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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008!

from all of us at the
World Hapkido Association

Attention WHA Charter Members!

The new **WHA Geup Certification Program** goes into effect
January 1st, 2008. Please contact *Master Piller* for
details prior to your next Geup testing.

The WHA welcomes the following new members:

Gary Clay, Grindelwald, Australia
Jerry W. Moncus, Dalton, Georgia
Corrine Brama, Victoria, Canada

*"Make the New Year
a great one"*



Information and registration forms
can be found at www.KiMartialArts.com.
Custom designed commemorative T-shirts will be available.

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Beginnings

As we stand before the beginnings of a brand new year, many of us will be looking towards the challenges we will face—personally, professionally and as martial artists. Life is a series of hurdles, some we create on our own and many that just seem to appear. In either case we sooner or later stand before them. Often these challenges can make us a better and stronger person. Though we may not see if for that when we are going through an ordeal. But it is how we continue to get up and work towards tackling and overcoming these challenges that will set us apart from the rest.

As martial artists, our road is no easier. We have chosen a path with many hurdles, with many valleys but with many rewards. We must stand and face each with strength and courage and believe that we will overcome and move on to yet another level, another series of tests and challenges and further rewards. We will all experience ups and downs in our lives and our training but that is what will create the person we are to be. Challenge yourself this year to never surrender to hardships and to never retreat in the face of adversity. Always stall tall mentally, physically and spiritually.

- Michael Aloia Asahi Dojo, PA

WHA Online Learning

Our online training program was established in the year 2000, due to an overabundance of requests from people who had the desire to study Hapkido, but could not, due to an inability to locate a training center in their area.

Although many Hapkido Masters have established training centers all across the globe, Hapkido, especially in the western world, remains exotic and is a rare style of Martial Arts to come by. However the demand for Hapkido is rapidly growing and the World Hapkido Associations Online Course Database is here to meet this demand.

Offering a multitude of courses as well as certification programs that uphold the high quality standards of the World Hapkido Association, our online courses provide the opportunity for anyone to study Hapkido anywhere in the world.



NOW AVAILABLE

WHA 1st Dan DVD

Course I & II

Staff Training

Featuring Master Jason Jung

Join the WHA forum today. Log onto www.worldhapkido.com.

It's easy and it's free. Hear what members have to say.

Ask questions, state opinions or tell of experiences!

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What's in your Heart?*

When you come to train at the dojang – why are you there? Is it solely for your own benefit? Does working with others, helping them achieve their goals, something that fulfills you? Aikido helps in cultivating relationships. And these relationships can build a better community while building a better you. The opportunity to help another is a gift that benefits all. We can learn so much by giving so little – our time and our attention. Sometimes just a few words of encouragement to fellow student can make a huge difference in how they see themselves or they perform. Simple direction or insight that allows them to enhance their training can be a turning point. You see hapkido is not a solo martial art. It involves levels of communications with others – physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. By words or actions these levels can be reached – both positively and negatively. Hapkido lays out many challenges before the practitioner. Many seem unobtainable at first. But with time, practice and the support of your fellow hapkidoist these challenges are met. No one reaches these levels by themselves. Everyone along the way has contributed somehow in your growth and understanding. We share the mat as a network of support. We strive for the greater good. We face these challenges together. The challenges we face are not easy ones. But together there is strength in numbers. Because to face a challenge alone can be daunting rather with others it becomes encouraging. If we cannot give of ourselves then we can never expect to truly receive the gifts that will make us whole – compassion, mercy and love. Hapkido is a way of finding your purpose in life. This purpose involves others. When you give to another, in turn that person will give to another and so on and so on. The cycle will continue thus creating a better community, a better world - together we learn, together we grow. Next time you come to train, ask yourself “Why am I here?” and “What can I do for another?”. Really see what is in your heart.

- Michael Aloia Asahi Dojo, Pa

We Want to Hear from YOU!
The WHA Newsletter is for the members by the members.

If you have something to say we want to hear it: *events, seminars, testing, promotions, opinions, questions, experiences, photos etc, on and off the mat.*

Want to have your school profiled in an upcoming issue of the **WHA Newsletter**? Send us a bio on the school, instructor(s) and a photo and we will include it.

Please have all submissions in by the 25th of each month.

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Limited rooms available **Friday & Saturday, Feb 8th & 9th**
Adams Mark – Downtown Denver - \$109 per night

1550 Court Place, Denver, CO 80202

Toll-Free Reservations: 800-444-ADAM (2326)

Hotel ph: (303) 893-3333 / fax: (303) 626-2542 guest fax: (303) 626-2543

Reservations can be made starting **Dec 5th**. Ask for **WHA** group rate

This hotel is walking distance from the seminar, and we can provide transportation.

Only a few rooms left! Seminar Registration Deadline is January 7th!



**2008 WORLD HAPKIDO ASSOCIATION
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ULTIMATE HAPKIDO SEMINAR
& Black Belt Testing**

*Featuring WHA President
Master Tae Jung*

WHA Black Belt Training & Testing
February 8, 2008
5pm - 8:30pm
Colorado TaeKwondo Studios
Arvada, Colorado
WHA Black Belts are welcome!

2008 WHA Winter Training Camp
February 9, 2008
9am - Noon
Colorado History Museum
1300 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80203-5600

Cost \$75.00
Space is Limited
R.S.V.P. by Jan 7, 2008

for more information & online registration visit:
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