



Tactical Hapkido Alliance Newsletter

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2011 THA is now 10 years old

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New Tactical Hapkido Alliance Charter:

We would like to welcome Senior Head Instructor Ian M. Castaneir to the Tactical Hapkido Alliance. Head Instructor Castaneir owns the Tactical Defensive Arts Academy located in Highspire PA. If you would like to send a welcome greeting to Head Instructor Ian M. Castaneir you can contact him at:

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The Tactical Hapkido Alliance 2nd Annual Conference: *** Pre-registrations Due September 22nd ***

The 2nd 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. He 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.

In addition we are also having several special guests Tactical Hapkido Senior Masters that have stepped up to hold training seminars highlighting their "unique" attributes of the training system not seen before. As such, seminar training has now overflowed into Sunday for additional training classes to choose from. Among all the guests holding seminars we are expecting some world-renown martial artist coming in to train with us also. And as any conference we hold, all THA training materials will be heavily discounted at this event so don't miss out on the action.

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!

Locations of Other
Tactical Hapkido Alliance
Charter Schools:

As of August 2011:

- 34 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 (9):
Altoona
Erie
Freeport
Highspire **NEW**
Harrisburg (2)
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 instructor Certifications:

The Tactical Hapkido Alliance is revealing a new certification program for those desiring official instructor and master instructor accreditation. There are two types of certifications, one is for instructors and the other is for Masters. Please call THA world headquarters for more information and if you qualify for accreditation.

The Tactical Hapkido Alliance New Advertising Campaign:

The Tactical Hapkido Alliance is launching a new advertising campaign in Tae Kwon Do Times this month. Among a new actual advertisement in the magazine, the Encyclopedia will be premiered at a new discounted rate, which is also discounted now online. So keep an eye out for it.

The New School of Iron Tiger Martial Arts Gonzales, Louisiana:



The new Iron Tiger Martial Arts School in Gonzales LA has opened in a new, larger, and better school due to overwhelming growth. We in the Tactical Hapkido Alliance would like to congratulate Master Rush on his success and hope that he continues his prosperity.

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:



The Iron Tiger Martial Arts Tournament/Demo Team, led by Master Dwight Rush, attended the Silver Dragon Taekwondo Championship in Berwick Aug. 7.

The team members participating in the event were Rush, C.J. Young, Barrett Berard, Richie and Ethan Long and Joey Wilks.

The six members of the team placed in every event, bringing home a total of 11 medals, ranging from gold, silver and bronze.

The team thanked Silver Dragon Taekwondo Masters Brian Rutledge and Raymond Rutledge for the professional promotion of the event. They also recognized Master Andre' Mellum and his students from Houma for their assistance in the preparation to ready the team for competition.

Iron Tiger Martial Arts is located in the LeBlanc Plaza Shopping Center at Airline Highway and Highway 44 in Gonzales. Traditional Taekwondo and Tactical Hapkido are taught in classes for men, women and children.

The Iron Tiger Martial Arts Tournament/Demo Team attended the Silver Dragon Taekwondo Championship in Berwick. Shown from left are Master Dwight Rush, C.J. Young, Joey Wilks, Ethan Long, Richie Long. Not shown: Barrett Berrard.

www.weeklycitizen.com/sports/x4599668/Iron-Tiger-Martial-Arts-brings-home-gold

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.

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, or 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.

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 1st 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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Education Background:

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

Random Thoughts

On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus prayed to God for his disciples, saying:

I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from evil. ... Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

—John 17:14, ff. RSV

There are three wonderful thoughts here:

The first is this: we are not of the world. That is to say, none of the things of this world have any real power over us. There is nothing in this world that we need to be afraid of, because our home is with God, and that home is sure.

The second is this: While we are in the world, we have the same mission that Jesus had when he was in the world. He has enough faith in us to entrust us with his ministry and with giving the message of salvation to all people. We have the sacred task of healing the broken in body and spirit, of feeding the hungry, and of teaching others about the Love of God.

Finally, *Jesus is praying for us!* What a tremendous thought that is. Wherever we find ourselves in life—in joy or in sorrow, in triumph or in tragedy, in the highest of excitement or the deepest of despair, Jesus is praying for us. Wrapped as we are in the love of Jesus Christ, we are never alone.

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