
AMERICAN BUSHIDO-KAI KARATE ASSOCIATION



"Always present on the battlefield"

March 2018

Honors Banquet - Thank you!

The Honors Banquet was a wonderful event! Congratulations to all who promoted.

Godan, Renshi Sensei (5th degree) - John Rountree

Roku dan, Renshi Sensei (6th degree) - Clint Shultz, Nell Astudillo, Danny DeMoss, Justin Roye, Steven Whitaker, Kai Mitchell, Dale Slone, David Thomason, and Robert Hanneman

Shichi dan, Kyoshi Sensei (7th degree) - Steve Whitaker, Dennis Hurley, and Vicki Rutledge

Hachi dan, Kyoshi Sensei (8th degree) - Scott Murry, Patti Lester, Zip Taylor, Wes Cozart, Danny Perry, and Greg Partridge (posthumously)

Thank you kitchen team, facility staff, worship leaders, video and photography folks and Anthem (formerly Liberty) Church for hosting and continuing to support the ministry of ABKA. Thank you most of all to Sensei Holzbauer who put this event together, has trained and lead everyone martially and spiritually in this ministry, and emceed the entire event. This was a memorable and significant day.



*"No person was ever honored for what he received.
Honor has been the reward for what he gave."
- Calvin Coolidge*

Lionheart Tournament

On Saturday, March 17th, Sensei Zip Taylor will be hosting the Lionheart Tournament at God's Family Community Church in Lawton, OK (4814 NW Floyd Ave). This is a donation tournament and there will be an auction to help close the \$3,500 gap to completely fund a van for Pastor Peter and the Omoribe Children's Home in Kenya. Doors open at 8:00, meeting at 9:30, and competition starts at 10:00.

Spring Black Belt Test

Because of Easter falling the day after the last Saturday of March, the spring promotions have been moved back a week to April 7th. If you have a student who is promoting, please email info@abkakarate.com with their name and rank to which they are promoting if you have not done so already. Testing starts at 10:00, candidates should be present, dressed out and ready no later than 9:00, and there will be a potluck style family picnic immediately following the test.

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. If you are interested in the trip or would like more information, please contact him at dhurley2@suddenlink.net.

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.

ABKA Championships

Freedom Dojo in Owasso will generously be 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. The theme this year is "Do Your Best" from II Timothy 2:15. Flyers, registration forms, and more information will be sent out regarding divisions and prizes.

Coming up...

- **Lionheart Tournament** - March 17th at God's Family Community Church in Lawton
- **Dojo Work Day** - March 31st at the Hombu dojo
- **Spring Black Belt Test** - April 7th at the Hombu dojo
- **ABKA Championships** - April 28th at Freedom Church in Owasso
- **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.

Praise...

- Sensei Astudillo's successful, productive, and safe trip to the US and back home.