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## Welcome new WHA members:

**Nicholas Lee** from Seminole, Florida

**Kyle T. Ament** from Jefferson City, Missouri

**John David McDowell** from Grovetown, Georgia

**Steven M. Walters** from Arurora, Ohio

**Morton Rickless** from Annistson, Alabama

**Todd Koehler** from Effort, PA.



## WHA Winter Training Camp 2008

Thank you to everyone who supported our *6th Annual Rocky Mountain Winter Camp*. It was a great success!

Congratulations to **Mr. Robert Benedetto**—he has been promoted to the North East Regional WHA Representative. And to **Mr. Michael Aloia**—he has been promoted to the PA State WHA Representative.



**2009's Winter Camp** is slated for **Saturday, February 7th**. A Black Belt class will be held on Friday, February 6, 2009. Hotel reservations can be made at the Adams Mark Hotel in Downtown Denver.



We look forward to seeing everyone there!

A limited number of **commemorative T-shirts** are still available for \$20.00 plus \$4.95 s/h. Please contact Master Pillar for ordering



“Through dedication,  
time and  
discipline one will master”

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## **WHA Winter Camp 2008**

**Colorado History Museum, Denver, CO**

**Submitted by: Matt Guy, Ki Martial Arts, Pueblo West, CO**

Nearly 40 martial arts practitioners participated in the WHA's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Camp, held at the Colorado History Museum on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The camp was led by the WHA's president, Master Tae Jung, and Secretary General Master Dan Piller. Master Jung also held a special workout for WHA Black Belts the night prior to the camp.

Students from several disciplines were represented. WHA members came to Denver from as far away as Pennsylvania, with participants also coming from Pueblo, CO, and the surrounding Denver suburbs. A large contingent of students came to Denver from the Pro TKD school located Carbondale, CO, which is just outside of Aspen. The effort put forth by Master Fuechsel and his students from Pro TKD just to get to Denver was well appreciated due to the hazardous winter driving conditions on Interstate 70 from Glenwood Springs to the foothills outside of Denver.

The camp began with the demonstration team from Pro TKD providing a demonstration of their skills, giving an inspiring beginning to the camp. Campers were split by age during most of the activities, with younger attendees beginning with rolling and falling drills with Master Piller, while the more "seasoned" camp attendees worked with Master Jung on flow drills. All students spent time working with Master Piller on ground defenses and choke positions, while Master Jung worked with participants on takedowns and other techniques.

At the close of camp, students were invited to participate in a Pro Hapkido demonstration and exhibition. Students from Master Fuechsel's Pro TKD school participated in the first two matches, impressing all with the use of the techniques they had learned during the camp. The highlight of the Pro Hapkido matches was the match between Mr. Dante J. James, WHA Colorado State Representative, and his son, Mr. Dante L. James. While the younger Mr. James had the crowd on his side, the knowledge and experience of his father carried the match.

At the end of the camp, several awards and promotions were presented. The annual camp Ki award was presented to "T" Conrad from Pro TKD, showing great determination and spirit throughout the day. Master Fuechsel was given the first ever Colorado -WHA Charter Member award for his endless support of the WHA in Colorado.

Mr. Aloia and Mr. Benedetto were both honored with new roles in the WHA. Mr. Aloia was presented with a promotion to the position of WHA Pennsylvania State President, while Mr. Benedetto was promoted to be the WHA's Regional Representative for the Northeastern United States. Finally, Master Jung presented Master Piller with an award of appreciation for hosting the 2008 WHA Winter Camp and other efforts.

We look forward to seeing you at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual WHA Winter Camp at the Colorado History Museum, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009!

**Join the WHA forum today.** Log onto [www.worldhapkido.com](http://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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## Pro Hapkido 2008 West Coast Championships

**Saturday, April 26th, 2008**

Location:

Way of Orient Martial Arts Academy  
2750 E Main St, Suite I (downstairs)  
Ventura, CA 93003  
805-652-1214

[www.wayoforient.com](http://www.wayoforient.com)  
*see included flyer*

## Ventura County Fairgrounds

*Master Russell Seveney*

February 23rd

Includes a Pro Hapkido Division.

## Pro Hapkido 2008 Eastern Regional Championships Hosted by Dragon Star Martial Arts

**Sunday, March 2, 2008 @11am**

Norristown PAL Building

Harding Blvd

Norristown, PA 19401

contact **Mr. Robert Benedetto**

or visit [www.dragonstarma.com](http://www.dragonstarma.com)

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*Featuring Master Jason Jung*

***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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Jung**

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Welcome new WHA member **Colm Breen**  
from Cork, Ireland.

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## WHA Member—Elite Hapkido



My name is **Charlie Stanley**. I have been studying Hapkido for 35 years and have taught off and on for about half of this time.

The name of our new school is **Elite Hapkido**, located at 13060 East Wade Hampton Blvd., Greer, SC.

My web site is [www.elitehapkido.com](http://www.elitehapkido.com)

I just want everyone to know that it is a pleasure to be a part of the WHA.

Because of how I have been treated, I feel like part of a family.

Above are some photos of my school and students.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

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Hosted by Dragon Star Martial Arts



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Takedown

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**Sunday, March 2, 2008**

**Norristown PAL Building**

**340 Harding Blvd**

**Norristown, PA 19401**

**11am - \$40 entry fee**

*Weight Divisions*

*Pre-Registration &*

*Sparring Gear Required*

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or contact Mr. Robert Benedetto

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