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As always, before we begin with our international news, we would like to pay our respects to those who have recently passed on & to follow that with our members personal tribulations and accomplishments (NOTE: if it is a relative of our member being mentioned & a photo is not available, we will use the picture of our member in its place) .

In family deaths...We would like to express our heartfelt condolences to Professor Miguel Ibarra of New York who lost his Mother on January 5th . May the good Lord WELCOME her into the Gates of Heaven & watch over & console you during your time of loss.



Professor Miguel Ibarra



Professor Tony Maynard

In Health news, Professor Tony Maynard of North Carolina's beloved Mom, Diane underwent a transesophageal Echocardiogram & Cardioversion on March 1st for Afib. Followed by a Cardiac Ablation on March 22nd. We pray for her fast & complete recovery.

& finally in celebratory news, we'd like to congratulate GM David & Sifu Sandy Grago of Oklahoma on their new Great Granddaughter Sage Elena born on March 3rd ! As well as

the following members celebrating their wedding anniversaries this quarter: Grandmaster Robert & Cleta Torres, their 44th in New York on January 5th; Grandmaster David & Mary McNeil, their 62nd Anniversary on January 6th in Nevada; Grandmaster Lewis & Mrs. Luk's 38th anniversary on January 11th in Hong Kong; Grandmaster Stuart & Suzanne Hicken who celebrated their anniversary on January 18th in England; Master Dan & Mari-Chan Abbott their 37th on January 22nd in Arizona; Grandmaster T.R. & Sr. Prof. Shizumi Crimi, their anniversary on January 31st in California; Grandmaster Tony & Diane Maynard, their 40th on February 11th in North Carolina; Master Kevin & Marie Bergquist, their 19th in Florida on February 20th; Gat Puno Abon & Becky Baet, their 33rd anniversary on March 13th in Florida; & Grandmaster John & Master Trina Pellegrini, their 32nd anniversary on March 17th in Tennessee.

In international news.....

From Japan.....



*The late Sosai Mas Oyama
Founder of Kyokushin Karate
IKO KYOKUSHINKAIKAN*



*Kuristina Oyama
Custodian*



*Hanshi Flemming Schroter
President*



*Master Alexander Anvers
Vice - President
KYOKUSHIN WORLD ORGANIZATION – MAS OYAMA*

The KYOKUSHIN WORLD ORGANIZATION – MAS OYAMA in Japan is under the custodianship of Kuristina Oyama, daughter of the late Sosai Mas Oyama, founder of KYOKUSHIN KARATE. It is the *new name* for the original IKO KYOKUSHINKAIKAN KARATE DO Organization created by her Father in 1964. The KWO-MAS OYAMA is lead by Hanshi Flemming Schroter, President, from Denmark & Master Alexander Anvers, Vice-President from Russia with the backing of Kuristina Oyama & the Oyama family. The organization is pledged to continue the teachings & philosophy of its late great founder. For information on membership contact the honbu at honbu@jinzendo.org



Pictures of Tetsuhiro Hokama, Sensei sitting in anza position & painting Japanese calligraphy



Famed Soke of GOJU RYU KENSHIKAI Hombu & curator of the world's first karate & kobudo museum, Tetsuhiro Hokama, Sensei now has his prized calligraphy available for purchase on Bujin T.V.'s Online Shop <https://shop.bujin.tv/collections/calligraphy-scroll>

In South Korea.....

Our Ambassador for Korea, Master Guy Larke was appointed to the position of Director of Overseas Promotion by the KOREAN TRADITIONAL MARTIAL ARTS FEDERATION in S. Korea on January 24th



Master Guy Larke (L) being presented his Directorship by the KTMAF

From the Philippines.....

Honorary WHFSC member, 8 division world boxing champion -retired, Manny Pacquiao is set to face Muay Thai legend Buakaw Banchamek. In an exhibition boxing match billed as the “Match of Legends” in Bangkok on April 20, 2024 with the winner receiving a



Fight of the legends – Manny Pacquiao vs. Buakaw Banchamek

Special WORLD BOXING COUNCIL Legends Belt. His previous exhibition match with Youtuber -martial artist, DK Yoo of South Korea on December 11, 2023 ended in a unanimous decision with Manny Pacquiao knocking down the out matched Yoo several

times during the bout. Rumors are also swirling that Pacquiao will come out of retirement to fight current Welterweight Boxing Champion, Terrence Crawford in the near future!.....In other Philippines news, GM Ernesto Presas Jr. will be conducting a seminar in Poland on April 19th – 21st on Kombatan. For more information contact: fmaacademy@gmail.com& lastly, in news from the Philippines, I was very pleased to meet with our co-Ambassador from the Philippines, GM Bernard “Butch” Sepulveda when he came to visit his family living in Jacksonville, Florida on June 8th. I hope you had an enjoyable time here, brother!



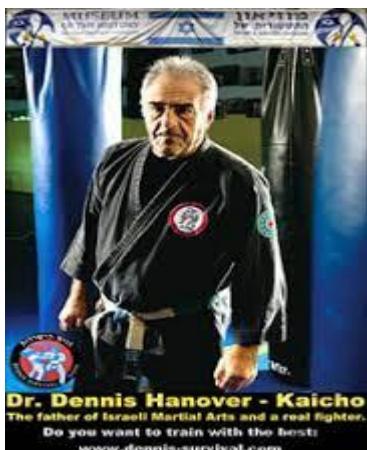
GM Ernesto Presas Jr.



GM “Butch” Sepulveda (2nd from right) w/ family & GM Frank E. Sanchez (middle) at restaurant in Jacksonville Beach, FL.

From Israel.....

I received the following message, from my brother, Israeli martial arts icon, Dr. Dennis Hanover of Dennis Survival JuJitsu addressed to all the members of the WHFSC.....



From: Oscar Hanover oscarhanover@gmail.com
 Date: Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 12:36 PM
 To: Frank Sanchez whfscouncil@gmail.com

To Grand Master Frank Sanchez and to all the Grandmasters of WHFSC.

We in Israel wish you all a happy New Year for 2024 and may God grant peace all over the world.

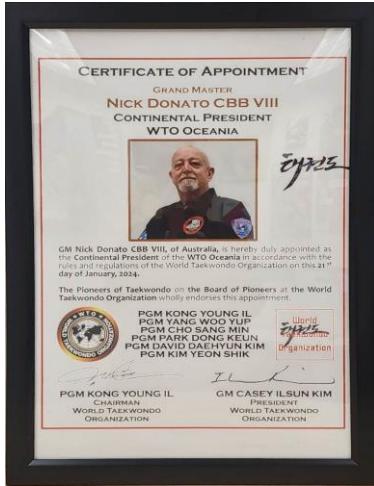
Dr. Dennis Hanover.
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From Australia.....

Grandmaster Nick Donato was appointed the Continental President of the WORLD TAEKWONDO ORGANIZATION OCEANIA on January 21st by the WORLD TAEKWONDO ORGANIZATION based in Korea. His NEW book released in December of 2023 entitled “THE MEMORIES OF MASTER NICK DONATO – MY JOURNEY AS AN AUSSIE MARTIAL ARTIST” (with a forward by Yours Truly), also made the “INTERNATIONAL BEST SELLER” lists for Amazon.com books in the U.S., Canada & the U.K.



GM Nick Donato



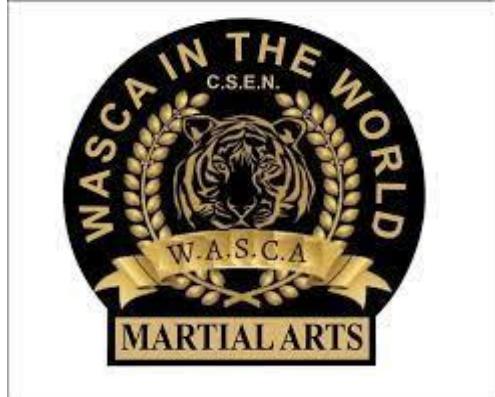
World TaeKwonDo Organization appointment



Amazon #1 Best Seller

From Italy.....

My dear friend, Grandmaster Alfredo Bassani of the WORLD ACADEMY SPORTS CULTURE ASSOCIATION (WASCA) in Italy sends his e-mail of greetings



From: Wasca International presidenzawasca@gmail.com

Date: January 3, 2024 at 4:46:56 PM EST

To: Frank Sanchez whfcouncil@gmail.com

Auguri Grande Maestro.

Spero di vederci un giorno.

Non prendo l'aereo ecco perche' non posso venire. Se lei verra' in Italia sara' mio gradito ospite.

Un caro e grande saluto.

Grazie

Soke .Alfredo Bassani

(American translation)

Best wishes Great Master.

I hope to see you one day.

I don't fly, that's why I can't come. If you come to Italy you will be my welcome guest.

A dear and big greeting.

Thank you

Soke .Alfredo Bassani

From Sweden.....

On January 6th, Grandmaster Lars Magnar Enoksen was interviewed by Dr. Florian Korber . In the interview he explains how the living tradition of Nordic Glima (the Vikings Art) can be proven and traced throughout numerous centuries
<https://www.facebook.com/575464490/videos/1187598735531405>



GM Lars Magnar Enoksen



GM Enoksen demonstrates a throw from Glima

From England.....

Professor Leon Jay of Small Circle JuJitsu will be having a SMALL CIRCLE JUJITSU CAMP on April 5th – 7th in Tampa, Florida featuring Professor Leon Jay, with the assistance of Professor Tony Maynard from North Carolina & other Small Circle instructors. For information contact Professor Tony Maynard at proftonymaynard@yahoo.com ; & lastly in news from England, we reflect on GM Gary



Prof. Leon Jay



Prof. Tony Maynard

Wasniewski's "WORLD RECORD BREAKERS" U.K, award for his Full Contact Sparring and Breaking demonstrations at the U.K.'s Seni-Martial Arts Show in 1992. Showing that Gary is not only a world class kicker, but world record holder as well!



GM Gary Wasniewski in action (R)

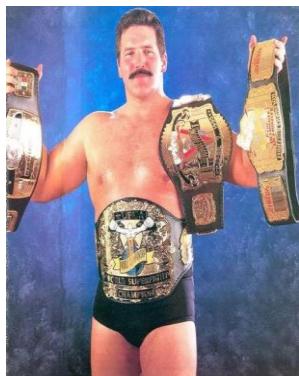


U.K. Record Breaker Award

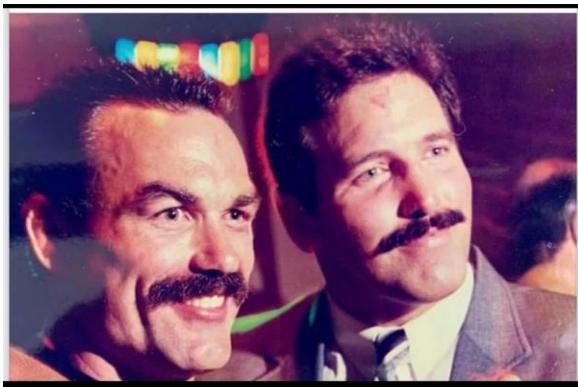
In the U.S.A.....

From Michigan - Dan "The Beast" Severn was featured in a virtual autograph session for K&S WRESTLEFEST on March 10th. Featuring autographed photos of the "Beast". Including his UFC Hall of Fame print, UFC gloves, a rare UFC toy figure of Dan, a Dan Severn & Ken Shamrock WWF two pack & trading cards. Dan is also inviting all of our male members (& "open minded" lady members) to listen in to the cave man antics of his YOUTUBE CHANNEL "TOXIC MAXCULINITY" PODCAST with his co-host & fellow competitor from the UFC, Don Frye.....Only "Manly Men" & strong, beautiful ladies with a good sense of humor should be tuning in, which means ALL OF YOU on this Council PLUS those who are reading this newsletter, as well -LOL! Here's the link:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCV3Q0PHXCGXWQk9rfPR4orQ>



Dan "The Beast" Severn



The "TOXIC MASCULINITY SHOW with (L to R)
Don Frye & Dan Severn

In Illinois - Professor Ben Bergwerf recently received his Judan certificate after 72 years of practicing Judo/ JuJitsu, The presentation was made by U.S. JUDO ASSOCIATION JIU-JITU Board Member, Dr. Ronald Allan Charles (note the World Head of Family/ Sokeship Council certificate proudly showing in background) at Ben's dojo.



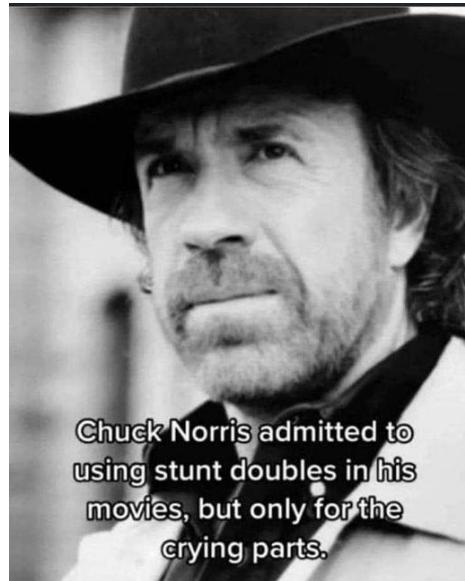
Professor Ben Bergwerf (L) receives his Judan certificate from Dr. Allan Charles

In Texas - Our latest grandmaster member, American icon Chuck Norris celebrated his 84th birthday on March 10th with a video on his instagram page showing him hitting a freestanding heavy bag outdoors in a field of grass. Demonstrating that he is still in terrific shape! (note that Chuck is actually wearing gloves to protect the bag, *not* his hands!) <https://www.yahoo.com/news/chuck-norris-boxes-impressive-video-223750751.html> .

Chuck also stars in an upcoming film entitled “AGENT RECON” which just completed production & is set for a North American release this year. The film was written & directed by David Ting (“AGENT REVELATION”), who also stars alongside Norris & Marc Singer in the film. Norris will also be demonstrating his comedy “chops” in another movie, filmed in Australia & set for release this year. Chuck plays himself as “Commander Chuck Norris” in a comedy with Vanilla Ice & Sophie Monk called “ZOMBIE PLANE”. The premise of the film is that celebrities are trained as undercover agents to save humanity from a pending zombie attack. The film will also be full of celebrity cameo appearances!

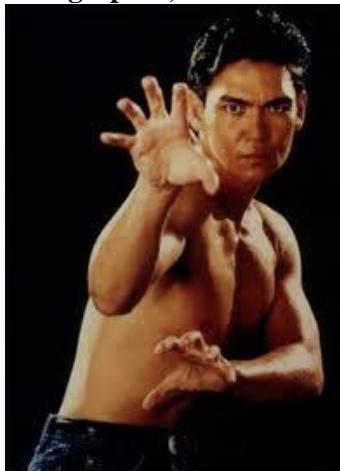


GM Chuck Norris flexes his muscles



A Chuck Norris “True-ism”?

In California - While GM Chuck Norris is busy slaying zombies, Master Don “The Dragon” Wilson is out chasing werewolves. Don flew to Las Vegas in February to begin work on a new sci-fi movie he is making; while Kumu Po Okela Michelle Manu just competed filming in February for her latest film where she was the Director, stunt choreographer, as well as actor in it. The film is called “SILENT TERROR OFFICIAL”;



Master Don “The Dragon” Wilson



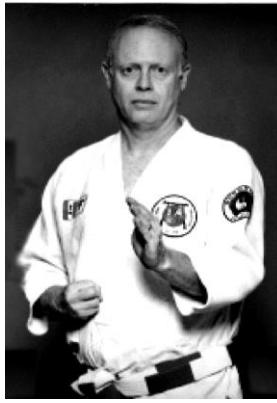
Kumu Po Okela Michelle Manu



Infirmary where “Silent Terror Official” was filmed

GM George Kirby was interviewed on February 2nd by Logan Crawford & SPOTLIGHT TV regarding the first book he wrote on JuJitsu & JuJitsu in general. You can access his interview at <https://thespotlight.network/> ; GM Steve Muhammad talks about the magnificence of the “BLACK KARATE FEDERATION” & “why” isn’t it great today? In his candid talk on Facebook, March 9th

<https://www.facebook.com/100000483031219/videos/702954895243702> ; Professor Hans Ingebretsen held a celebration of life for Professor Dale Calhoun & the late Professor Sig Kufferath’s birthday at his SHINBUKAN DOJO in Campbell, Calif. on February 17th ;



Prof. George Kirby



GM Steve Muhammad



Prof. Hans Ingebretsen



The late Prof. Sig Kufferath

New WHFSC member, Thanh Nguyen, Sensei who now Heads GENBU KAI, held its 53rd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL KARATE DO CHAMPIONSHIPS in memory of fallen leader & WHFSC member, Fumio Demura, Sensei on February 22nd – 25th in Santa Ana, California; & lastly, the MARTIAL ARTS HISTORY MUSEUM held its first event after moving into their new location in Glendale with “SAM KUOHA HONOR DAY” on January 27th honoring our member, GM Sam Kuoha.



Fumio Demura, Sensei (L) w/ Thanh Nguyen, Sensei



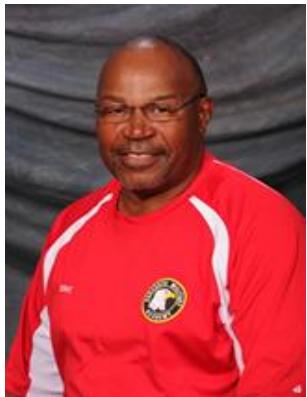
GM Sam Kuoha



Sifu Alan Goldberg

In New York - Brother, Sifu Alan Goldberg is busy preparing for his 2025 ACTION MARTIAL MARTIAL ARTS MEGA WEEKEND next year. After a VERY SUCCESSFUL event this year in Atlantic City. More information to come in the near future.

In Florida – The SOKE LITTLE JOHN DAVIS – BLACK BELT HALL OF FAME takes place September 20th – 21st dedicated to Karate great, the late Thomas LaPuppet. To register on-line, go to <http://www.eventective.com/us/2024> . For more information, contact uskfederationhq@gmail.com . Soke Little John is also inviting all schools of Professor Vee, Dr. Moses Powell & himself to submit information concerning their school name, address, patch, website & schedule for posting to a new website that will feature only schools that teach Sanuces Ryu, Vee Jitsu or VSK. So, that anyone searching for a school that teaches these systems in their respective areas can find one through this website. Send your information to uskfederationhq@gmail.com or for more information call 1-954-812-2811;



Soke Little John Davis



lastly, in Florida news. The WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY/SOKESHIP COUNCIL will be having its 33rd Anniversary celebration event on May 23th – 24th, the Memorial Holiday Weekend , 2025 in Orlando, Florida. We have already booked this event with the TWIN TOWERS Hotel across from UNIVERSAL STUDIOS THEME PARK & although the cost for attendance will be slightly higher than previous times because of the higher costs the hotels are charging now. The cost will still be lower than most quality martial arts events held today while still retaining the high quality of our events in the past. Next year's event will feature special surprises. As well as our international seminar symposium, vendor displays, WHFSC grandmasters/masters meeting (open to guests, as well), WHFSC awards banquet dinner, entertainment, dancing & media coverage. The other change we have is that we are unable to set-up a discount room block with the hotel this far in advance of our event. We can only set one up a few months in advance. But, all those who register for the banquet will be contacted once the discount rooms are available. There will also be an on-line discount registration link made available as well for those who would rather register for their rooms on-line, than call in.

IMPORTANT

Once we've loaded information about our upcoming 2025 WHFSC function in our “UPCOMING EVENTS” link, which will be soon.....

Instead of sending out attendance forms as we have done in the past....PLEASE REGISTER FOR OUR 2025 WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY/SOKESHIP COUNCIL event by going to the “UPCOMING EVENTS” link of our website at

<https://www.whfsc.com/events.html> . Download & fill out the proper forms & submit payment & form(s) electronically or via regular mail. There will also be an important information sheet at that link concerning things like Visas, if you are from another country; theme park tickets; links for booking low cost plane fare tickets, etc. REMEMBER TO COME IN FORCE FOR THIS EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF THIS ICONIC COUNCIL!



Soke Frank E. Sanchez

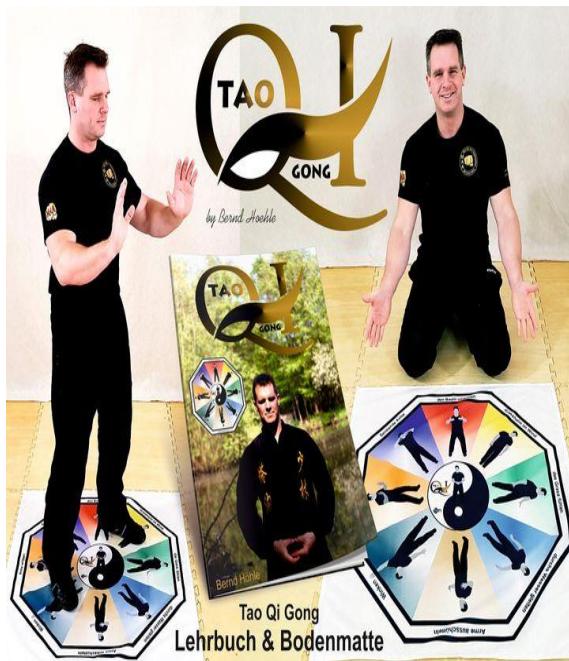


Host hotel – The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel across from Universal Studios Theme Park in Orlando, Florida

A COLLAGE OF PAST WHFSC EVENTS

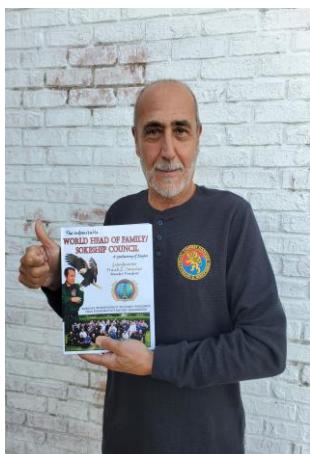


In our new books department.....



From Sweden, GM Lars Magnar Enoksen has a new book in the Swedish language called “HEATHEN RITES OF ANCIENT NORDIC CHRONICALS”. Available in both hard cover for 350 Swedish Kronor & e-book for 200 Swedish Kronor. You can go to Lars website of <https://www.larsmagnarenoksen.com/store/books/heathen-rites-of-ancient-nordic-chronicles/> to order. You can also write to Lars at larスマgnare@gmail.com for more information.

GM Bernd Hohle of Germany is also on the cover of a new book that is out called, “TAO QI GONG FOR HARMONY, HEALTH & ENERGY MIND – BODY & SOUL” with optional training mat available from the website <https://maa-i.sumupstore.com/produkte?page=2> . For more information, write to Bernd at info@maa-i.com



GM John Pellegrini holds a copy of the “Indomitable WHF/SC”

The WHFSC’s own book entitled “THE INDOMITABLE WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY/SOKESHIP COUNCIL” gives the history of the WHFSC through the eyes of its founder, GM Frank E. Sanchez. It also gives a brief history of the founder’s background & a listing of our committee members & membership through 2021. Edited by GGM Jim Arvanitis & still available for purchase on AMAZON.COM

Also, re-released is the WHFSC’s FIRST book written by Don Warrener in 2008 entitled, “THE WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY SOKESHIP COUNCIL. Available on AMAZON.COM .

Both books on this historic Council should be in every serious martial artist’s library.

In our new members department.....

We are proud to announce the following additions to the Grandmasters Division of the WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY/SOKESHIP COUNCIL.....From Texas - American action movie icon, martial arts champion & founder of CHUN KUK DO, GM Chuck Norris. Also, from the U.S., the inheritor of our late member, Fumio Demura, Sensei's GENBU KAI INTERNATIONAL in California, Thanh Nguyen, Sensei ; & from Malaysia, , founder of the PERANTARA ACADEMY OF MARTIAL & CULTURAL ARTS . Dato' Dr. Huzaifah Hashim.



GM Chuck Norris (L) w/ GM Gary Wasniewski



Thanh Nguyen, Sensei (standing) w/ the late Fumio Demura, Sensei



Dato' Dr. R.A. Hazaifah

In our Masters Division....We have new member, Master Jira Mesamarn, practitioner of Buddhaisawan Thai Sword from Thailand & lastly, in our Honorary Members division,



Master Jira Mesamarn

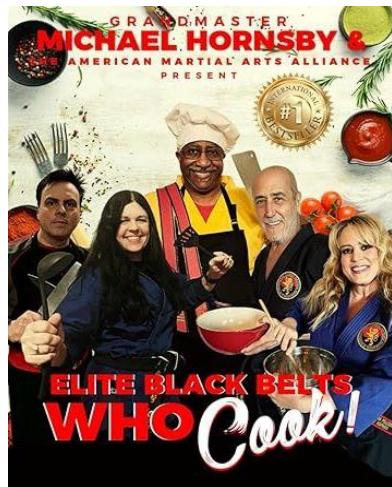


Mrs. Gena Norris

we have former model & TV actress, Mrs. Gena Norris, wife of American action movie Star/ martial artist, GM Chuck Norris.

WELCOME to your new family, the WORLD HEAD OF FAMILY/SOKESHIP COUNCIL!

On the covers of martial arts publications this quarter.....



GM John & Master Trina Pellegrini on cover of martial arts cook book



GM Bobby Taboada on the cover of Spring issue of Masters Magazine

In the magazines this quarter.....

In MASTERS MAGAZINE's Spring issue.....GM Bobby Taboada is featured as the cover story (article by Dr. Garth Dicker called "Just Call Me Bobby"); with an article by GM Zosia Gorbaty entitled "MARRIED TO MARTIAL ARTS". Detailing her teaching & promotion of martial arts with her husband, GM Chaka Zulu, founder of Zujitsu; & an article entitled "Urban Combative" by GM Willie "The Bam" Johnson....BLACK BELT MAGAZINE under new Publisher, GM George Chung & Jungo TV has a new format, which is all digital & e-mailed out in newsletter fashion. Until we can understand how this all works. Here is what we have so far.....BB's Jan. 19th mailing contained an article on "THE WORLD'S TOP PROMOTERS". Included in the list were our members, Art Davies for being a co-founder of the UFC; the late GM Ed Parker Sr, for promotion of the "LONG BEACH INTERNATIONAL KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS" & member, Kuristina Oyama's Father, the late Sosai Mas Oyama for founding KYOKUSHIN KARATE & the "INTERNATIONAL KARATE ORGANIZATION".....BB's Feb 17th issue features a "COVER THROWBACK" of GM Ron Van Cleef & interview with GM Donnie Williams in its "WISDOM FROM THE MASTERS" Column.....BB's Feb 24th mailing features the late GM Ronald Duncan in its "TRADITIONAL" Column.....BB's March 2nd mailing contained an article entitled "THE MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN ON THE PLANET" featuring amongst others, our members Graciela Casillas & Malia Dacascos Bernal; a full video interview of GM Malia Bernal under its "MASTERS WAY" Column; a George Chung interview with Travis Wong, Son of GM Douglas & Carrie Ogawa Wong entitled "TRAVIS WONG, FROM GROWING UP WITH THE SIFU TO BECOMING A LEADING STUNT COORDINATOR" & a premium video with GM Bill Wallace entitled 'LEGENDS OF MARTIAL ARTS WITH BILL 'SUPERFOOT' WALLACE"..... BB's March 9th mailing highlighted a special feature article on the late Fumio Demura, Sensei entitled "THE REAL MR. MIYAGI FUMIO DEMURA: SHITO-RYU KARATE".....BB's March 15th mailing features GM Chuck Norris doing a flying sidekick on one of their past covers in their "THE FLYING SIDEKICK article.....BB's March 16th mailing features the same article on the Flying Sidekick with Chuck Norris & an article on the "HISTORY OF THE NANCHAKU" w/ pic of Fumio Demura, Sensei.....& BB's March 18th mailing features an article on GGM Jim Arvanitis in their "Traditonal Arts" Column entitled "LETHAL HANDS: 11 CLOSE QUARTER ATTACKS FROM THE ANCIENT GREEK ART OF PANKRATION".....lastly, BUDO INTERNATIONAL'S latest issue features an Editorial by Shidoshi Alfredo Tucci entitled "CATALOGS, FANATICISM, & FOOLISHNESS"; GM Avi Nardia's "SENSEI ON THE ROAD" Column & an article on GM Martin Sewer entitled "GM MARTIAN SEWER SHAOLIN HUNG GAR KUNG FU THE CHIU CHI LING LINEAGE"

HISTORICAL PHOTO



GM Chuck Norris & GM Gary Wasniewski show their striking prowess during a meeting at The London Film & Comic Con that took place on July 2023 in England



Well, this concludes our newsletter for January – March, 2024. Please remember to send in your news for our next newsletter & remember to stay aggressive & fair in all you do until next time.

**Your brother in the Arts,
Sensei Frank E. Sanchez – Editor/ WHFSC Founder**



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NOTE: T-shirts and jackets are ordered on an individual basis and are not mass produced – turn around time may be three or more weeks for delivery. There is also a three week clearance time on personal checks before order is processed.