

Happy Birthday—September

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following members of the Axe Taekwon-Do family:

September 3: Ms. Steinberg
 September 5: Ms. Buckley
 September 7: Mr. Garber, D.
 September 9: Mrs. Buckley
 September 24: Mr. Steinberg, J.

We hope each of you had or will have a fantastic birthday surrounded by family, friends and celebration. *Is your birthday missing?* If so, please email axetkd@gmail.com so we can be sure to celebrate!

Promotion Testing results

On September 2nd, Axe Taekwon-Do held a color belt promotion testing. Students tested for ranks ranging from White Belt to Red Belt Black Stripe. The testing was conducted under the supervision of a board, including **Grand Master Todd**, 9th Dan, and **Master Bowing**, 7th Dan. Mr. **Toppi**, 5th Dan, served as the Testing Director.

Congratulations to the following students on their successful promotions. Red Belt Black Stripe: Mr. **Logan DeVries**, and Mr. **Matthew Cordova**. Blue Belt Red Stripe: Mr. **Michael Williams**. Blue Belt: Mr. **James Williams**. Green Belt: Ms. **Aurelia Steinberg**, Ms. **Addison Taylor**, Mr. **Jerimiah Steinburg**, and Mr. **Harrison Hammerling**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: Mr. **Joshua Hammerling**, and Ms. **Coree Lepak**. Yellow Belt: Mr. **Carson Suggs**, Mr. **Cameron Lepak**, and Mr. **Brendon Roman**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: Mr. **Easton Walsh**. Congratulations to all for their hard work, dedication and loyalty to the art of Taekwon-Do.

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Calendar Dates 2025

- Sep 20—Tournament, Wyoming
- Oct 11—Basic HSS, Denver
- Oct 19—Tournament, Denver
- Nov 27—Class Closed Thanksgiving
- Dec 2 - Black Belt Testing
- Dec 4 - Color Belt Testing
- Dec 13 - BB Holiday Party
- Dec 23 - Axe TKD Holiday Party
- Dec 25-Jan 2—Closed Holidays

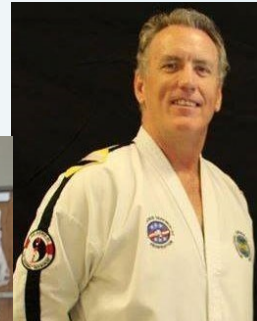


Retirement Party - Sr. Master Bushor

We are going to celebrate Sr. Master Bushor who has retired from Taekwon-Do after 33 years of dedication. It is impossible to capture his time and truly thank him but we can come together to honor, celebrate and share a few stories with him.

Moran's Grill
3909 Twin Creek Drive, Suite 105
Bellevue, Nebraska
Wednesday, September 17th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The dress will be casual with dinner from the menu (order and pay on your own). I have requested that anyone attending to rsvp me at axetkd@gmail.com to ensure we have room.



Closed Axe Taekwon-Do Testings

I plan on a large Black Belt testing in December 2025. While the final details are and candidate lists are still being finalized, I want to take a moment to remind everyone of our school's policy regarding promotion testings.

At Axe Taekwon-Do, **all promotion tests at Axe are closed events**. This means attendance is reserved exclusively for our students and their families. No outside black belts, whether senior or junior are invited to participate or observe. This policy is not meant to exclude, but rather to **protect the special nature of these occasions**. A testing is more than just an evaluation; it is a celebration of the success and achievements of the Axe Taekwon-Do family. By keeping these events closed, I can ensure that the focus remains on the students and spirit of our school.

Our doors remain open to Taekwon-Do friends at seminars and tournaments. But when it comes to testings, we reserve this time for own students, families, and black belts. If a black belt outside of our school approaches you with questions about this policy, please feel free to share it with them, or direct them to me personally.

Together, we can continue to grow, support each other, and keep building the strong spirit that defines Axe Taekwon-Do.

Basic Self-Defense Course, Broomfield, Colorado

Mr. Toppi, 5th degree black belt, has been selected to join the USTF National Self-Defense instructor panel. I am proud to announce that Mr. Toppi will be teaching the Basic Ho-Sin-Sul Seminar at USTF Headquarters in Broomfield, Colorado on **Saturday, October 11th, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This seminar is open to all ranks. The cost is \$75 for first time attendees and \$50 for returning students. Information and registration are available at: [Basic HSS Course](#)

Tournaments—2025

We have completed two tournaments for this year. I recommend selecting events you can attend, but attending at least **one tournament per year**.

Sept 20: Wyoming Taekwon-Do tournament in Casper, Wyoming. The annual Wyoming Taekwon-Do tournament takes place in Casper, Wyoming. This year's event will be hosted by Mrs. Wilcox at her Taekwon-Do school, promising an exciting competition. *(continued page 3)*

Axe Taekwon-Do

Axe Taekwon-Do was formed in 2004 at Offutt Air Force Base. Grand Master Todd and (Retired) Sr. 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.

Classes are taught on Tuesday & Thursday.

Beginners: 5:30—6:30 pm

Advanced: 6:30-8:00 pm

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Tournaments—2025 (continued)

Wyoming continued: The tournament will feature patterns, sparring and team breaking, with teams of three competing. If you are interested, please contact me at axetkd@gmail.com. We depart on Friday and return on Sunday, making this a convenient weekend event.

As for now, the following ten have confirmed their attendance to include: GM Todd, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Buckley, Ms. Grant, Ms. Buckley, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Cordova, and Mr. DeVries. I am eager to have a few more students join us for this event. Do not miss out on this thrilling opportunity to participate and support the Taekwon-Do community in Wyoming. For further details you can review the registration and flyer at: [2025 Wyoming Tournament](#).

Oct 19: Sereff Taekwon-Do fall tournament. Grand Master Sereff will host the Sereff Taekwon-Do Fall Tournament on October 19 in Broomfield, Colorado. The tournament will feature patterns, sparring and team breaking, with teams of five competing. If you are interested, please contact me at axetkd@gmail.com. Typically, we depart on Saturday and return on Sunday. At this time, I plan to return Sunday after the tournament, instead of Monday.

The following eight have confirmed their attendance: GM Todd, Mrs. Ragone, Mr. Toppi, Mrs. Chamberlin, Ms. Grant, Ms. Piele, Mr. Cordova, and Mr. DeVries (8). For further details you can review the registration and flyer and information at: [2025 Colorado Tournament](#)

Required USTF Courses - Clearing Up the Confusion

Do you know what USTF courses are actually **required** and which are simply **encouraged**? The **only mandatory course** in the USTF is the **Referee Certification**. Starting in **January 2026**, no waivers for Referee certification will be granted. All other USTF courses are optional; though strongly encouraged. While only one certification is mandatory, I personally believe that the more courses that you attend, the more well-rounded and knowledgeable you become as a Taekwon-Do student. For those planning to teach, attending as many certification course as possible is not only valuable for your development, but also demonstrates support for the USTF.

Mandatory Courses

USTF Referee Class C: Must be completed prior to testing for 1st degree black belt (for students 13 and older).

USTF Referee Class B: Must be completed prior to testing for 2nd degree black belt (for students age 17 and older).

USTF Referee Class A: Must be accomplished prior to testing for 5th degree black belt.

Optional (Encouraged) Courses

USTF Ho-Sin-Sul course	USTF Technical Seminar
USTF Ground Tactics course	USTF Breaking course
USTF Knife & Weapons course	USTF Step Sparring course

Remember while only the Referee Certification is mandatory, every course you take builds your knowledge and strengthens your role in the TKD community.