

2017 2nd QUARTER WTSDF News Letter

Western Tang Soo Do Federation: Mission Statement

The Western Tang Soo Do Federation has been founded for the purpose of instilling discipline and respect in all its members who are willing to endure the sacrifices required to obtain the rank of Black Belt.

The training is designed to benefit the individual practitioner and also to build a team. This will help the members to develop camaraderie and learn the importance of working relationships with all of their associates, both in the Martial Arts and in other endeavors.

We will stand out in this world as leaders, setting an example to others of what can be accomplished physically, mentally and morally.

Federation members will learn, teach and demonstrate respect for others in all their associations. This respect influences family, business and other relationships, and promotes a healthier lifestyle for all those who are associated with the Western Tang Soo Do Federation.



Note from the President

In The Spring of 1972 -

I was vacationing on the eastern shore about 20 miles north of Ocean City, Maryland with some friends and we learned of an all professional karate tournament going on there so we decided to attend. Some of the great players of the day were there such as Jeff Smith, Howard Jackson, Joe Corley and others. Sitting in the bleachers I was looking down and around the shoulder of a guy in front of me who had a karate uniform on and I didn't pay much attention to who he was but when a break came in the action the man stood up and I noticed the back of his uniform said, "Tang Soo Do" and the name underneath was "Norris". I realized I was sitting right behind Chuck Norris (my idol). He proceeded down the steps to talk to people below us. Little did I know that many years later I would become one of his black belts in the Chuck Norris System, and that I would have the honor of meeting Chuck Norris. For me this was truly a highlight in my martial arts career.

Mr. Mable



JULY 8TH -- CAMP OUT & SEMINAR

- *Information will be coming soon with the Utah location for this event.*
- *Please save the date, and we hope to see you there.*

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Message from **Brian Mable Karate Club** –

March 11th - Congratulations to **Mr. Newton** who advanced to his **5th Dan**

April 27th - Congratulations to **Theo Law** who advanced to his **11th Gold**

May 6th - Congratulations to **Kuba Bartnik** who now holds the “Freshman” 400m Dash with a record time of **52.63** seconds at Glenwood Springs High School



Message from **Las Vegas Karate Club** – by Mrs. Douglas

In 1966 when Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were first married --

Mr. Douglas was either a green belt or a red belt in Tang Soo Do, but the person he was taking karate from was leaving town and there was no one else in town at the time who was teaching Tang Soo Do. So, he set out to find someone to associate with. He went to California and started checking out the different studios. When we walked into Chuck Norris’ studio, Mr. Douglas knew that was the one. After meetings with Mr. Norris and shortly after, we flew Mr. Norris to our home in Las Vegas several times a month where Mr. Douglas received private lessons from him. (I can still envision Mr. Norris sitting on our couch eating ice cream out of the carton after the lessons.) . . . and that is how Mr. Douglas got his black belt. Who would think that 50 years later we would still be having karate classes in the same place where Mr. Douglas got his black belt from Mr. Norris.



Message from **Bledsoe Karate Club** –

March 11th - **1st Dan** -- **Congratulations** to **Savanna Howard**



2nd Quarter Student Advancements

4th Green (Arthur Villezcas)

6th Green (Daniel Sheely)

8th Blue (Jacob Villezcas)

5th Green (Eugene Sheely & Alex Villezcas)

7th Blue (David Sheely)

9th Gold (Sarah Hammons / Skyler Russell,
Eva Hammons / Kylee Frye)

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Message from **Brad Solomon Karate Club** –

- March 11th - Congratulations to **Mr. Brad Solomon** who advanced to his **2nd Dan**.
- **Tests in February 2017** were very rewarding.
 - 1) *Joshua Johnson* is our FIRST student to earn his **1st Red Belt**, and is now preparing for his Dan.
 - 2) *Liz Edwards* advanced to her **2nd Red Belt**.



QUOTE: *Don't fear the strongest, fear the one who will never give up.*

Final Score: Big 10 Basketball Conference between Northwestern 67 - Michigan 65
March 1, 2017 - with 1.7 seconds left in game, Northwestern threw the ball across length of court for a game winning layup.

"I came in and challenged them. I told them there is pressure in anything good in life involves handling pressure. We're not gonna avoid it anymore, not gonna skirt around it. We gotta go out and win."

(by Chris Collins (Northwestern Head Coach))
