



*Birthdays in February*



Happy birthday to the following students of Axe Taekwon-Do: Ms. Chamberlin, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Grgas, P., and Mr. Matos, Keenan. Please email Grand Master Todd at [ustfneb@cox.net](mailto:ustfneb@cox.net) if your name is not listed.

*USTF Referee Seminar—Missouri, February 19, 2022*

We attended a USTF Referee Seminar on February 19th in Kirksville, Missouri. The seminar was hosted by Kirksville Taekwon-Do and taught by me, Grand Master Todd. The USTF has processed all applications and we can announce the following: **Class C initial certification:** Ms. Haylie Lewis, 1st degree black belt. **Refresher certification:** Ms. Bowing, 6th degree black belt; Mrs. Ragone, 5th degree black belt; Mrs. Buckley and Mr. Buckley, 4th degree black belt; Mrs. Chamberlin, Mrs. Duralia, Ms. Grant and Ms. Buckley, 3rd degree black belt. Mr. Grgas, P., Mr. Matos, Kiel and Mr. Matos Keenan, 2nd degree black belt. Thanks again for supporting the USTF and me during the teaching of this seminar. All black belts that attended have received 8 hours of continuing education. All black belts in the USTF must obtain 8 hours of continuing education every year to be considered active for promotion.

*Promotion Testing—February 24th*



On February 25th, 2022, Axe Taekwon-Do conducted a black belt and color belt promotion testing. A total of 12 students tested for various ranks from white belt yellow stripe through 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt.

The following black belts were promoted. Ms. Amy Buckley was promoted to 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt. Mr. Keenan Matos was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt and Mrs. Haylie Lewis was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt.

The following color belt students were promoted: Red Belt: Ms. Marsaili Kelly. Green Belt Blue Stripe: Mr. Willie Johnson and Mr. Jaxon Johnson. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: Ms. Jillian House, Mrs. Keezia Kelly, Mr. James House and Mr. Domenic Hurley. Yellow Belt: Ms. Elizabeth House and Mr. Hunter Kosiel.

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*Calendar Dates*

- Mar 19th —Tournament—CO
- Apr 23rd—Technical Course—CO
- May 1st—Final payment for Summer Camp due—\$345
- May 26th—Axe TKD Testing
- Jun 19-24—Sereff World Camp
- Aug 25th—Axe TKD Testing
- Sep 17th—Tournament—WY
- Oct 15th—Referee Seminar—CO
- Oct 16th—Tournament—CO
- Nov 17th—Axe TKD Testing

***Black Belt Continuing Education Credits:***

To be considered ***active*** as a black belt for promotion consideration, you ***must*** obtain at least 8 hours of continuing education credit ***every year*** for that year to be considered active. The credits can only be obtained by attending one of the above listed courses and/or seminars as an initial or refresher certification. Tournaments do not count for this requirement.

***USTF Tournament—Arvada, Colorado:***

The first tournament of the year will be held by Maestas Taekwon-Do in Arvada, Colorado, on March 19th, 2022. The tournament will held in the Apex Center in Arvada. The cost is \$55.00 per student. The tournament features individual sparring, patterns and power breaking. Tournament participation is open to all ranks from white belt through 5th degree black belt. We need to mail in registration forms by March 12th, but I am working to see if we can pay at the door and avoid the \$10 late fee. More information and the registration forms are located at:

<http://www.axetkd.com/PDF/Maestas22.pdf>

I would like to encourage more students to attend this event. You can travel on your own or with the group. We can also provide rides. We plan to leave Bellevue on Friday, March 18th and return on Sunday, March 20th. All ages and ranks are invited. At this time I have the following students attending the tournament. Attending: Grand Master Todd, Ms. Ragone, Mr. Palmer, Ms. Grant, Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Kelly, Mr. May, Mr. Johnson, W., Mr. Johnson, J., Ms. House, J., Mrs. Kelly, Mr. House, Mrs. House and Ms. House.

**As a reminder on tournaments for 2022:**

For promotion to:

- 1st degree black belt a minimum of one USTF tournament is required as a participant.
  - 2nd degree black belt a minimum of one USTF tournament is required each year as a participant.
  - 3rd degree black belt a minimum of two USTF tournaments are required each year as a participant.
  - 4th degree black belt a minimum of three USTF tournaments are required prior to testing.
  - 5th degree black belt a minimum of four USTF tournaments are required prior to testing.
  - 6th degree black belt a minimum of five USTF tournaments are required prior to testing.
- Once you obtain 6th degree you are not competing in tournaments.

***Tournament Official Requirements:***

For promotion to:

- 2nd degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least two USTF tournaments.
- 3rd degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least two USTF tournaments.
- 4th degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least three USTF tournaments.
- 5th degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least four USTF tournaments.
- 6th degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least five USTF tournaments.
- 7th degree black belt you must participate as an official in at least six USTF tournaments.

***USTF Technical Seminar —Thornton, Colorado:***



The USTF Technical Seminar will be held at the Thornton Community Center on April 23rd. The seminar is hosted by USTF Headquarters and will be taught by the USTF Technical Director, Grand Master Winegar. This course is limited to Red belt and black belts only. The course is scheduled to run from 830 am to 230 pm. This course is highly recommended for all black belts. You should attend this seminar once per testing cycle, example you are a 3rd degree black belt, you should attend at least once between 3rd degree to 4th degree. As with any seminar the more you attend the better you will become in Taekwon-Do. We can plan rooms and rides or you can travel on your own. The cost for this course is \$100.00. The regis-

tration form is located at:

<http://www.axetkd.com/PDF/USTFTechCourse.pdf>

At this time I have the following students attending: Grand Master Todd, Master Bushor, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Buckley, Ms. Chamberlin, Mrs. Duralia, Mrs. Chamberlin, Ms. Grant, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Grgas, J., and Mrs. Lewis.

***Sereff World Taekwon-Do Camp—June 19th—24th, 2022—Grand Master Todd***

There will be a Sereff World Camp and it will be held June 19-24, 2022. This is a great summer camp and is a full week immersed in Taekwon-Do while training in the mountains of Colorado.



I sent in 20 camp registrations for the following students to attend camp this year. Grand Master Todd, Mrs. Ragone, Ms. Ragone, Ms. Grant, Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Kelly, Ms. House,

J., Ms. House, E., Mrs. House, Mr. House, Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Buckley, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Toppi, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Garber, A., Mr. Garber, D. and Mr. Jensen.

The remaining balance of \$345 is due by May 1st. .



## Axe Taekwon-Do

Axe Taekwon-Do was formed in 2004 at Offutt Air Force Base. Grand Master Todd and Master Bushor formed Axe Taekwon-Do which is an authorized school under the United States Taekwon-Do Federation.

USTF Taekwon-Do has been active at Offutt Air Force Base, Youth Center since 1988. The classes were originally founded by Mr. Vince Dowd, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt from Colorado. In 1989, the late Sr. Master Gary Meek took over the classes and renamed the school Meek's International Taekwon-Do. In 2004, the school was renamed Axe Taekwon-Do and Grand Master Todd and Master Bushor took over the teaching.

Classes are taught on Tuesday & Thursday.

Beginners: 5:30—6:30 pm

Advanced: 6:30-8:00 pm

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## *USTF Tournament—Casper, Wyoming*

The 22nd Annual Wyoming tournament will be held September 17, 2022 in Casper, Wyoming. We typically send students to this tournament and the event Sparring, Patterns and a Team Breaking Division. More on this later. You can read the flyer and registration information at: <http://www.axetkd.com/PDF/WyInvit2022.pdf>

## *Sparring Gear*

Remember during sparring you will want your own set of gear. We have gear you can borrow at the school, but it is better to have your own. You will need hand gear, foot gear and head gear. You can purchase this by contacting Master Bushor at [kbushor@cox.net](mailto:kbushor@cox.net)

All students will need a mouthpiece and male students will require an athletic supporter with a cup. The gear comes in a variety of colors and sizes, please contact Master Bushor for more information.

## *Recruiting*

We need more students in the class. Please help us by recruiting your family and friends. I have requested the Youth Center to run their marketing again, but you are the best source for recruiting new students. We enjoy the family feeling in Axe Taekwon-Do, help us grow that family!