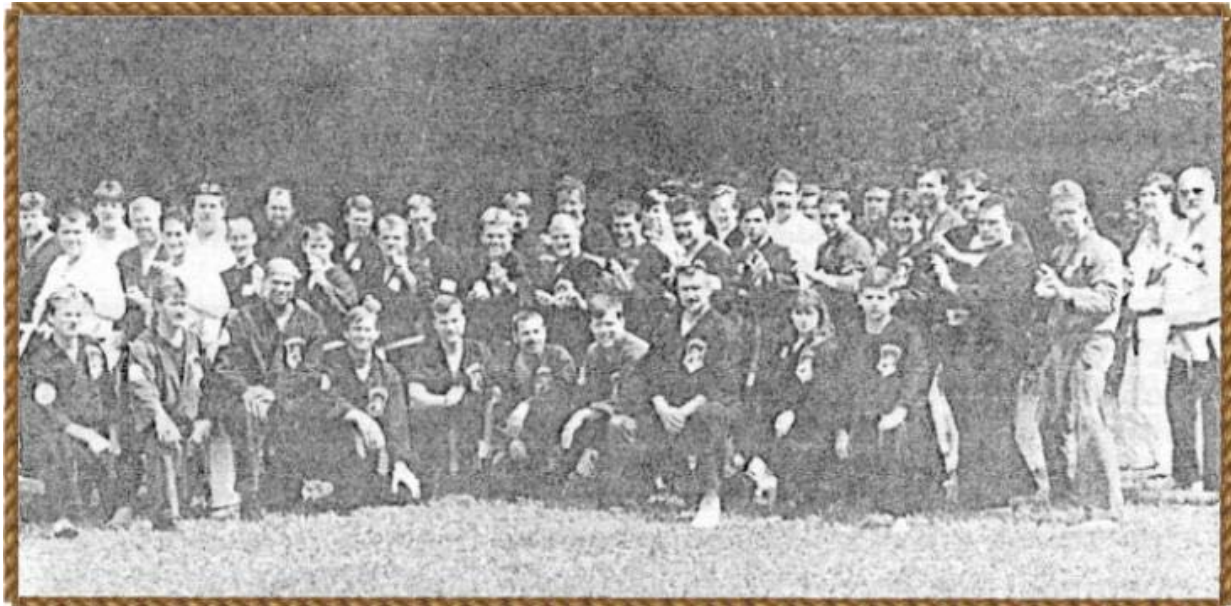


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THE AMAZING AMITE AMALGAMATION

If you weren't there, you wouldn't believe it. We had the time of our lives down in Amite, Louisiana. It was hot and sticky and nobody cared. The Brotherhood of Kenpo ran even hotter and the sweat made it all that much better. The camaraderie was so thick you could cut it with a knife. It was like a feeding frenzy, everybody got everybody else going.

I heard someone say he thought it was amazing, that for as many people that were there, there wasn't one hard-head in the crowd and I'm happy to agree. I have been around literally thousands of Martial Artists covering a span of nearly forty years and while I've been with groups that equaled this one in attitude, they were always much smaller in number. This was by far the largest group I've ever been with, that was so mutual in **mind, spirit and purpose**.

Because of the diversity of the group and the number of Certified Instructors we had supporting us, some of which came with us all the way from the West Coast others who drove down from Atlanta, Georgia we were able to divide the group into five segments,

by rank, each having its own instructor. We then rotated Certified Instructors so that each unit got an example of the difference in teaching styles, even though we were all teaching the same material.

The barbeque Dr. Goldsby, our host, threw for us at the pool Friday evening was absolutely the most outstanding we'd ever seen. If we printed the menu you'd salivate. He spared no expense and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him once again. On behalf of everyone, **Thank you, Reggie!** Saturday evening (and most of the night) in the French Quarter in New Orleans was another example of camaraderie run rampant. It's indescribable; you would have had to have been there.



The Black Belt crew in Amite Louisiana.
L to R: Bill Sims 2nd Dan, Jeff Salzman 1st Dan, Damon Excell 3rd Dan,
Chuck, Vic, Paul Britton 4th Dan, Bob Barnett 4th Dan, Doug Wheeler 2nd Dan

ON THE ROAD AGAIN (THIS TIME-NEW YORK)

As you know, the Karate Connection's main function is to teach Kenpo via interactive video correspondence. The program has been working like gang-busters and for most of the world that's the way it has to be, because of distance.

There's an old saying that if "Mohammed can't come to the mountain, you should take the mountain out to Mohammed". I could never quite figure that one out but we have figured out, that if there enough people who want to come to us for hands-on training but can't, sometimes we can go to them. It's not something we do often but because Jeff K. Blay in Schenectady, New York is having the Grand Opening for his dojo and because he thought it would be great for his students to meet and get some personal training from his instructors he's invited us there for a long weekend.

Jeff Blay is one of those people who loves Kenpo, loves the Karate Connection system, loves teaching it, loves his fellow Martial Artists and loves having them all come together. He is inviting every Martial Artist regardless of style or system to his school to

check out the Karate Connection. We of course are only too happy for the opportunity to meet and work hands on, with people from across the country. Teaching by video is very effective but it's a lot more fun doing it in person for a group of passionately enthusiastic Martial Artists.

Quite a few people drove several hundred miles to attend the Amite, Louisiana seminar and Jeff tells us he's already been contacted by people from several states surrounding his location who have requested information and have assured him that they'll be there. If it's anything like Amite, it's going to be another incredible time. We plan to have a general workout for Karate Connection members Friday evening, free of charge. For the Saturday Seminar Mr. Blay is asking a donation of \$5.00 each for people coming out of town. The bargain of a lifetime.

The type of seminar we conduct will depend upon how many of those attending are already involved with the Karate Connection and how many are there to evaluate the system.

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STAND-UP FIGHTING

-VS.-

GROUND FIGHTING

To begin with, the use of the word *versus* (abbreviated vs.) is inappropriate, because the dictionary defines *versus* as “against”. In order to participate in stand-up fighting you must be **standing** and in order to do ground fighting you must be **on the ground**, so they **can’t** be against each other. That may seem a little tongue-in-cheek, but it was meant to be. The real point I’m trying to make is that they are two distinctly different kinds of fighting and should be thought of as such.

Those who teach ground fighting love to quote the statistic that 95% of all fights end up on the ground. I would agree if they said that 95% of all their fights wind up on the ground but to say that 95% of all fights end up on the ground, I feel, is far too broad a statement. If you are talking about a trained boxer fighting a non-trained person I doubt seriously the percentage would even remotely be near that figure. If you’re talking about a trained kick boxer fighting a trained boxer, again, I doubt the figure is anywhere near accurate. If you are talking about a Karateka against either of the two aforementioned fighters, again I doubt the fight would go to the ground, and if it did you can be confident they’d both regain their feet as soon as possible, as would two Karateka fighting each other. Why, because we are trained stand-up fighters.

Now, what happens if the fight does go to the ground? Would it be advantageous to have ground fighting training? **Of course it would!** If the UFC has taught us nothing else, it has certainly illustrated that point clearly enough. On the other hand, what if the ground fighter finds himself on the ground happily doing his thing when a second opponent comes up and kicks him in the head? **Not a good place to be.** Would he have been better off on his feet and more mobile? **Definitely!** Another question comes to mind. How many fights do you imagine have started on the ground? I have a feeling the answer is: very few. Ever see two guys crawl across a barroom floor and start fighting? (More tongue-in-cheek.) So, in all probability, the fight is going to start **standing up**, that’s where your **first training** should be! The fight should also **end there...** for you... not him... **he** should end up on the ground... alone... and you get to go home.

Logically, ground fighting has its’ place and now that it’s becoming more popular and more people have been trained in it, there’s an even greater necessity for a stand-up fighter to avail himself of supplemental ground training. It’s also nice to know you can end the fight right then and there without **having** to get back up.

Now comes the hard part. Where do you get this ground training? Unless you happen to live in a metropolitan area you’re probably going to have to rely on video. **Therein lies the problem.** We’ve trained with the people who have trained with the people and we’ve investigated and analyzed the most popular videos. Unfortunately, if these techniques aren’t done properly your

opponent could be lying there ordering lunch for all the discomfort you're causing him. This type of training verifiably requires a hands-on approach. Until you can be tutored during the actual application of a technique, with your partner acknowledging your effectiveness, your chances of doing it correctly are less than fair. There's another very negative aspect to this kind of training. If you do it correctly in the first place and you have no experience or background it's all too easy to go **just a little** too far and crank your partner's joint out of its' socket. He'll spend the next several months recovering at great expense both physically and financially and you lose a partner. The whole thing seems to be a Catch-22 situation.

The Karate Connection has researched this conundrum at length. In the final analysis we came to the conclusion that it wouldn't be practical to do it on video the way we have done our system, because of the hands-on necessity. I guess Ed Parker put it best when he said, "To hear is to believe, to see is to be deceived... feeling is believing!" I wish I had a buck for every time I heard him say that.

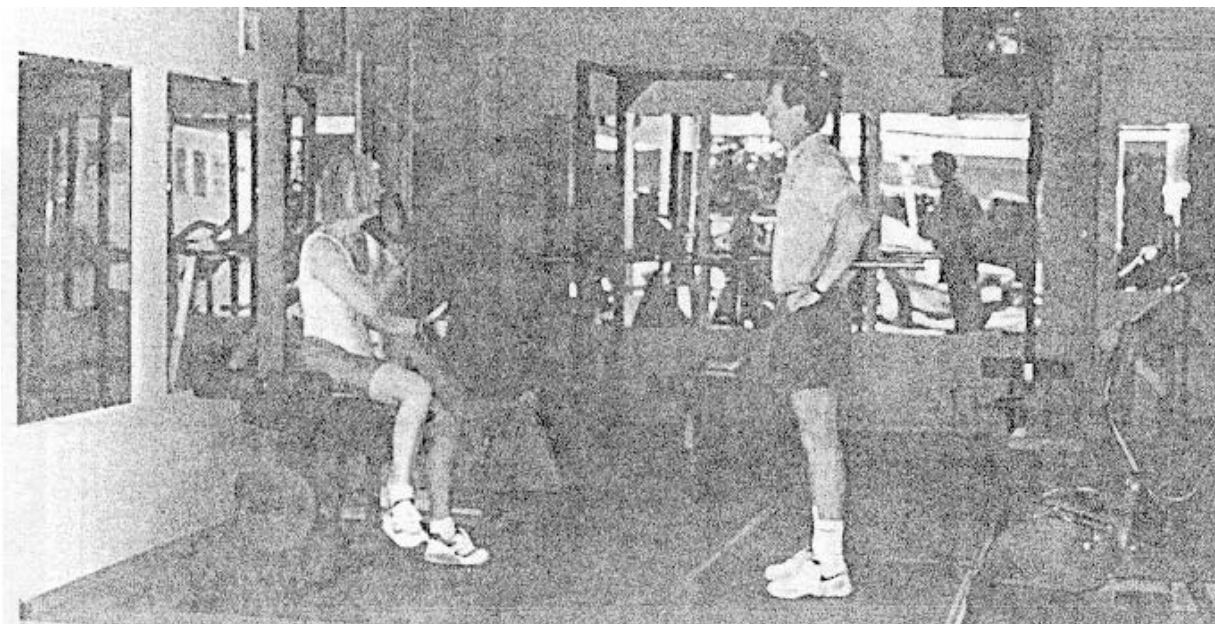
We considered the situation from every possible angle and couldn't see any way of truly **teaching** ground fighting, no matter who the Instructor was going to be and we had some great offers from some great people. It still came out, if he can't be there with you to physically move your bodies into the proper positions, all he'd be doing is **demonstrating** something and we would have no idea if you were really getting it or not, so we decided to leave it alone. That way, at least we would never be responsible for people thinking they've learned something they really had not. The worse combination is **over confident and under trained**.

I have experimented in Kenpo by physically moving my students with hands-on prompting and found it was actually counterproductive. Our moves can be better learned without touching the student. We can visually observe when they have it and are doing it correctly. It's very evident to us, unlike the ground fighting training. So, as much as I wish I had better news for you, you're on your own out there, when it comes to that kind of education, at least for now.

One final observation on this subject, you're **going to get hurt**. It **will** happen, count on it. Hopefully, it will only be a **hurt** as opposed to an **injury**. I know the dictionary gives each of those words as a synonym for the other but I have a slightly different feeling for them. A hurt goes away in a short time. You rub it or shake it off and it goes away. An injury requires stitches, x-rays, setting, surgery, crutches, doctors and or hospitals. I've been hurt lots of times but in all these years in Kenpo, injured only twice, (stitches and an x-ray), and then once within the few months I participated in ground fighting, (Orthopedic doctor, crutches and a knee brace), but I'm mostly healed now and I can't wait to get back to the ground. It's just something I enjoy. Go figure. However, this time I'll be more careful. The big black knee brace with the steel braces up the sides that I now have to wear whenever I workout will always act as a constant reminder.



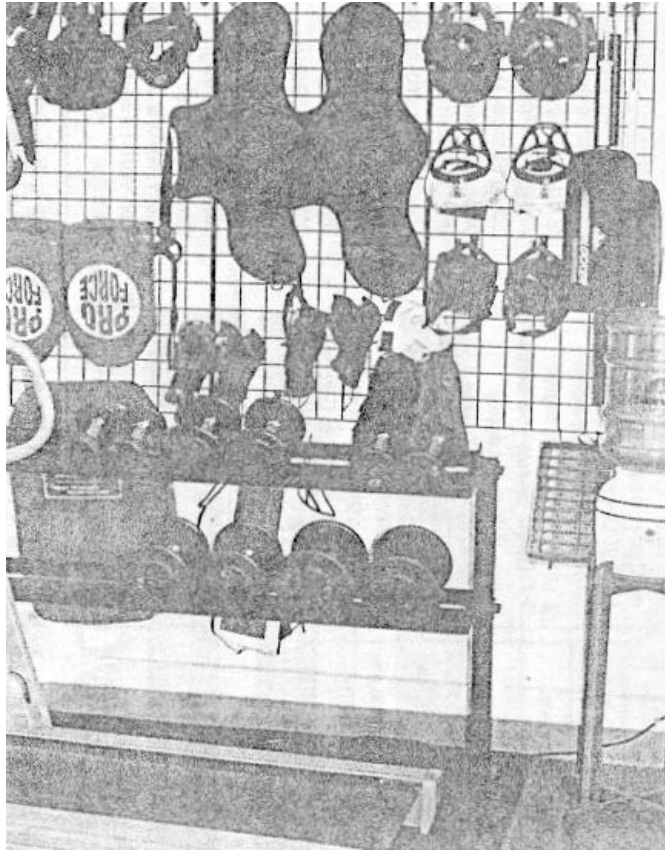
BOB BARNETT'S KENPO KARATE STUDIO FITNESS & TRAINING CENTER



The first thing that attracts your attention upon arrival at Mr. Barnett's studio is the total organization, neatness and attention to detail. The dojo-fitness studio is set up so the weight equipment can be moved off the beautifully fitted tatami mats instantly for the karate class.

Bob is perfectly set-up for teaching private lessons as well. Notice in the photo to the right the small frame set into the wall above the mirror to the left of Bob's Karate Connection Certificate. That opening houses a built-in video camera which he uses to tape his private lessons. It's Karate Connection policy that every private lesson be video taped so the student gets to study themselves as well as review their lesson. Bob just went a step further, as he usually does, by building the entire system into the wall. Notice as well the TV monitor at the top of the first photograph. He uses it to show the student a move to positively reinforce his correction. Video has many teaching advantages as you know from your Karate Connection training and private lesson interaction.





The photo to the left is the merchandise wall. Next to the water cooler is a complete set of the Karate Connection videos. Sales can account for a significant percentage of the dojo's income. What isn't displayed are uniforms, patches and other items for sale because of space and display limitations, but you can be assured the students and their parents are aware of the items and do purchase them.

Having a home dojo is an excellent means of creating extra income with little initial outlay and virtually no overhead. Commercial karate studios certainly generate more income but require full-time attention and a great deal of expense.

Mr. Barnett has the advantage of years as a personal physical trainer as well as his 4th Degree Black Belt. His cash outlay was a great deal more than the average home dojo and weight room would require, however, this is his full-time occupation and he felt he should do it right the first time.





Letters to the Editor

Once again, this past quarter, the IKCA received numerous letters but not many directed specifically to this column. As earlier stated, unless there is a question or observation we feel would be of interest to the majority of the membership, it probably wouldn't make it into print. We thank you for your many wonderful comments concerning the program but this section of the newsletter is reserved for the aforementioned only.

More than one letter to the Editor has mentioned the ring so many of you saw in the movie "The Perfect Weapon" and how we should have something similar.

First and foremost, the ring displayed in the movie was just a prop. Unfortunately that design was totally impractical even for casual wear, let alone for everyday use. Having two raised surfaces, one on top and the other on the underside, it would be destroying clothing at a rate you wouldn't believe; yours and other around you.

We've seen several rings depicting Kenpo and other styles of Karate. Many were anywhere from garish to downright ugly. One had a tiger that looked like a rat and a dragon that resembled a repulsive worm. Carving figures in "relief" (The projection of figures or forms from a flat background, as in sculpture.) is difficult when dealing with so small an item. **But it can be done.** We are fortunate to be living in an area that has such an abundance of services and having a close relative who has been in the jewelry business for many years makes it better yet.

We have been asked by members if they may submit design ideas for the IKCA ring. We would welcome any and all drawings or sketches for consideration. As with the help we received with the names for the techniques, the only reward would be the grateful acknowledgement of the IKCA and the satisfaction of having your ideas incorporated in to the final design. This sounds like a fun project. Send your design concepts (drawn or just described) to *Letters to the Editor*. Who knows, between us we might just come up with the definitive Kenpo ring. The IKCA membership has such an abundance of talent I feel, if anybody can do it, we can!





To Our Students:

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your promotion. We know what kind of dedication and perseverance it requires to earn rank in the Martial Arts and we wish to pay our sincerest respects to you, for having shown what it takes to appear on this list.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Because of the lengthy reply to a Letter to the Editor in the last issue we were not able to print the promotions for that quarter. Therefore, this issue contains those promotions

January 1996

W.E. Tharp	Lancaster, OH, USA	Orange
Richard R. Smith	Military APO	Purple
Andrew Bruton	Ontario, CAN	Purple
Philip Duczyminski	Dearborn Heights, MI, USA	Purple
Christopher Wharton-Hood	Glenadirene, SOUTH AFRICA	Orange
Scott Pearce	Kayesville, UT, USA	Green
Michael Hyatt	Perry, UT, USA	Purple
Daniel S. Kluck	Leland, NC, USA	Orange
Mike Leske	St. Paul, MN, USA	Orange
Gary Heath	Webster, TX, USA	Orange
Jerry Dunn	Tehachapi, CA, USA	Orange
J.P. Keith Breazeale	Leland, NC, USA	Purple
Robert Gray	Des Moines, IA, USA	Purple
Keith Hessler	Pasadena, MD, USA	Purple
Harry Wilford, Jr.	Casa Grande, AZ, USA	Brown
Shaun Smith	Yuba City, CA, USA	Orange
David Van Gundy	Kearns, UT, USA	Purple
Anthony J. Glorioso	Redondo Beach, CA, USA	Purple
Ben Medolla	Ocala, FL, USA	Purple
John Kortman	Zuid-Beijerland, HOL	Purple
Mark Blumenfeld	Torrance, CA, USA	Purple

February 1996

Davey Hoover	Hawthorne, CA, USA	Purple
Deborah Barnett	Torrance, CA, USA	Orange
Sung Han Kim	Santa Clarita, CA, USA	Orange
Mark Rehbein	Hawthorne, CA, USA	Purple
Kurt Hersee	Ontario, CAN	Orange
Brad Johnson	Prescott, AZ, USA	Purple
Joe Kossick	Scottsdale, AZ, USA	Blue
Joey Cadena	Falfurrias, TX, USA	Green

John G. San Agustin	Orange, CA, USA	Green
Vicki Imamura	Garden Grove, CA, USA	Green
Daniel J. Crill	Phoenix, AZ, USA	Brown
Robbyn R. Willebeek-LeMair	Phoenix, AZ, USA	Purple
Jason T. Willebeek-LeMair	Phoenix, AZ, USA	Purple
Russell Fuson	Mishawaka, IN, USA	Blue
Marty Josey	Crestview, FL, USA	Purple
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Mark Pierce	Lima, OH, USA	Orange
Reggie Goldsby	Amite, LA, USA	Brown
Tom Norris	Military FPO	Orange
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Gerard Perez	Howell, MI, USA	Blue
Timothy L. Wion	Phoenix, AZ, USA	Purple
Russell Mattison	Everett, WA, USA	Orange
Debbie Franklin	Maggie Valley, NC, USA	Purple
Dave Brown	Howell, MI, USA	Purple
Phillip Cisneros	Orange Cove, CA, USA	Purple
Delynn Kimberly	Everett, WA, USA	Blue
Mike Parker	Marysville, WA, USA	Orange
Brent Harper	Loma Linda, CA, USA	Orange
Joseph A. Washburn	Meadville, PA, USA	Blue
Don Van Gorden	Midlothian, VA, USA	Orange
Tom Dayley	Quincy, WV, USA	Orange
Stephen Jones	Auckland, New Zealand	Blue
Ron Marcarelli	DeBary, FL, USA	Orange
Troy Moore	Indianapolis, IN, USA	Orange
Bruce Pahl	Wilmington, DE, USA	Blue
James Holan	San Antonio, TX, USA	Blue
Logan Franklin	San Rafael, CA, USA	Orange
Rod Pruitt	Jacksonville, FL, USA	Blue
David Bean	Farmington, VT, USA	Brown
Harold McGill	Lithonia, GA, USA	Brown
Russell Mattison	Everett, WA, USA	Purple

March 1996

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Dan Heerdt	Naperville, IL, USA	Brown
Thomas Claunch	Webster, TX, USA	Brown
Derek A. Smith	Military APO	Orange
Michael S. Beckham	Vivian, LA, USA	Orange
Perry Lee	Waterloo, ONT, CAN	Orange
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Ronnie Roberts	Hawthorne, CA, USA	Yellow
Alyssa Mar	Hawthorne, CA, USA	Yellow
Marie Johnston	Garden Grove, CA, USA	Orange
John Willis	Crestview, FL, USA	Orange
Eric Zeemering	Rockford, MI, USA	Orange
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Matthew Bachara	California City, CA, USA	Blue
Robert Timmers	Marietta, GA, USA	Green
John Timmers	Marietta, GA, USA	Blue
Dan Timmers	Marietta, GA, USA	Orange
Jim Scheer	Marietta, GA, USA	Green
Andrew Scheer	Marietta, GA, USA	Blue
Heather Dittmer	Marietta, GA, USA	Green
Robby Ridgeway	Marietta, GA, USA	Purple
Brian Tye	Marietta, GA, USA	Orange
Michael Sarvis	Marietta, GA, USA	Green
Kevin Dolezal	Marietta, GA, USA	Orange
Deborah Barnett	Torrance, CA, USA	Purple
Paul M. Reed	Dover, DE, USA	Yellow
Tim Wolf	Traverse City, MI, USA	Orange
Rick Joy	Logan, OH, USA	Orange
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Mike Parker	Marysville, WA, USA	Purple
Janet L. Reed	Dover, DE, USA	Orange
George M. Reed	Dover, DE, USA	Orange
Keith Breazeale	Leland, NC, USA	Blue
Anthony Glorioso	Torrance, CA, USA	Blue
Ron Marcarelli	DeBary, FL, USA	2 nd Degree Black Belt
James Ordway	Anaheim, CA, USA	Blue
Lou Blizzard	Ajax. ONT, CAN	Purple
Richard L. Barton	Thomasville, NC, USA	Purple
Reggie Hamilton	Thomasville, NC, USA	Green
Christopher Hunt	Canton, MI, USA	Yellow
Peter J. Benjamin	Kings County, CAN	Orange
Sergio Lopez	Torrance, CA, USA	Green
Terry Garrett	Lubbock, TX, USA	Orange
Manuel Grijalva	Tucson, AZ, USA	Blue
Jake Pardee	Casper, WY, USA	Purple
Keith Hessler	Pasadena, MD, USA	Blue
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Frank Smith	Cleve, TN, USA	Blue
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Keith Drankiewicz	Milwaukee, WI, USA	Orange
Douglas C. Dipzinski	Grass Lake, MI, USA	Purple
Shaun Comely	Kansas City, KS, USA	Blue
Steven A. Crawford	Kansas City, KS, USA	Green
Claus Langgard Hansen	Sundby, DEN	Orange
Alan J. Nisberg	Tampa, FL, USA	Green
Marc Cadriel	Falfurrias, TX, USA	Yellow

Ernesto Julian Williams	Falfurrias, TX, USA	Yellow
Kecki Guerra	Falfurrias, TX, USA	Yellow
Jason Schacherl	Falfurrias, TX, USA	Yellow
Steven W. Mosley	Gainesville, GA, USA	Blue
Rev. Pierre A. Renoir, D.D.	Roanoke, VA, USA	Orange
Brent A. Harper	Loma Linda, CA, USA	Purple
Timothy C. Anderson	Alberta, CAN	Blue
Jeff Capulio	Schenectady, NY, USA	Orange
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Carmen Miller	Marysville, WA, USA	Yellow
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Tommy Lee Ford	Marysville, WA, USA	Orange
Nicholas Froyd	Cedar City, UT, USA	Orange
Celesta Lyman	Cedar City, UT, USA	Orange
Dennis Littlefield	Las Vegas, NV, USA	Orange
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Taylor Rqud	Cedar City, UT, USA	Orange
Jeff Crouch	New Castle, UT, USA	Orange
Aimee Sherwood	Cedar City, UT, USA	Orange
Curtis Tait	Cedar City, UT, USA	Orange
Shad Roundy	Cedar City, UT, USA	Orange
Cody Roundy	Cedar City, UT, USA	Orange
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Mark Thiele	Cedar City, UT, USA	Orange
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Bruce M. Pahl	Wilmington, DE, USA	Green
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Karen Thomas	Benson, NC, USA	Orange
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James R. Folse	Montrose, AL, USA	Blue
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Anthony Johnson	Excelsior Springs, MO, USA	Green

May 1996

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Kurt Hersee	Ontario, CAN	Purple
Richard P. Funk	Lebanon, PA, USA	Orange
Erik Kendall	Ontario, CAN	Orange
Shaun Aghili	Walnut Creek, CA, USA	2 nd Degree Black Belt
Mark D. Hannah	Deland, FL, USA	Orange
Janet Reed	Dover, DE, USA	Purple
Daniel S. Kluck	Leland, NC, USA	Blue
Lawrence Owen Zigffle	Ontario, CAN	Blue
Joseph P. Poliseo	Roselle, NJ, USA	1 st Degree Black Belt
Thomas Claunch	Webster, TX, USA	2 nd Degree Black Belt
Harry Wilford, Jr.	Casa Grande, TX, USA	1 st Degree Black Belt
Greg Slater	Lynnwood, WA, USA	Orange
Russell Mattison	Everett, WA, USA	Blue
Ron Kinney	Ferguson, MO, USA	Orange
Paul Marcarelli	DeBary, FL, USA	Orange
Jason Mummaw	DeBary, FL, USA	Purple
Tim Shook	Cascilla, MS, USA	Orange
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Samuel Garza	Falfurrias, TX, USA	Purple
Earl Stokley II	Kempton, PA, USA	Purple
Scott Pearce	Kaysville, UT, USA	1 st Degree Black Belt
Daniel J. Crill	Phoenix, AZ, USA	1 st Degree Black Belt
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Randy Green	Alberta, CAN	Orange
Robert Nypluk	Alberta, CAN	Orange
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June 1996

Alan Nisberg	Tampa, FL, USA	Brown
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Wes Albritton	Pisgah, AL, USA	Purple

Heith Lang	Pisgah, AL, USA	Purple
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Eric Harrill	Pisgah, AL, USA	Orange
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Mike Fournell	High Bridge, NJ, USA	Green
Susan Fournell	High Bridge, NJ, USA	Green
Matthew Bachara	California City, CA, USA	Green
Manuel Grijalva	Tucson, AZ, USA	Green
Michael LeBree	Garden Grove, CA, USA	Orange
Brent Harper	Loma Linda, CA, USA	Blue
Ryan Spencer-Smith	Napa, CA, USA	Brown
Kacie Spencer-Smith	Napa, CA, USA	Brown
Arend R. Pryor	Vallejo, CA, USA	Blue
Andre Lannertone	Napa, CA, USA	1 st Degree Black Belt
Mike Dennis	Napa, CA, USA	1 st Degree Black Belt
Mike Spencer-Smith	Napa, CA, USA	1 st Degree Black Belt
Boyea Termansen	Napa, CA, USA	1 st Degree Black Belt
Steven Crawford	Kansas City, MO, USA	Brown
Anthony Glorioso	Torrance, CA, USA	Green
John D. Koeshall	Minneapolis, MN, USA	Purple
Terry Garrett	Lubbock, TX, USA	Purple
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Shady Roundy	Cedar City, UT, USA	Purple
Mark Hunton	Lewisville, NC, USA	Purple
Kenneth Lee Vasquez	Willington, CT, USA	Purple
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Bruce M. Pahl	Wilmington, DE, USA	Brown
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Shannon Groda	Bothell, WA, USA	Orange
James Fann	Everett, WA, USA	Orange
Tiger L. Edwards	Mill Valley, CA, USA	Orange
Randall Reed	Sacramento, CA, USA	Orange
David Van Gundy	Kearns, UT, USA	Blue
Glen Russell	Louisville, KY, USA	Green
Jason Subiate	Torrance, CA, USA	Green
Michael C. Jolly	Ferndale, WA, USA	Orange
Javier R. Joglar	Great Lakes, IL, USA	Orange
Roberto Morales	Colorado Springs, CO, USA	Purple
Jason Mummaw	DeBary, FL, USA	Blue
Herman Jones	Westminster, CA, USA	Blue
Daniel S. Kluck	Leland, NC, USA	Green
Lou Blizzard	Ajax, ONT, CAN	Green
James Mewharther	Everett, WA, USA	Orange
Carmen Miller	Marysville, WA, USA	Orange