



Task Karate May 2023 Newsletter

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Task Karate Celebrates 20 years

April 2023 marks the 20th year anniversary of Task Karate. We will be commemorating this substantive milestone with a special event this summer.

In the meantime, we have our spring/summer gear order ready to roll and this order includes a 20 year anniversary design for t-shirts, long-sleeve t-shirts, and hoodies. Please check this out at Task.



Black Belt and Black Belt Degree Testing

All Task Karate students, families, and friends are invited to join us Sunday May 7th at 2PM for black belt testing. The following individuals will be testing for first degree.

Grace Liozzi | Jeanelle Parcher | Caleb Sievert
Carter Wilkins | Skylar Wilkins

Ms. Yehle will be testing for her third degree

Black belts are invited to sit on the testing panel. Black belts, bring your sparring gear if you can help!

Friday May 5=12th Beginner Testing at 5PM

Our May beginner testing will take place on Friday May 5th at 5PM. There will be no mat class this evening. Other classes will take place as scheduled.

Friday May 26th Advanced Testing

Our May advanced testing will take place on Friday May 19th at 5PM.

There will be no mat class this evening. Other classes will take place as scheduled.



Sensei Demura Passes

Martial arts legend, Sensei Fumio Demura Monday April 24. Mr. T holds a black belt in karate and kobudo (weapons) under Sensei Demura. Ms. Yehle holds a black belt in karate under Sensei Demura. Further, many Task Karate students have trained under Sensei Demura during his July visits to MN and WI.

Sensei Demura recently celebrated 75 years in the martial arts. His influence in martial arts spans world wide.

Reference <https://blackbeltmag.com/fumio-demura>. In 1965, Sensei moved to California and became one of the first teachers of Shito-Ryu karate and Okinawan kobudo. Sensei taught and inspired thousands of students and served as a role model of what it means to be a martial artist both inside and outside of the dojo (martial arts training hall). In the states, Fumio Demura was known as Pat Morita's stunt double in the Karate Kid films.

Sensei Speck from the Winona, MN Genbu Kai dojo has expressed that no one person can replace Demura Sensei. However, collectively, we can keep his spirit alive.



Cutting the track, falling small, grand slam, hip whip, jammer, zebra...wonder what this all means? Well, join members of Task Karate Saturday **May 13, 2023 at the Roller Derby!**

Task Karate has been invited to be half-time entertainment at the Mississippi Valley Mayhem (MVH) women's flat track roller derby! On **May 13, 2023** members of Task Karate will be performing a 20 minute half time show.

The MVH bout will commence at 6PM. Each bout consists of two 20 minute halves. All Task Karate students, families, and friends will receive free tickets to this event as well as a pack of free tickets to give away.

Task students interested in being part of this half-time entertainment should sign up at Task. **Please know we will have a practice session for our half-time show on Saturday May 6th at 12:30 PM at Task.**

As a FYI, MVM is a non-profit organization committed to partnering with local businesses and charitable organizations in an effort to strengthen and support our local community.

MVM bouts are held at the Onalaska Omni Center.

<https://cityofonalaska.com/index.asp?Type=NONE&SEC={0AFF14CF-31E8-48C9-A48A-7A8C57B6ABCF}>

PLEASE HELP! We need to get a team together to do a great halftime show! We only have about 6 people signed up so far. Doing a great presentation could be fun and beneficial to our school! Please consider being a part of it. We would really like all of our students to consider attending, not just the high belts. We would like people to see what our beginner students can do as well! Plus I will bribe you with a Gold Star!



Pipestone Falls

Annual Boundary Waters Trip

I take a trip to the BWCA (Boundary Waters Canoe Area) every year! I look forward to it all year long. My 2023 trip is Wednesday June 14 - Sunday June 18. Ms. Yehle will be covering classes Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. We will be closed Saturday June 17.



May Birthdays

1st Jon Silha & Thomas Bryant

3rd Jacob Kind

3rd Brett Nichols

6th Chase Bollom

9th Daniel Jensen

13th Oliver Hauser

14th Matthew Nian

21st Josh Osley

24th Gabe Bakkestuen

25th Ella Johnson

26th Jeremiah Gorsett

26th Alivia Kind

30th Andreana Pollock



April Rank Promotions

Gold Belt

Trulen Boldt | Loretta Boldt

Orange Belt

Iggy Granados

Green Belt

Jensen Zobeck | Oliver Valentine | Preston Hanson

Brown Black Stripe

Jonah Stoval



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April 26, 2023

It is with great sorrow that our family and Shito-Ryu Karate-Do Genbu-Kai International announces the passing of my brother and Chief Instructor, Shihan Fumio Demura. On the morning of April 24, 2023, he passed peacefully while surrounded by his loving family, friends, and students. Although he is gone, his legacy, fighting spirit, and unforgettable smile will live on forever. We respectfully request for privacy during this most difficult time. Condolences may be sent to info@genbukai.org. Information regarding the funeral and memorial service will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Kinue Demura

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Shito Ryu Karate Do Genbu Kai International

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T-Shirts!

The first batch of new T-Shirts should arrive any day now! They have the Oval "TASK Karate" logo, with the "Journey of a Thousand Miles.." saying on them. Get one while they're hot, and while we still have your size! Only \$12 each! Reserve one in your size today!

Agreements & Payment Coupons

Please take a moment to fill out an agreement if you haven't already.... I also have payment reminder coupons to help keep track of tuition payments. Catch me between classes to sign your agreement and get your payment coupons. Thanks.

Opening Day, May 1, 2003



The Journey of One Thousand Miles....

Thanks for being a part of TASK Karate! I believe that this first step, the opening of Our School, is the beginning of something great! Just like a journey of one thousand miles, however, it is going to take some time, and a lot of work. Thanks for your patience as I put it all together.

Opening Day, 20 years ago!