

September 2019

American Bushido-kai Karate Association

Jozai Senjo - "Always present on the battlefield."

Zip Taylor's Memorial



On Saturday, September 7th, Sensei Zip Taylor promoted to heaven. He influenced more lives for Christ than we know through his life long service through church, various ministries, and martial arts. His memory and legacy will live on through those he loves. There aren't enough words to express his impact on the ABKA and those in it.

His memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Fort Sill National Cemetery.

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Anyone from the Tulsa area is welcome to ride in the ABKA van leaving from Anthem (75th and Garnett) at 6:45 a.m. There are currently 10 seats still available. Everyone is asked to wear their karate uniform.

Please continue to pray for Mrs. Taylor and his entire blood family and karate family. He was dearly loved by so many.

Philippines Report

This year our annual mission trip to the Philippines had seven of us in total traveling to visit our Filipino brothers and sisters. The trip consisted of Dennis Hurley, David Thomason, Christa Vance-Bryan, Beth Roycroft, Daniel Perry, Tyler Duncan, and Erin Vermilion. The first week had us in Davao performing daily martial arts demos for local schools. This is a very effective way in which we can generate interest in the local ABKA karate schools as well as share the Gospel message. We also were able to attend three belt tests in Davao where new black belts were earned and several testing for Nidan and Sandan ranks. We also had the opportunity to train and standardize the ABKA katas as well as teach several classes. In addition we held an instructors Q&A session to help the instructors with issues or questions that they had about teaching, karate, authority, and discipline issues. The Shalom school in Davao celebrated their 8th year of operation while we were there and we all had a great time of fellowship with their students. I had the privilege of preaching at the Christ Fellowship Church, the primary supporting church of the Philippines karate ministry, in the English service on Sunday morning and the afternoon service as well. I shared a message of the poison of unforgiveness in the lives of believers. Our time spent in Davao went to very good use and kept us busy.

We then traveled to GenSan for a four day trip where we repeated much of the same itinerary of demos, teaching, fellowship and belt testing. We

had the honor of teaching a self-defense class in Manny 'Pacman' Pacquiao's Gym while there. We also had the privilege of attending Shalom GenSan's 8th anniversary and while we were there the students surprised me with a wonderful Happy Birthday sing along! A highlight of our trip was again visiting with a orphanage that tends to special needs younger children. Every year we are blessed to be able to bring them some suppliers for the orphanage and this year I had the distinct honor of sharing my birthday with one of their kids who suffers from Cerebral Palsy and can not move without help. A heart touching time for myself.

The end of our trip saw us in Manila where we shared an evening of training at the Tough Guys Gym on Saturday evening. Then I was able to preach at an outreach community church in Manila on Sunday and we finished our trip with a karate demo at a local home church in an underserved impoverished area that has an ABKA school already established.

We had another fantastic trip visiting our brothers and sisters in the Philippines. Our thanks go to Nell and Cathy Astudillo for being gracious hosts as well as Elijah Banez for taking care of us during our stay. The Philippines is a great place to visit with some of the nicest people you will ever meet as well as some of the best fighters on the planet! We are already planning next year's trip, probably sometime in June or July. These trips run \$2,250 including airfare and always lasts about two weeks. Please contact me if you'd like to know more.

Jozai Senjo,

Dennis Hurley

Fall Brawl

- Saturday, September 14th
- Central Baptist Church at 1909 E. Rusk Street in Jacksonville, TX
- Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., Black belt meeting at 10:30.
- Black belt and adult brown belt competition begins at 11:00 after the competitor meeting followed by All Stars and Little Dragons divisions. All other division to begin thereafter.
- Early registration fee is \$40 if received by August 31st, and \$45 at the door.

Maximum family registration fee is \$100 for immediate family members who are competing. Spectator fee is \$5, (those 7 years of age and under are free).

- All proceeds benefit ministry in the Philippines
- Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase
- Full details and registration form is in the files section of the ABKA facebook page. [Click here.](#)

Those leaving from the Tulsa area can catch a ride in the ABKA van at 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning from the Anthem parking lot at 75th and Garnett.

Dojo Work Day

On Saturday, September 21st, we will be cleaning the Hombu dojo in preparation for the fall promotions. We will start at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. if not sooner. Standard tasks are setting (or re-settling) the mats, cleaning the mats, wiping down tables, hanging bags, setting out chairs, etc. and everything else needed to make the place sparkle. Come for any portion of the day you are available. We always have a good time working together.

Fall Black Belt Promotions

The fall promotions will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the Hombu Dojo just south of Jennings, OK. All candidates should arrive, be dressed out, and have all breaking materials and equipment present and ready by 9:00 a.m.

INSTRUCTORS: Please let us know ASAP if you have any students planning to promote next month. Please remember that all candidates must be pre-tested prior to test day and pre-test forms must be filled out and turned in before test day.

[Click here](#) for the pre-test forms, ABKA commitment, sparring waiver, and directions to the dojo.

The honors picnic will be immediately following the test and Rick Smith will be cooking again! Please bring a side item that does not require heating or refrigeration.

Minnesota



Jordan Young and Christa Vance were honored to spend a long weekend in Minnesota training with Molly Nielsen, her dojo, and her family. Molly will be testing for her Nidan in a few weeks at the Hombu dojo and is more than ready. The women's self defense classes she has been teaching at the local community center has helped the enrollment in her karate club which currently meets in her garage dojo. Their belt test on Friday was held at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN and was the most strenuous beginner testing we have ever been a part of and was very proud of their performance. This is the only all ladies club ABKA has, which is not by design, but by circumstance. We are very much looking forward to Sensei Nielsen's visit at the end of the month.

Upcoming Dates

September 11th - Zip Taylor's Memorial Service

September 14th - Fall Brawl

September 21st - Dojo work day

September 28th - Fall promotions and honors picnic

November 16th - Missions Tournament

May 2nd - ABKA Championships



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