
AMERICAN BUSHIDO-KAI KARATE ASSOCIATION

“Always present on the battlefield”

April 2018

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Black Belt Promotions - CONGRATULATIONS!

Saturday was the coldest black belt promotions on record! Despite the temperature, every candidate did a great job and we had the same number of spectators and supporters as always, just more layered than usual.

Shodans: Rebekah Byrd, Trent Gibbs, Kathrine Hardman, Matthew Hardman, Molly Nielsen, Joe Branch, Kale Yost, and Caleb Bavidio

Nidans: Harvey Rotramel, Tara Freeman, and Brian Smith

Sandan: Victor Self

We were blessed to have the whole Hardman family from Idaho AND some of our friends from Mexico, Darrol, Kim, and Daythan Prusia and Molly Neilsen. Thank you for working so hard and making the journey.



“Excellence is not perfection; it is a commitment and drive toward offering your best to the Lord.”

- Andrew Rankin

ABKA Championships

Freedom Dojo in Owasso (9602 N. 177th E. Ave) is hosting again this year on April 28th. This is our biggest tournament each year.

- Doors open at 8:30, judges meeting at 9:15, competition starts at 10:00. The cost is \$50 for ages 13 and up (\$45 if pre-registered), and \$35 for 12 and under (\$30 if pre-registered), with a family maximum of \$120 (\$100 if pre-registered). April 21st is the pre-registration deadline.
 - The theme this year is “Do Your Best” from II Timothy 2:15.
 - First, second, and third place trophies will be presented to winners of every division. There will be place podiums for photo opportunities. Fighting divisions for ages 14 and up will be continuous fighting.
 - There will be three grand champion awards: one for men’s fighting, one for women’s fighting and one for forms. The fighting champions will receive title belts and the kata champion will receive a trophy. The names of the champions will be the first ones on each award and they will be passed on each year to the new (or defending) champions each year.
 - Detailed division and rule information can be found on our facebook page and also attached to the e-mailed version of this newsletter.
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Brazil Trip

Sensei Scott Murry will be leading this year's trip to Brazil to help Sensei David Taylor run martial arts camps, hopefully some outreach events and training times. Sensei Taylor runs seven clubs in the poorest and neediest areas around Carpina. Team members should be a minimum of 16 years of age and brown belt. Please contact Sensei Murry at mr.scottmurry@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in being part of the team. Dates are not set in stone yet, but they are looking at mid July.

Philippines Trip

Sensei Dennis Hurley will be leading a large team to the Philippines June 23rd-July 7th. These dates may move by 2-3 days depending on ticket prices. The price is \$2,250. Team members should be a minimum of 16 years old and brown belt. If you are interested in the trip or would like more information, please contact him at dhurley2@suddenlink.net. Tickets are being purchased very soon so contact him quickly.

Summer Karate Camps

Mark your calendars for the three summer camps coming up in June.

Family Camp - Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd. This is open to all ages and all ranks. There will be an open workout Friday evening then a number of classes to pick from during several morning sessions on Saturday.

Youth Camp - Friday, June 1st through Saturday, June 9th. This is open to all ranks, ages 12-19. There will be morning and evening training times, work projects, recreation time, and spiritual training. Mrs. Housley will be our camp cook again!

Brown and Black Belt Camp - Friday, June 8th to Saturday, June 9th. This is for all ages who are brown and black belts.

More information regarding exact classes, packing list, cost (which is minimal), and work projects will be coming later. If you know for certain you will be attending, please email your name, age, rank, as of June and the days you plan to attend to info@abkakarate.com.

Instructors Workout

We aim to have a training evening on the first Friday of each month in the Tulsa area and one in the Oklahoma City area on the second Friday of each month from 5:30-7:30. These are casual training times where brown and black belts who spend most of their training time pouring into their students get to work on things they'd like to learn. It's an iron sharpening iron opportunity. If there are particular things that you'd like to learn, please let us know in advance and we will do our best to make sure someone will be attending who can teach what you are requesting. The wonderful side effect of these training times is getting to visit different dojos and fellowship with other instructors that we normally don't get to spend time with otherwise.

Coming up...

- **Instructors workout** - April 13th at Warrior's Code dojo
- **ABKA Championships** - April 28th at Freedom Church in Owasso
- **Instructors workout** - May 4th at Warrior's Heart dojo
- Instructors workout - May 11th at Lionheart dojo in OKC
- **Family Camp** - June 1st and 2nd
- **Youth Camp** - June 1st-9th
- **Brown/Black Belt Camp** - June 8th and 9th
- **East Texas Martial Arts Championships** - July 28th
- **Idaho Camp** - August 3rd-6th

Prayer...

- Sensei Don "Padge" Padgett is still in ill health.
- Sensei Zip Taylor was recently diagnosed with throat cancer.

Praise...

- Sensei Luke and Allison Rosebure welcomed their new daughter Lillian on test day!
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