spend two classes a week with him as our Sabeomnim. For us, as students, at KIMac our journey is enhanced even further by the entire group of instructors and assistant instructors that we train with, including Mr. Dante J. James, Mr. Michael Kitch, & Mrs. Elnora Fuentes, & Mr. Dante Littlehorse James. Their combined depth of knowledge of Hapkido and the martial arts are absolutely amazing, their willingness to share their knowledge is even more so. Their knowledge and willingness to train us is a blessing that we as students recognize and identify that we are training in a world class environment.

I recently had the honor of testing for my 2nd Geup at our Morison Colorado location. As part of my testing, I prepared a paper on the book "The Making of a Martial Artist" by Sang Kyu Shim. One of the chapters that caught my

attention more than others for me was the chapter on "Beginnings". It took me down a road of remembrance about how I had arrived at the days of preparation for my red belt testing. A few days after the testing, the passage had me thinking that each encounter with someone, both in and out of our Martial Arts world, is a "new beginning", not just those at a testing. Since the writing of that paper, I have taken a different look at the small things in my life, waking up my kids, saying hello to my wife, how I address a new customer, or how I speak to a person helping me at the local hardware store. I am finding "new beginnings" everywhere I go now! I am so grateful that I have had the opportunity to train with my Ki Martial Arts family, and with all the amazing people I have met in our WHA family. I look forward to my continued training in Hapkido, and to the new things that will come to light as my journey continues.

Hapki
Mr. Keith Righthouse



New York Seminar

By Mr. Joseph Cosentino
WHA South Western PA State Coordinator

October 13th 2012

I had the honor of going to Mr. Mike Barnard's Han Ho Martial Arts school in New York to teach a "Bridging and Trapping" seminar to a very talented group of his students. Mr. Barnard is the WHA's South Eastern New York State Coordinator and the owner and Head Instructor of Han Ho Martial Arts in Middletown, NY.

The seminar was based on entries off of various jabs and crosses with the focus of using our Hapkido techniques from this close-up and personal position against an experienced and skilled attacker. The techniques used were: Parry deflections against the jab and cross punches, vertical and horizontal passing techniques and then various traps from there. We also worked on split entries from the jab and the cross with all of these followed by: Joint locks, throws and take downs from our World Hapkido syllabus. Mr. Barnard had an interest in these techniques after he had seen them in the 2012 WHA Winter and Summer Camps which Grand Master Jung had so graciously permitted me to teach at. I had a great time with his skilled students and thank them and Mr. Barnard for the opportunity.



WHA WINTER CAMP 2013

FEBRUARY 15, 16 & 17

Santa Monica, CA USA



Fellowship, Training & Fun are waiting for you in the 2013 Annual WHA Winter Hapkido Camp in Santa Monica, CA. Come join both students and instructors on the mat from all over the country and the world for an unparalleled opportunity to grow in all areas of your Hapkido training and instructional ability. There is no better way to learn varied aspects and nuances to your martial arts than by both training with, and learning from a wide range of skilled masters who bring different strengths and methods to their Hapkido. The beauty of Hapkido lies in the fact that its core philosophies and techniques can be manifested in many different ways. All instructors bring strengths and differences to the art which is Hapkido. GM Jung constantly provides new ways and insights into our techniques and training, even in the core basics.

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Hapkido Korean Terminology

A Deeper Look Into The Words Of The Way

손: Sohn - Meaning Hand Or Hands

살리기: Sahl-Li-Ki - Meaning 'Live' Or 'To Activate'

Sohn Sahl-Li-Ki - Meaning 'Live Hand' Is To Charge Energy Or 'Ki' Onto Your Finger Tips And Wrist.

Sohn Nahl: Side Edge Of Your Hand (Knife Hand)

Sohn Ba-Dahk: Palms

Sohn Deung: Back Of Hand

Sohn Mok: Wrist

Sohn Ka-Rahk: Fingers

If you have any further questions about hands or any other names of Hapkido techniques in Korean, please send your questions to HapkidoDictionary@worldhapkido.com and you will receive your answer by the next newsletter.



If your enemy is secure at all points, be prepared for him. If he is in superior strength, evade him. If your opponent is temperamental, seek to irritate him. Pretend to be weak, that he may grow arrogant. If he is taking his ease, give him no rest. If his forces are united, separate them. If sovereign and subject are in accord, put division between them. Attack him where he is unprepared, appear where you are not expected.

**Sun Tzu,
The Art Of War**

The 2012 WHA summer camp, which was held in Pittsburgh, PA on August 10th-12th and hosted by WHA South Western PA State Coordinator Mr. Joe Cosentino, received coverage in Tae Kwon Do Times. Congratulations to all participants. Please note: The 2013 WHA Winter Camp will be held on February 15, 16 and 17th in Santa Monica, California. Don't miss it! More details are contained within this newsletter.





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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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Send us a bio on the school, instructor(s) and a photo and we will include it.

Submissions Are Due The 21st Of The Month.

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Can We Quote You?

**We want quotes from any “Hapkidoist over the
age of 20” for the December Newsletter.
Please briefly state your personal gains
from your training in Hapkido,
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