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Before we begin this newsletter we'd like to extend our prayers and condolences to the family, friends & students of our member, GM Cristino Vasquez who passed away on June 25th in the Philippines....May our Brother Warrior Rest In Peace & may his legacy live on in the teachings of



GM. Cristino Vasquez

his students. Amen..... In health news, special get well wishes go out to Israeli member, Dr. Dennis Hanover's Wife whose health is unstable at the moment; my former Judo instructor & WHFSC Honorary Member, 87 yr old Sensei Yasutoshi "Moon" Watanabe of California who is recovering from recent hip surgery; Leslee Kufferath, daughter of our late member & my former Jiu-Jitsu



Dr. Dennis Hanover



Sensei "Moon" Watanabe



Leslee Kufferath



Prof. James Price

Instructor, Professor Sig Kufferath who is dealing with Lupus.....& to member, Professor James

Price of Florida who just underwent surgery recently to repair a broken bilateral knee replacement of his right knee. Our prayers to all of you for a quick & full recovery

In much cheerier news.....We'd like to CONGRATULATE GM Frank Dux on his upcoming marriage to fiance, Keira Schwartz in November. May you continue to live, love and grow old together. Many Blessings to both of you from this Council!



Keira Schwartz & GM Frank Dux

In international news.....

A big THANK YOU to Shihan Alfredo Torella of our Dragon Masters Division in Michigan & my Son, Davy Sanchez for coming up with the new logo for our Council. Your contribution is appreciated



Shihan Alfredo Torella



Dr. Dennis Hanover



Master Guy Larke



The World TangSooDo General Federation Newsletter

From Israel, Dr. Dennis Hanover advises that Israeli TV is putting his life story & martial arts history on TV. Including the history of the WHFSC (if you can get a DVD of the series or link to the TV series, please let me know Dr. Hanover so that I can save it for our archives)......From South Korea, Master Guy Larke of our Masters & Writers Division is now the Editor of the new World TangSooDo General Federation 's Newsletter. For more information on the World TangSooDo General Federation and subscribing to the newsletter, you can contact Guy at kisa_do_muye@yahoo.ca. The newsletter is being produced & given away "free" by the Federation. So, contributions of any amount, although not asked for, would be appreciated.

Grandmaster Bill Gossett & the RyuKyu Coalition held its Titan Games & RyuKyu Summer Camp in Missouri on June 13th & 14th with myself as a Special Guest of the Games & Summer Camp. The Games were a grand mix of Karate, Judo, Sumo & Amateur Wrestling competitions held under one roof. Pandemonium could have prevailed, but it was a great, well organized event which everyone seemed to have fun at. The Summer Camp with Gossett's students also showed the quality of his students who performed the various weapons kata of Taiki Seiyu Oyata's Ryukyu Kempo System with strength & grace. For info on taking part in next years' event, you can contact GM Gossett at info@ryukyueastasianmartialarts.com



Winners of Karate Tournament



Karate Tournament officials & students



GM Gossett w/ myself & National Sumo champions



Kids Sumo Division







Sensei Jack Musick interview w/ GM Frank E. Sanchez at Titan Games (click on link below): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCNZdk hBSQ

In Florida, The United States Police Defensive Tactics Association under General Director, GM Ric Black held its 2015 Tai Kai on June 12th – 13th in Ft. Myers, Florida. For more info on taking part in future U.S. Police Defensive Tactics Assn. activities you can contact GM Black at daisokeblack@aol.com







Dr. Ric Black

Professor Vincent Lyn

GM Dan Medina

Kung Fu stylist & Grammy Artist, Professor Vincent Lyn of Connecticut will be performing on piano at Carnegie Hall on October 9th with Grammy award winning Artist, Wouter Kellerman. Tickets go on sale July 9th. For ticket information please see poster below:



Grandmaster Dan Medina was interviewed on May 3rd by FMA (Filipino Martial Arts) LIVE! You can click on the following link to access his interview: http://www.fmatalklive.com/2015/04/grandmaster-dan-medina-author-of-latest.html

In movie news.....









GM Brian Kula Fung

GM Juerg Ziegler

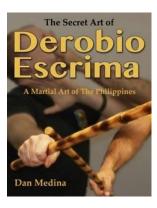
GM Leo Fong

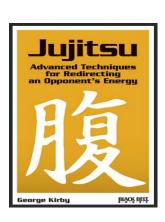
GM Gary Alexander "Matador's Cape" Poster

GM Brian Kula Fung was in Hawaii this June scouting out locations for his new movie, "Project X". Meeting with him there were actress, Sigourney Weaver; Director, Jim Simpson & story author, Charlotte Simpson......GM Juerg Ziegler of Switzerland has a new movie he's working on called "Shaolin Monk" produced by GM Leo Fong. Filming has already begun this June in Los Angeles......& lastly, GM Gary Wasniewski from England's new movie, "The Matador's Cape" films 2016 in Spain......

New books by members this month.....







GM Bram Frank

GM Dan Medina

GM George Kirby

GM Bram Frank's new book entitled "FMA: Filipino Martial Arts Masters & Grandmasters" can be purchased at Lulu.com, Amazon.com as well as Barnes & Nobles for \$35.00 with a 15% discount if purchased from Lulu.com......"The Secret Art of Derobio Escrima" by GM Dan Medina is available through Amazon.com & the website of www.derobioescrima.com. Retail: \$24.95& lastly, "Jiu-Jitsu Advanced Techniques for Redirecting an Opponent's Energy" by Professor George Kirby can be purchased directly from the Professor at his Budoshin Headquarters by e-mailing senseigk@budoshin.com – cost: \$19.95

Lastly, in international news.....

DON'T FORGET our 23rd Anniversary event in Omaha, Nebraska on Sept. 4th – 5th (Labor Day Weekend) hosted by GM John Byrne. This promises to be one of the best events of 2016!! We will be awarding an "A" list motion picture actress (soon to be announced in our e-mail alerts to you. Hint: don't think typical martial arts actress, but Academy Award winning Action Star of the Big Screen) with a "Female Action Star Pioneer" Award from the Council, A salute to the military with Color Guard and "presentation of the flag" ceremony (POW group/ Wounded Warriors/ active military will be present during our function). Live entertainment on stage by GM John Byrne's 5 Circle System featuring Sensei Val Retelsdorf & students (note: to get a hint of what's in store for you this year, click on the link that follows for last years' amazing show by GM Byrne's 5 Circle System group https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10152577321916289&set=vb.92536971288&type=2 &theater), GM Phil Little's musical rendition, martial arts celebrities, international martial arts seminars over the 2 day period by top grandmasters/ masters, beautiful one-ofa-kind custom made awards for our awardees, homage to deceased 10th dan Judo member, Keiko Fukuda by her sister, Dr. Shelley Fernandez, movie screening of "The Brotherhood" by Shihan Alfredo Torella, live music and more!!! DON'T MISS OUT. If you didn't get an invitation for some reason, contact me at gmfranksanchez@comcast.net . If you've already gotten yours, please be aware of the deadlines on your form for banquet fees & reserving your discount rooms at the beautiful downtown Omaha DoubleTree Hilton Hotel (any problems with making payments, please contact us immediately) and of course remember to submit your nominations AS SOON AS POSSIBLE since our event is coming up fast.....THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING EVENT PRESENTATION YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!!

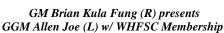


Martial arts instructors "shake it" on stage to the laughs of the crowd at a past WHFSC function!

In new membership news......

New members in our Grandmasters Division include GGM Allen Joe of Jeet Kune Do from California & Grandmaster Mike Sandos, co-founder of the Kajukenbo Ohana Association (KOA)/ 9th dan Wun Hop Kuen Do from Utah







GM Mike Sandos

New members in our Masters Division include Soke Dai Patrick Ward of Kam Lung Kempo from Canada, Soke Dai Ell Gatt of Kwon Bop Do from Australia & Master Kirby Marian of Texas (photos not available at time of printing)

WELCOME to your new family of the World Head of Family Sokeship Council!

New committee appointments:



GM Brian Kula Fung



GM Glen Fraticelli

GM Brian Kula Fung has been appointed to our Historical Committee based on his background as the Host of "Six Questions with a Martial Arts Legend".....& GM Glen Fraticelli, Major in the U.S. Air Force is now Head of our new Military Budo Committee designed to promote more representation, recognition & participation by the military community in WHFSC affairs

NOTE: Banners for members websites announcing your proud membership in the World Head of Family Sokeship Council are available "free of charge". Please contact me at gmfranksanchez@comcast.net for yours!

In the media this month.....

the June/ July issue of Black Belt Magazine features an article on Master Don "The Dragon" Wilson entitled "The Dauntless Dragon"; Floyd Burke has an article on a collaboration between our member, GM Mark Shuey & Master Dana Abbott entitled "Sword Meets Walking Stick; & finally there is an article on Prof. George Kirby entitled "Balance of Power (Kazushi)" containing excerpts from Prof. Kirby's new book, "Advanced Techniques for Redirecting an Opponent's Energy"......

In issues of FMA Informative:

http://www.fmainformative.info/Informative_Issues/2015/FMA_Informative_Issue176.pdf

Features mentions of SGM Cacoy Canete, GM Jay Jumawan, GM Juerg Ziegler & Sayoc International Philippines

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Features mentions of SGM Cacoy Canete, GM Juerg Ziegler & GM Rene Tongson http://www.fmainformative.info/Informative_Issues/2015/FMA_Informative-Issue182.pdf

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Features mentions of GM Rene Latosa, Gat Puno Abon Baet, GM Bram Frank, GM Roberto Torres & GM Dan Medina

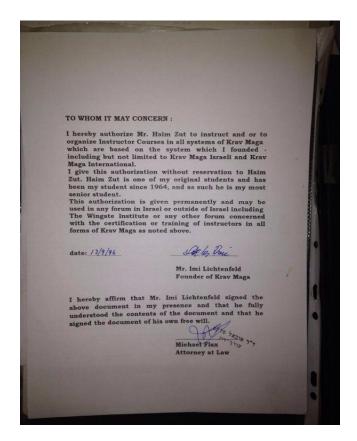
Well this concludes our tri-monthly issue for this month. Please remember to send in your news for our next edition & I hope to see you all at our 23^{rd} Anniversary event in Omaha, Nebraska on Sept. $4^{th}-5^{th}$! As always, stay aggressive & fair in all you do......

Your Brother in the Arts,

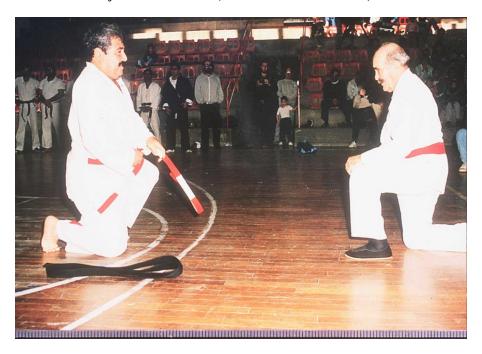


GM Frank E. Sanchez
Founder/ Executive Director International

HISTORICAL PHOTOS



Letter of inheritance of Krav Maga system from WHFSC Member, the late GM Imi Lichtenfeld to GM Haim Zut (inheritor & WHFSC Member)- 1996



Belt ceremony – (L) GM Haim Zut receiving promotion from (R) Krav Maga Founder, the late GM Imi Lichtenfeld in Israel



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