

# 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

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## *Note from the President*

### Thank you, Board Members –

Many stories and history bytes have been included in the quarterly newsletter, but this time I would like to change course a little and give recognition to and thank the Board of Directors of the Western Tang Soo Do Federation for their time and effort in helping to make it the professional organization that it is. We discuss the business of the organization and what direction we would like to grow. We build on the positive and recognize our faults too and seek answers to fix things. Also, each time our organization gets together a few board members volunteer their time to schedule the various clinics and seminars, and some even lead the workshops so that our members and invited guests can see the expertise and knowledge demonstrated by them.

All of our board members have many years of experience under their belts, and they have been trained by some of the best in the country such as Master Dick Douglas to name just one. It is an honor to be on the board, and not only do we recognize each other as expert black belts, but we have become good friends as well and are proud to represent the professional organization the WTSDF is today. Listed below in alphabetical order are the current board members.

Mr. Brian Mable, President

Mrs. Eden Bejarano

Mrs. Tina Houser

Mr. John Leibundtgut

Mr. Robert Olds

Mr. Monte Bledsoe, Executive Vice President

Mr. David Clark

Mr. Ted Klokman

Mr. Dave Malehorn

Mrs. Dottie Douglas, Exec. Secretary

Mr. Dague

Mr. Dave Kluge

Mr. Ken Newton

Being a board member can be a thankless job sometimes, so the next time you see one of them it would not be wrong to lift their spirits and thank them for their time they have put in to help to make the WTSDF a quality martial art organization.

*Mr. Mable*

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## **Coming Soon . . .**

### **July 14th - Utah Seminar and Camp Out**

**WHERE: Beaver, Utah KOA Camp Ground**

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**NOTE: A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer**

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Message from: **Brian Mable Karate Club** –



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Karate Testing March 21<sup>st</sup>

- Enoch Hippensteel passing his **11<sup>th</sup> Gold Belt**

Mr. Mable - Recently Mr. Mable was asked to teach self-defense classes to nearly (100) one-hundred Jr. Air Force ROTC cadets at Glenwood Springs High School. The classes were broken up into four 3-hour days during the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. The classes consisted of self-defense techniques and mental strategies representing various situations. With recent and unfortunate events happening at schools across the country the classes were well received teaching basic self-defense skills and awareness to students in case they are needed. Mr. Mable has been asked to return to provide more training.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

**\*\* Mr. Pablo Gorra -**

Congratulations for graduation from College of Engineering & Applied Science. Mr. Gorra received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

**\*\* Mr. Kyle Davis - May 12, 2018**

Congratulations for the graduation from Northern Arizona University. Mr. Davis received (2) two Bachelor of Science Degrees. One in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and One in Political Science.  
Mom is Proud ! ! ! !

**\*\* Mr. Leonard Henderson - UPDATE**

Mr. Henderson is back in the Glenwood valley this summer to be the Team Sports Coordinator, and teach a Geopolitical Science class at Colorado Rocky Mt. School.

In the Fall he will be off to Humboldt State University to pursue an MA in Public Sociology. He will be a Teaching Associate, a grader and a research assistant for the Department of Sociology.

And . . . the University decided to waive his tuition ! ! !



Message from: **Las Vegas Karate Club** – by Mr. Klokman



**CONGRATULATIONS:** Karate Testing June 11<sup>th</sup>

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Red** - Benicio Bejarano \* Matthew Hill \* Mary Wion
- **7<sup>th</sup> Blue** - Chaya Bejarano \* Angel Frias
- **11<sup>th</sup> Gold** - Azael Bejarano

Everyone gave their best effort, and performed well. We are proud of them all ! ! ! !



Message from: **Brad Solomon Karate Club** –



## CONGRATULATIONS -

### Student Testings:

- There were **(27)** students testing for advancements this quarter. Mr. Bledsoe was able to attend these student testing's.

### Utah Summer Games RESULTS:

- Jett (age 8) -- received 2 Silver Medals
- Ryder (age 7) -- received 2 Silver Medals
- Mr. Solomon -- received 2 Silver Medals and 1 Bronze Medal



Message from: **Bledsoe Karate Club** –



## CONGRATULATIONS: Karate Testing May 29<sup>th</sup>

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Red** - Alex and Aurthur Villezcas
- **5<sup>th</sup> Green** - Laura Adams
- **9<sup>th</sup> Orange** - Emmitt Villezcas

## **Academic Achievements**

(we wish them the best of luck in their endeavors)

**\*\* Garrett German** - Graduated from Moapa Valley High School

Receiving my Black Belt has definitely shaped me into the young man I am today. After being awarded my belt I look back on all the obstacles and trials I had to go through to get to where I am. There were a lot of times where I wanted to give up, where I felt like I was too busy to go to class, or I just wanted to stay home and sleep. But I know that I would have never forgiven myself if I had fallen short of my own greatest potential.

I have learned a lot of lessons along the way, but the biggest one from finally reaching my goal is this: “anything you vividly imagine, ardently desire, and enthusiastically act upon will inevitably come to pass.” By actually learning and applying this lesson to my life instead of just reading it on an inspirational poster, I have accomplished more things than I ever thought possible.

I will continue to apply these lessons as I further my education at **Dixie State University** in St. George, Utah. Having always had a desire to help others, and trained for years to protect them, I don't think it is a surprise that I am eager to begin studying to work as an EMT. I hope to continue to serve and help others throughout my life as I grow and achieve bigger goals so that I may reach my greatest potential.

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Message from: **Bledsoe Karate Club** – (continued)

**\*\* Joshua Lee** - Graduated from Moapa Valley High School

I will be receiving my Eagle Scout award very soon. I will also be serving a (2) two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. I have been called to serve in Guatemala where I will be teaching in the Spanish language, and I depart in September.

After my mission I plan to go to college at **Southern Utah University**. My major is still undecided. I also hope to be part of the track team there since I won the 3A Nevada State Championship in the pole vault.