

# The T.K.D. Flash

A Publication of the Association of Academies of Martial Arts

The National Newsletter of the United States Taekwon-Do Federation

The TKD Flash is published by the Academy of Martial Arts, Inc. The Editor is F.M. Van Hecke. The mailing address is P.O. Box 953, Grafton, WI 53024. E-Mail [fmvh1@mac.com](mailto:fmvh1@mac.com). Archived at USTF Region III site [www.ustf-region3.org](http://www.ustf-region3.org) Persons submitting photographs, letters to the editor, reactions to published articles or articles will be deemed to have consented to their publication unless specifically specifying otherwise. The editor reserves the right to edit any submission prior to publication. Persons submitting materials represent that they have the right to publish the submitted materials and images and submit the same without seeking compensation .

## IMAGE OF THE YEAR 2021

Once again, the TKD Flash has searched its archives for Image of the Year. As in previous years, several of the outstanding images published over the immediately previous year are set out in this issue. Unfortunately, there were so many excellent images that we thought cramming them all into this single newsletter would unduly lengthen it. So we are taking a somewhat different approach. We will display the substantial

majority of those images selected in this issue revealing the second and third place winners at the end, and continue with additional images and the first place Image of the Year in our next publishing cycle, March-April. The award is not to the photographer, not to persons depicted, but to the image itself as an exemplar of the spirit of our Art.

## COMING EVENTS

On February 19 a USTF Referee Certification Course will be conducted at

On December 5 a Black Belt test was held at the Academy of Martial Arts at Grafton, Wisconsin. Presiding were: Master **Mike Van Pietersom**, Master **Rick Bauman**, Wisconsin State USTF Director Mrs. Jacqueline Karpinsky, Fifth Dan Mr. **Marc Mikkelson** and F.M. Van Hecke, Ninth Dan. At the corner was Fourth Dan **Matthew Thur**. Students tested successfully as follows: Miss **Sophie Wall**, for First Degree, Mr. **Jacob Scholten**, for Third Degree, and Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, for Sixth Degree.

From left, Miss Wall, Mrs. Karpinsky, Mr. **Ben Lorenz**, Master Van Pietersom, Mr. Scholten, Grand Master Van Hecke, Mr. **Dan Kelly**, Master Bauman, Mr. **James Pals** Mr. Mikkelson, Mrs. Lubner, and Mr. Thur. More, next page.





Left, new Sixth Dan Mary Lubner, working on a puzzle. It has something to do with the price of lumber. Right, Mr. Jacob Scholten shows two-direction kick to the Board. Below, Mr. Scholten and Mr. Dan Kelly put on a clinic.



Kirksville Taekwon-Do under Grand Master **Ricky Todd**. Contact Grand Master **Dustin Stephenson** for more details and info. [mdustinstephenson@gmail.com](mailto:mdustinstephenson@gmail.com)

On March 19 the **Maestas School TKD Challenge** tournament will take place at Arvada, Colorado. Contact Sr. Master **Robert Pettijohn** for more information and registration materials at [bpettijohn@maestastkd.com](mailto:bpettijohn@maestastkd.com).

**USTF Technical Course** will be conducted at Thornton Community Center, 211 Eppinger Blvd., Thornton, Colorado on April 23.

Contact USTF HQ at (303) 466-4963 for the or contact [rsereff@rmi.net](mailto:rsereff@rmi.net)

**Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp** will be June 19-24<sup>th</sup> at Snow Mountain Ranch. Contact [rsereff@rmi.net](mailto:rsereff@rmi.net) for more information.

**Wyoming Invitational USTF Taekwon-Do Tournament**, Sr. Master **Gerald Sisco**, Promoter, September 17.

There will be a USTF Black Belt Test at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on March 12, 2022.

A USTF Referee Course is tentatively set at Sereff Taekwon-Do for August 20, 2022.

A USTF Ground Tactics Course will be sponsored by Grand Master **Stan Martin** at Martin's Taekwon-Do, in Casper, Wyoming, will be held on November 5. For more information, 307-234-2016.

**AROUND THE COUNTRY**

On December 19 a Black Belt test was held at **New Life Taekwon-Do**, Arvada, Colorado, under the able leadership of Sr. Master **Paul White**.

The **Utah Chang Hun Alliance** hosted a USTF Referee Seminar one January 29, 2022.

**Bow**, world renowned Taekwon-Do cat, owner of Master **Cameo Zugschwert**, has recently celebrated his first anniversary as greeter, property administrator and office manager at the



offices of Sereff Taekwon-Do in Broomfield. Here we see Bow involved in office equipment maintenance.

On January 13 Mr. **Jim Pals** and Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, Sixth Dans, and First Dans **O.J. Locklair**, **Gabriel Pals**, and **Sophie Wall**, and Ninth Dan F.M. Van Hecke presided at a gup level test at the **Academy of Martial Arts** in Grafton. At the Corner were First Dans **Shaunak Chaudhuri** and **Ben Lorenz**; they were joined by Mr. **Shambav Ashwinkumar**.



The following tested successfully for the indicated ranks: **Abel Pals** to Gup Nine, **Daniel Le**, **Khoi Le**, **Khai Le**, and **Vinh Le** to Gup 8, **Jimmy Ward** to Gup 7, **Marley Wescott** and **Melody Pals** to Gup 6, **Robbie Davidson** and **Sam Locklair** to Gup 5, **Josh Rupert** and **Alex Rupert** to Gup 4, **Liam Wall** to Gup 3, and **Cylis Zirtzlaff** and **Roshan Selvakumar** to Gup 1.

On December 4th Wyoming had the last Black / Red belt class for the year. Master **Roland Flynn** taught the class as his first class as a Master Instructor.



On December 3 **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do** held an important testing. Mr. **Jaxon Browning** was promoted to First Dan and Mrs. **Arleen Slocum** to Fourth Dan. Standing behind them are Sr. Master **Guy Williams**, First Dan Mr. **Carson Lundquist**, Alaska State Director Mr. **James Brown**, VI Dan, and Mrs. **Susan Hicks**, IV Dan. Along with the Black belt test several other students were promoted this day. Promoted to 9th gup **Kaden Leon**, and **Jillian Browning** (Jaxon's sister), promoted to 8th gup **MariJo Martin** the youngest, also **Emerys Sanchez**, **Desmond O' Connor** and **Lola Martin** (MariJo's sister) promoted to 6th gup.



## Kirksville Taekwon-Do Presents



### USTF REFEREE SEMINAR

#### *INSTRUCTOR*

Grand Master Todd

#### *DATE*

Saturday, February 19th, 2022  
10 am to 530 pm



#### *LOCATION*

Kirksville Taekwon-Do  
307 S. Franklin Street  
Kirksville, Missouri 65301

#### *COST*

\$75.00 – 1<sup>ST</sup> TIMERS & UPGRADE (INCLUDES BOOK)  
\$50.00 – REFRESHER, \$10-BOOKS  
Students must be red belt to certify (red stripe if adults)

#### *CONTACT*

Grand Master Stephenson, D.  
[mdustinstephenson@gmail.com](mailto:mdustinstephenson@gmail.com)  
660-341-4769

Please bring the following to this event:

- Course fee payable to Kirksville Taekwon-Do
- Complete application (clearly legible) which is attached
- Resume if you are upgrading to class A or B, sample attached
- Two photos 1"x1"
- Signed release form

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**MAESTAS  
TKD  
SCHOOL  
CHALLENGE  
2022**



---

**March 19, 2022**

8:00 am /4:00 pm

Apex Center Arvada

---



2021











Above, Third Place, Below, Second Place, T.K.D. Image of the Year Contest

