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USTF Knife and Weapons Seminar - Submitted by Grand Master Sereff, USTF Test Director and USTF Administrator

On May 30, 2026, Sereff Taekwon-Do hosted the USTF Knife and Weapons Seminar, welcoming 40 students and instructors for a full day of training and continuing education. Participants received instruction in basic self-defense techniques from **Master Giese**, whose extensive expertise and background in weapons defense contributed to the seminar's success. A special thank you to the Grand Masters, Senior Masters, and Masters who attended the refresher course as students. The eight hours of continuing education will be added to their records.

Thank you to **Master Giese, USTF Wyoming State Director**, for his outstanding instruction and dedication to the continued development of the USTF.

Representatives from the following schools participated in this seminar.

Sereff Taekwon-Do	Casper Recreation Center Taekwon-Do
Maestas Taekwon-Do	Sheridan, Wyoming Taekwon-Do
Thornton Taekwon-Do	Dubbeld Taekwon-Do
New Life Taekwon-Do	Jeontong Taekwon-Do
YMCA Casper Taekwon-Do	Free Spirit Taekwon-Do
St. Anthony's Taekwon-Do	Snowy Range Taekwon-Do

Calendar Dates 2026

Jun 21-26: Sereff World Camp 2026.
Limit 115 spots, reserve your spot early. Preregister by 12/30/25, \$350 per camper. Final \$350 due by 5/1/26. Contact GM Sereff @ 303-466-4963 or rsereff@rmi.net

Jul 11: USTF Referee Seminar: Salt Lake City, UT. Instructor: GM Steadman. Promotor: SM Wadium.

Aug 7-9: UCHTA Summer Weekend TKD Camp: East Canyon State Park, Morgan, UT. SM Wadium.

Sep 1: Belt Testing: Bellevue, NE. GM Todd.

Sep 12: USTF Black Belt & Masters Test: Sereff TKD, CO. GM Sereff.

Sep 26: Wyoming USTF TKD Tournament. Casper, WY. Promoter: Master Willcox. a2willcox@yahoo.com
[Register](#)

Oct 3: USTF Step Sparring Seminar: Arvada, CO. Instructor: SM Pettijohn. Contact: Maestastkd@maestastkd.com
[StepSparringFlyer](#)

Oct 3: USTF Referee Seminar: Bellevue, NE. Instructor: GM Todd. Contact: axetkd@gmail.com
[Flyer-Register](#)

Dec 1: Black Belt & Color Belt Testing: Bellevue, NE. GM Todd.



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USTF Color Belt Testing - Submitted by Grand Master Todd, USTF Director, Region 2, Axe Taekwon-Do

On June 4, 2026, Axe Taekwon-Do in Bellevue, Nebraska, hosted a successful promotion test for students progressing from White Belt through Red Belt. The event was conducted by **Grand Master Todd**, USTF Director, Region 2, and **Master Bowing**, USTF State Director, Nebraska. Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 6th Dan served as the Testing Director. Students demonstrated their skills and perseverance as they advanced to their next ranks. The testing reflected dedicated training and commitment to Taekwon-Do and the USTF.

Congratulations to the following students on their successful testing and promotion.

Red Belt: Mr. **James Williams**

Blue Belt Red Stripe: Ms. **Aurelia Steinberg**, Ms. **Addison Taylor**, and Mr. **Jeremiah Steinberg**

Green Belt Blue Stripe: Mr. **Brendon Roman** and Mr. **Carson Suggs**

Green Belt: Mr. **Easton Walsh**

Yellow Belt Green Stripe: Mrs. **Jennifer Williams** and Ms. **Liliana De La Cerda**

Yellow Belt: Mr. **Oliver Kettner**

The school welcomes any USTF members traveling through the area to stop in and train. Visitors are required to receive permission from their instructor prior to attending.



Ms. Steinberg

Mr. Steinberg

Mr. Roman

Mr. Williams



Ms. Steinberg & Ms. Taylor

Mr. Walsh

Ms. De La Cerda

USTF Spring Black Belt Testing Salt Lake City, Utah - Submitted by Mrs. Sroykum, 6th Dan, Utah



Testing candidates with test board



Testing candidates

On June 6, UCHTA held its summer black belt testing in Sandy, Utah. This testing was conducted by **Grand Master Dubbeld** with **Sr. Master Riley**, **Sr. Master Wadium**, and special guest **Master Flynn** on the test board with **Mr. Williams** calling out commands. Congratulations to the following students for a successful completion of their test and promotions:

Ms. Lilliah Lee to 3rd Dan (Jeong Tong TKD, Mr. Paul Williams)
 Mr. Wyatt Stokes to 2nd Dan (Jeong Tong TKD, Mr. Paul Williams)
 Ms. Sarah Williams to 1st Dan (Jeong Tong TKD, Mr. Paul Williams)
 Mr. Brecken Harkness to 1st Dan (Jeong Tong TKD, Mr. Paul Williams)
 Mr. Davis Brokow to 1st Dan (Rock Springs TKD, Master Flynn)
 Mr. Adam Amendolito to 1st Dan (Dubbeld TKD, Grand Master Dubbeld)
 Ms. Riley Hill to 1st Dan (Ohdoilkwan TKD, Mrs. Corinne Sroykum)



The Williams Family

Special recognition to: Mr. Travis Brokow for best patterns, Mr. Wyatt Stokes for best ho sin sul, and Mr. Amendolito for best breaking.

Black belt testings are always special: it requires years of hard work from students and instructors. This testing was particularly special for Mr. Williams. His daughter Sarah testing to 1st Dan means he now has a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Dan currently training in the family!



Mr. Amendolito throws Mr. Parker

USTF School Membership Certificates - 2026

This is a reminder to submit your Taekwon-Do school registration. This fee is required annually for any school with over 20 students. There are no additional fees in any USTF region. Please note that this program replaced the USTF Plaque Program. The registration fee is **\$50 per year** and provides instructors with a discount on USTF merchandise. Registration is due annually by **January 31st**. If you have not sent in your information, please contact headquarters at (303) 466-4963. When submitting your registration, please ensure you include the official name of your Taekwon-Do school. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued support of the USTF.

USTF Seminars - Looking for a seminar?



Jul 11: USTF Referee Seminar: Salt Lake City, UT. The USTF Referee Seminar will be held July 11, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The seminar will be taught by **Grand Master Steadman**, the Head of the USTF Referee Program. This qualification course will provide initial or upgrade training that is required by all black belts in the USTF. You can contact the host Sr. Master Wadium for more information.

Oct 3: USTF Step Sparring Seminar: Arvada, CO. The USTF Step Sparring Seminar will be held Oct 3, at the Apex Center in Arvada, Colorado. The seminar will be taught by **Sr. Master Pettijohn**. This course will provide training for all ranks. Please refer to the flyer for more details and registration. You can contact the host/seminar instructor at: Maestastkd@maestastkd.com The registration flyer is available at: [StepSparringFlyer](#)

Oct 3: USTF Referee Seminar: Bellevue, NE. The USTF Referee Seminar will be held Oct 3, at the Offutt Youth Center, in Bellevue, Nebraska. The seminar will be taught by **Grand Master Todd**. This qualification course will provide initial or upgrade training that is required by all black belts in the USTF. You can contact the host/seminar instructor at axetkd@gmail.com. The registration flyer is available at: [Flyer-Register](#)

A Story from the Good Old Days - Submitted by Grand Master Sereff, USTF Test Director and USTF Administrator

Over the years, many stories have been shared about the “good old days.” One memorable tale comes from a Sereff World Camp, where General Choi spent several days teaching and conducting an Instructor’s Course.

During his stay, General Choi expressed a desire to cook a meal for a small group of instructors and asked if fresh fish could be provided. One of the black belts, an avid fisherman, volunteered to catch the fish the General would need. Unfortunately, despite his best efforts he had no luck that day. Determined not to disappoint the General, he went to a local market, purchased several trout, removed them from their packaging, and delivered them as if they had just been caught.

At dinner, General Choi examined the fish and remarked on how clean they were. He then wondered aloud from which river or lake they had been caught. The conversation moved on, and with a little sake and good company, the subject was quietly dropped.

I was one of the guests at that meal, and I can say nothing more was said about it. However, General Choi was an exceptionally intelligent man, and I suspect he knew the fish had come from the market rather than the water.

He was a man of few words and an excellent listener, qualities that helped make him such a strong and respected leader.

