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National Festival & Championships East Coast Summer 2010

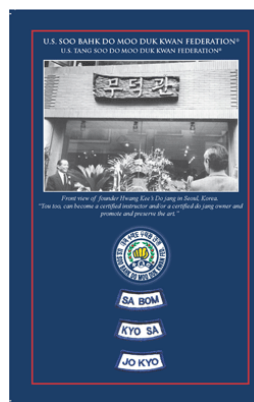
Pursuant to overwhelming member responses via online surveys and with TAC and Board support, the 2010 National Festival will be held on the East Coast in the summer of 2010. East Coast instructors who have specifically committed their support to the event include: **Thomas Brnich SBN, Ed Frampton SBN, Cort Stinehour SBN, Joey Poppo SBN, Denise Mullin SBN, Frank Schermerhorn, SBN, William Ginyard SBN, Michael Garaguso SBN, Dave Boucher Kyo Sa Nim, John Maihos and Master, Howard Kea SBN.** Names of additional supporters and other event information will be posted on the wiki as it becomes available.

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/NationalFestival2010> * www.soobahkdo.com

Ko Dan Ja Shim Sa & Moment With The Masters, West Coast, Ramona, Ca Fall 2010

The 2010 Ko Dan Ja Shim Sa and Moment With The Masters will be hosted by Region 9 members in the Fall of 2010 with **Sa Bom Nim John Mahony** coordinating local support for both TAC events. Additional information and online registration will be available soon.

2009 Edition Gup & Dan Member Manuals Now Available Through Certified Studios



Variable Term Tiny Tot Memberships Now Available



Online at
www.soobahkdo.com

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/GupAndDanMemberManual2009>

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Direct From The Technical Advisory Committee

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/TechnicalAdvisoryCommittee>

By: Phillip Bartolacci, Sa Bom Nim



A Word About The Revised Rank Requirements



[Phillip Bartolacci](#)
[TAC Chair](#)

The USA TAC is excited to have introduced the revised rank requirements presented in the 2009 Edition of the Gup and Dan member manual.

These updates and revisions have been implemented in response to Kwan Jang Nim's goals for increasing technical quality among all practitioners, supporting global standardization among all Moo Duk Kwan practitioners and in response to member feedback obtained over the years.

A Word About The 2010 National TAC Seminar Tour

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/NationalTACSeminarTour2010>

In addition to exciting member training sessions planned during the 2010 National TAC Seminar Tour, additional guidance will be provided for Regional Officials and Certified Instructors about implementing the revised curriculum for students.

In support of Kwan Jang Nim's Vision Objectives for increasing the public visibility of our art, each hosting region's officials and members are encouraged to utilize the National TAC Seminar Tour appearances as opportunities to initiate local outreach and public visibility efforts for our art by actively inviting prospective members and supporters to the events for a "Discovering Soo Bahk Do" experience.

Each region is free to express their own creativity and ingenuity in developing a "Discovering Soo Bahk Do" experience that is focused on identifying, inviting and involving, educating and potentially recruiting qualified new members, new studios and other supporters who can help in the long-term preservation of our art. Each region has a dedicated wiki page where information and links about the TAC appearances in their region will be posted.

World Moo Duk Kwan Patch Introduction

Some of you may have already seen the new World Moo Duk Kwan patch on the dobahks of a few senior Federation members. During 2010 the new patches will be available through Headquarters and will begin replacing the existing patches on dobahks. The current Federation patch and others

will continue to be available through Headquarters for display other than on dobahks.



WMDK Chest Patch



WMDK Left Shoulder Patch

NPVT Promotes Public Visibility via Facebook.



Join over 1000 others who have become fans of Kwan Jang Nim's fan page posted on Facebook by Sa Bom Nim Steve Lemmer, the NPVT Chief Technology Officer. www.facebook.com Search for H.C. Hwang

Kwan Jang Nim's 2009 Year End Greeting

Kwan Jang Nim recently shared his thoughts about some important events in 2009 with all Studio Owners, Instructors and Ko Dan Ja via a nice year end letter. His letter has been appended to this Newsletter so every member has the opportunity to read it. Enjoy.

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Board of Directors Update

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/BoardOfDirectors>

By: 2009 Chairman of the Board, Charles Smith Sa Bom Nim



Charles Smith
2009 Board Chair

Greetings fellow members,

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank you for your active participation in strengthening our foundation and sharing our art with others. Many of you have found individual ways to contribute in a productive manner.

I would like to begin this column by specifically acknowledging to some of the people who have recently made contributions to the cause of the Moo Duk Kwan. We want to publicly acknowledge our Board Recognition Award recipients Dae Kyu Jang Sa Bom Nim and David Boucher Kyo Sa. We extend a thank you to the members who donated and bid upon auction items at the National Festival. Your contributions raised over \$7,000.

We are also appreciative of our new lifetime members who responded to this membership drive. They are:

- Greg Bryan Sa Bom Nim**
- James Sevel, Sa Bom Nim**
- PJ Steyer, Sa Bom Nim**
- Anna Oulashin Sa Bom Nim**
- Michael Steidley, Sa Bom Nim**
- Ed Horni, Master**
- John Maihos, Master**
- Pat McCarthy, Kyo Sa Nim**
- Mark Boggess, Kyo Sa Nim**
- William Toomey**
- Sarah Holliday Smith**
- Raymond Smith**
- Justin Johnson**
- Warren Osborne**
- Morgan Osborne**
- Sean Oulashin**
- Scott Wimmer**
- Charles Guittari**
- Thomas Bigelow**
- Carla Bigelow**
- James Zeigler Jr**

Everyone's contribution is valuable and each member's strengths and skills have the potential to benefit our common goals.

Our opportunity as an organization is to identify the talents of our members and match members with opportunities to make contributions. Hopefully, these newsletter articles and your ongoing dialog with your Board representative will help keep you informed of these opportunities.

The Board has the major responsibility for ensuring funding and administration of all the activities and functions of the Federation, including the work of the Kwan Jang Nim, TAC, SAC, Hu Kyun In, Regional Examiners, and NPVT.

Below are three upcoming opportunities for you to participate in the Board's work

1. We are in the process of creating the charter & bylaws for a 501(c)3 organization (a non-profit charity organization to be associated with the Federation). We are looking for people with the skills and commitment to start and lead the development of this organization. This will likely include a three year, hands on, commitment as a board member.
2. Our 2010 National Festival is being planned for a new location on the east coast. We need volunteers to work on planning and event tasks.
3. Online member registration services will continue to be enhanced and new features are in the testing phase now. We encourage studio owners to have new members to use online registration and provide feedback to HQ about it.

Finally, I want to mention that the Board passed a forward looking budget for 2010 that is focused both on stability and growth of the Moo Duk Kwan. Hopefully, many of you have had a chance to read the letter we posted at the end of October covering the highlights of action initiatives and dues increases.

I want to reiterate our intent to not have Federation membership fees prevent anyone from maintaining their connection to the Moo Duk Kwan. Although the membership dues increase is \$1.66 per month and an individual membership will cost \$6.66 per month, we realize that some members continue to experience very difficult economic circumstances.

Please contact Federation Headquarters if you need to have some of the dues or fees waived in order to maintain your connection.

In Moo Do,

Chuck Smith
Chairman, Board of Directors



NPVT Showcase: Members Making a Difference

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/PVTActivityReports>

By: NPVT Chairman, Dave Boucher Kyo Sa Nim



Click Links to Read Full Stories



Community Clean Up Attracts Students

Master Greg Harwood, Region 1
Students all ages grabbed their rakes and cleaned up the yard at the Town's Community House.

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/GregHarwood>



100+ Youth Attend Hwa Rhang Festival

Kyo Sa Nim Erik Orella, Region 2
Report R2 PVT Committee Activity to

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/ErikOrella>



Soo Bahk Demo in Sports Arena

Ms. Deana Marron, Region 3
Brown's Karate School hosts 2nd annual Martial Arts Night with The Pelicans, Myrtle Beach's Single A Minor League Professional Baseball Team, affiliated with the Atlanta Braves. .

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/DeanaMarron>

Holiday Greetings from Region 4

Seeking RE NPVT Regional Rep
Apply via email to NPVT@soobahkdo.com

Photo



"Fun Raiser" nets \$1,400

Steven Lemner, Sa Bom Nim, Region 5
Helping students in need keep training.

Report R4 PVT Committee Activity to

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/SteveLemner>



Holiday Greetings from Region 6

James & Robyn Willers, Region 6

Report R6 PVT Committee Activity to

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/JamesWillers>

Holiday Greetings from Region 7

Dan Ellenbecker Sa Bom Nim, Region 7

Report R7 PVT Committee Activity to

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/DanEllenbecker>

Photo



Holiday Greetings from Region 8

Oliver Whitcomb, Sa Bom Nim, Region 8

Report R7 PVT Committee Activity to

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/OliverWhitcomb>

Beach Demo/Special Olympics net \$5K.

Mr. Ulrich Stang, Region 9

Special Olympic Kick-a-thon and breaking demonstration attended by Santa Barbara. Mayor.

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/UlrichStang>



Holiday Greetings from Region 10

Master Dianna Hume, Region 10

Report R10 PVT Committee Activity to

<http://soobahkdo.editme.com/DianaHume>



2009 Strong Finish



Josh Duncan
NPVT Treasurer

With 2009 quickly coming to an end, it is time to look back over the past year and think about what you have accomplished and where you have fallen short of your expectations. It is also a good time to reflect on what you have done over the past year, and start plans for the new year. How much higher can you set the bar? How can you retool your efforts and actions to make more

headway in areas that you felt were lacking? The end of the year is upon us, and yet there is much to do.

Through our actions as instructors, leaders and mentors within the Moo Duk Kwan we have the potential to achieve great things. But everyone has potential. It is what you have done and are currently doing that really defines whether or not that potential will see the light of day and bear fruit. So, to end the year, look back and ask yourself, "What have I done and what have I accomplished"?

Kwan Jang Nim has asked us all to take an active role in supporting and achieving the President's Vision Objectives of increasing the Moo Duk Kwan's membership quality and quantity. Have you taken action to achieve these goals? If you have taken action, to what degree did those actions produce results? How did those results benefit your students, your studio and the future of the Moo Duk Kwan? Can those actions be improved and be more effective?

With the above thoughts in mind, remember that the past is the past. Nothing we can do can change what we have done, or have not done over the past year. It is what it is. History. We can learn from it, benefit from it and grow stronger, or not. I tell my students that on any given day, they are who they are due to their actions or inactions up to this point. It is no different with us as studio owners and instructors. We are where we are today due to what we have done in the past. For better or for worse.

No matter the results of this past year, the future is still ahead of us. Take personal action now to be sure it is going to be a bright one for yourself, your students and the Moo Duk Kwan. Look ahead and envision what you hope to achieve by the end of 2010. Set your goals now and establish the plan that you intend on implementing to achieve those goals. Be more active in your community to share and demonstrate the benefits of the Moo Duk Kwan as well as create visibility for your studio. Take more action within your region to support events and your students through the training opportunities and camaraderie created through that training. Set goals on new student enrollment and ways of achieving those goals. Whatever your goals are, stay consistent and active in achieving them. Just as in our training, we must not allow ourselves to become stagnant and lazy in our journey.

This past September marked my 25th year since my journey in the Moo Duk Kwan began. Looking back, I have achieved many goals and fallen short of many others. I am where I am today because of past actions. I look forward to this next year in the Moo Duk Kwan as both an instructor and student to set new goals for myself and my students to help make the Moo Duk Kwan a much stronger organization. I am sure that all of you have the same desire but, desire without action won't do the job. With us all taking personal action, improved membership quality and quantity is not just a possibility, but will be a reality.