



# Tactical Hapkido Alliance Newsletter

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2011 THA is now 10 years old

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## Tactical Hapkido



## New Tactical Hapkido Alliance Charter:

We would like to welcome Senior Head Instructor Brian Knipple to the Tactical Hapkido Alliance. Senior Head Instructor Brian Knipple has been learning or studying some style of martial arts from an early age. His first introduction was through his wrestling coach who showed him basic forms of grappling and joint locks. He continued wrestling through junior high and high school, studying martial arts when possible. After high school he continued to train in martial arts while an assistant coach in wrestling at the same time. It was not until 2000 that he had the opportunity to train in Taekwondo under Master Michael Sheldon. He was tested and further trained by Grand Master Joe Fox and received his 1<sup>st</sup> Dan in 2004. He is currently a 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan, working on his 4<sup>th</sup> Dan in Taekwondo with Grand Master Fox. In 2011, Senior Head Instructor Brian Knipple opened his school which focuses on Taekwondo and Hapkido.

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Locations of Other  
Tactical Hapkido Alliance  
Charter Schools:

As of May 2011:  
– 33 Locations -  
– 16 USA States -  
– 2 Counties -

**United States America:**

**California: (1)**  
Yucca Valley

**Colorado: (1)**  
Aurora

**Delaware: (1)**  
Millsboro

**Georgia: (1)**  
McDonough

**Kansas: (1)**  
Topeka

**Louisiana: (2)**  
Gonzales  
Houma

**Maryland: (1)**  
Odenton

**Missouri: (2):**  
Independence  
Springfield

**North Carolina (3):**  
Dallas  
Jacksonville  
Mt. Olive

**New York: (2)**  
Avon  
Oneonta

**Ohio: (3)**  
Berea  
Chagrin Falls  
Macedonia

**Pennsylvania (8):**  
Altoona  
Erie  
Freeport  
Harrisburg (2) **NEW**  
Hershey  
McVeytown  
York

**Tennessee: (1)**  
Kingsport

**Texas: (1)**  
Brownsville

**Virginia:**  
Charles City

**Wisconsin: (3)**  
Madison  
Kaukauna  
Fall River

**International Schools:**

**Japan: (1)**  
Okinawa

## The Tactical Hapkido Alliance 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual THA Conference will be held Friday, October 7 - October 9 in Erie PA. Special guest HANSHI KEVIN D. HUFFORD, PH.D is coming in for a special seminar this year at the THA Conference!

As part of this year's tactical approach to maintaining student retention techniques at your school, Hanshi Kevin D. Hufford will be providing valuable education in padded weapons training that can blend in well with the THA training system. This special cross-training seminar segment under the tutelage of Hanshi Hufford will demonstrate the methods to improve hand-eye coordination while adding a special program you can offer to your students. Plus it is fun to do for adults and kids!

Dr. Hufford is a 10th Degree Black Belt and Hanshi title, in RyuHi Toshi Karate-Do, was bestowed by Hanshi Seifuku Nitta who heads the Okinawa Shorin Ryu Karate Kobudo Kai Kensei DouKoukai.

Dr. Hufford is Shodai Soke and holds the rank of 9th Degree Black Belt in RyuHi SenshiKen-Ryu as well as 6th Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate, 4th Degree Black Belt in Kodachi Toho, 1st Degree Black Belt in Toyama-Ryu and 1st Degree Black Belt in Washin-Ryu Karate-Do.

Room Rate for 2 Double Bed - \$50 and night at Conference Center - Travelodge Erie PA 6101 Wattsburg Road  
Exit 29 Off I-90 Erie, PA 16509 US.

All information is located at: <http://tacticalhapkido.com/conference.htm>

THA, Black Belts of Faith International, United States Head Of Family Martial Arts Association Members: Pre registration \$85.00 before Sept. 22, 2011 At the door \$105.00

Non THA Black Belts of Faith International, United States Head Of Family Martial Arts Association Members: Pre registration \$105.00 before Sept. 22, 2011 At the door \$125.00

ONLINE PAYMENT IS UP AND RUNNING!

<http://www.tacticalhapkido.com/live>

Grandmaster Barry Rodemaker and his wife Jean interview Christian Rock icon John Schlitt lead singer for Petra a pioneer of the Christian rock and contemporary Christian music genres.

In addition, John Schlitt music video is now officially published. The martial arts class about 2/3 of the way through it is no other than our very own Tactical Hapkido Alliance head instructor Paul Lepkowski awarding the belts at his school! So everyone check it out.



And don't forget, June's Tactical Hapkido LIVE show is also up and running with several new training tips.

## The Tactical Hapkido Alliance New Project in the works for Chartered School Members:

There is a new project in the works to help charter schools to retain and hold the interest of students in your school during these difficult economic times. Using the techniques and methods that Grandmaster Rodemaker developed by trial and error over the decade of operating his school, he is going to provide them to all charter members to ensure that your school remains profitable and successful. More information will be coming.

## New Tactical Hapkido Alliance Bi-Laws:

The official THA bi-laws are done right now. The THA bi-laws are posted online. As always member input into this live document is always welcome to continually improve the document.

## Tactical Hapkido Alliance News:

Keep sending in the first ever THA Charter Satisfaction Surveys of 2011 to let us know how we are serving our charter schools! From those already received are providing us valuable input & new ideas that we have not thought of which will be beneficial for all members. The deadline to get them back is July 29th then GM Rodemaker & Master Ziots will closely analyze the data to improve how we can serve you better.

The Director/Representative Meeting this year during the 2nd Annual THA Conference the results of this satisfaction survey will be presented; in addition to a complete analysis of how we improved our operations based on your input and suggestions.

One of those suggestions we are working on now is official THA Instructor certification in the Knife/Stick Program and the Tactical Hapkido Cane Program so one can teach these programs alone or with the rest of the Tactical Hapkido curriculum.

In June, Grandmaster Rodemaker performed an incredible demo-break with this picture to be premiered in Tae Kwon Do Times, here is a sneak peek of 1 of the series of photos taken.



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## Promotions and Services Available to Members:

### **Tactical Hapkido Alliance Bibles for Martial Artist:**

Staying true to the Christian believes that this organization was founded on; the Tactical Hapkido Alliance has established Bibles for Martial Artists. If anyone would like to voluntarily donate money in order to help cover the purchase of these bibles and for shipping.

This donation is **not** tax deductible and is purely voluntary.

### **Tactical Hapkido Alliance Prayer Team:**

We realize that these are trying times and we would like for everyone that receives this newsletter that you are not alone and are a part of our family. If there is anything that you need prayer for all you have to do is send an email to **prayer@tacticalhapkido.com** and our team members will include it in our prayer meeting.

Please include at least what you need prayers for and everything else is optional.

So when your prayer need has been answered please let us know by sending an email to **prayer@tacticalhapkido.com** so we post on our website to show how the Lord has helped you in your time of need and for everyone to see how the Lord works in His mysterious ways.

### **Customized Email Address from the Tactical Hapkido Alliance:**

Using the latest in email forwarding technology, all Charter School Owners, your Instructors and sanctioned Tactical Hapkido Alliance representatives can now customize their emails for free with out changing a thing.

Our THA Information Technology team can set up this service where any email sent to Your\_Name @ Tacticalhapkido.com will be forwarded directly to your original email account.

If you are interested just send Grandmaster Rodemaker an email at **info@tacticalhapkido.com** with what you want your email to be and your name. This is a free service to our members so take advantage of this.

### **Tactical Hapkido Alliance Banners:**



Banner size is 18 inches high and is 3 feet long.

Due to so many requests, the Tactical Hapkido Alliance has these new banners for you to display at your school, gym, or home.

And any charter member who holds a seminar will receive these high quality banners for free!

If you are interested feel free to contact Grandmaster Rodemaker any time to get yours!

### **Media Distribution Database System:**

The Tactical Hapkido Alliance has a massive media database management system for Charter members. As events and seminars come up at your school we research all News Channels, Newspapers, and local magazine publications in that area. Using this powerful tool and proven methodologies, we will notify every news media we can find about your event with official THA press releases with the ultimate goal to try to get as much press coverage and reporters to show up to your location.

## Tactical Hapkido Alliance New School Builder Packages:



Grandmaster Barry Rodemaker is offering his years of experience in making available to all charter members a proven system of methods and personal hands on advice put into one package, which is operating wildly successful at the THA headquarters.

The package will include, among many other items, two lead boxes, personalized lettering system, local marketing assistance, and one on one assistance anytime with Rodemaker to aid in building and keeping your student base.

You can contact the THA headquarters and get the details with Grandmaster Rodemaker.

## Combat Services Manual for Charter School Owners:



The Tactical Hapkido Alliance has a special operating manual specially designed for Combat Services personnel. This manual was made for military, intelligence, police and security personnel who have to get the training quickly and thoroughly on top of the training they already received. This manual takes all the techniques in the regular manuals (white to master series) and breaks the techniques down to 8 main concepts. In this manual the instructor is to teach the concept and then the student will apply it to a variety of situations by examples.

If you are interested in this program feel free to contact the THA headquarters for more details.

## Services on the Tactical Hapkido's Website:

### THA Video Section:

Like the videos on this site, go and visit You Tube to get the code that you can place on your site or vote for the video. You can send your own video to the THA and we can include it on this page also.

### News Section:

If you are interested or have something to promote please send an email to [info@tacticalhapkido.com](mailto:info@tacticalhapkido.com), or [news@tacticalhapkido.com](mailto:news@tacticalhapkido.com), please make sure to include your name, location and important background information (time, place, event, ect.) and we will start posting this information for you.

### Sign up for the Tactical Hapkido Alliance Newsletter:

It is as easy as putting in your email address. So please let all your students know that they can receive this newsletter so we can get the word out to all who are interested. This will be the primary tool for all members of the THA to take advantage of our collective bargaining power to the mainstream suppliers and organizations.

### All Membership applications can be done on-line:

Individual memberships into the alliance is only \$35.00 (one time fee and is a live time membership). Charter memberships are only \$80.00 initially with only a \$ 25.00 yearly renewal fee.

### **Charter Plus Member Program:**

We have established the charter plus program for those charter's who have continued to show their dedication and loyalty to our purpose, sharing the good news of Christ's salvation, and family community, the second is to spread this conceptual based education system of Hapkido.

We will provide you the follow at cost, plus shipping. The lead boxes with the custom designed headers, all business cards, banners, everything that is offered from Vista Print which the THA has a corporate account at, aid in developing after school programs for your community, and media news releases to every newspaper, TV and magazine we can find.

### **Online Tactical Hapkido Alliance Product Catalog:**

The Tactical Hapkido Alliance has all the services and products that charters and individuals can take advantage of. We now have this available on line where you may download the file and print copy to give to your students who may be interested in what you can offer to them.

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### **Tactical Hapkido Alliance U.S. Marine Correspondent:**



SSgt Samuel Albright of the 1st Tank BN, 1st Marine Division and is our THA California representative out of Yucca Valley California. SSgt Samuel Albright is our official THA Marine correspondent to our organization and will contribute from time to time articles in this newsletter. He is also president of the All Korean Martial Arts Association, a class C instructor with Kido Kwan Martial Arts International and a member of the Order of Combat USA, and is also black belt in the Marine Corps Martial Art Program and Krav Maga. He teaches Taekwon-Do, Hapkido, and Krav Maga at Hand to Hand Martial Arts in Twenty nine Palms, CA. 1st Tank Battalion is an armored battalion of the United States Marine Corps which is based out of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms, California. It falls under the command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division and I Marine Expeditionary Force.

## The Tactical Hapkido Alliance Chaplain:



The Tactical Hapkido Alliance would like to remind all members and families that we have an official chaplain as a member in the alliance, Rev. Dr. H. George Myers "Skip". If there is anything you need prayers for, advice, encouragement or the need for any consultation please do not hesitate to contact him at anytime. He is here to help all members of our family. From time to time, he will also contribute articles to this newsletter that will be insightful and helpful for all.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Tactical Hapkido

### **Education Background:**

Bachelors of Arts; Bachelors of Music  
Master's of Divinity; Master's of Church History  
Doctorate of Ministry