



Wado Karate Centers News

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November Belt Graduations

Pictured below are the students who graduated to new belts at the October belt exams. Each new belt is affirmation of another successful step completed toward Black Belt Excellence. The long-term goal of every student should be to achieve his or her Black Belt. This is why Wado Karate Centers is called a **Black Belt School!**

Jr. Gold Belt (not pictured)

Daniel Monroe
Montez Martin

Gold Belt

Caleb Bush
Alex Cooper

Orange Belt

Sydney Smith

Blue Belt

Sammie Crownover
Allen Gore

Ashley Westmoreland (adult)

Purple Belt

Hayden Borghi
Tristan Gould

Brown Belt (2nd Class)

Tyler Bishop



Welcome Future Black Belts!

Kamari Southerland, Savion Johnson and Sahid Luna joined our school during the past month and began their journey to Black Belt Excellence. The journey from white belt to Black Belt is not difficult but it takes perseverance. So, set Black Belt as your goal and remember: **Goals we set are goals we get!**

Mark Your Calendar

Nov 10-15: Stripe Week

Nov 22: Monthly Belt Exam

Nov 27: Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec 3 & 4: Family Nights!

Word of the Month

The word of the month for October is **Impression**, which is an idea, feeling, or opinion about something or someone. Everyone's mind forms impressions of people, places and things, often in the first few seconds. We will be discussing with the students how they can make great "impressions" in life by using eye contact, polite behavior, and a firm handshake. Please discuss this word and it's meaning at home with your children as well. Black belts always strive to leave a great impression!! Thanks to Sam Snead for suggesting another great word!!

Close Combat Seminar

Pictured above right are USARMY Ranger LT. Alex Graves (back row, far right) and the participants of his "Close Combat" seminar he conducted at our dojo last month. Mr. Graves is a 2nd degree black belt in Wado-Ryu Karate as well as a self-defense and close combat instructor at Ft. Campbell Army Base. We were thrilled to have had him conduct this seminar and all who attended received world-class training from this true American hero! Mr.

Graves is also a West Point Graduate and is the son of 6th degree black belt Mr. J.K. Graves (back row, far left) who teaches our senior adult black belts! Sensei Schutz tells people all of the time... "You want your child to follow Alex's lead!" Thank you again LT. Alex Graves, you truly are the best!!



New Youth Black Belt!

Twice each year the USEASTERN Wado Federation holds exams for 1st degree black belt. A student must be 10 years of age and proficient in all of the required material according to the International Federation of Wado-Ryu Karate in Japan. Below with Sensei Schutz is Mr. Jack Pierce, who was not quite old enough to be eligible for the exam but has the knowledge to pass the test. Hence, Sensei Schutz has promoted him to "Youth" black belt and he will be on the official test once he meets the age requirement. Way to go Jack!!! We are all very proud of you!!



