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JANUARY 2018



West America TKD to perform on National TV!

Sat., Feb 24, 6 pm, KTVU Fox Ch. 2 or KTSF Ch. 26



Chinese New Year

Festival & Parade



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New Year's Day School is CLOSED



Day After New Year's Day School is CLOSED



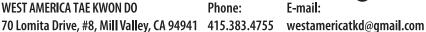
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day **School is CLOSED**

TESTING SCHEDULE:

Pre-test: January 3 to 11 Test: (Fri) January 12 Make Up Test: (Fri) January 19 (all students will test during the same time as regular class. Testing for advanced belts (brown and up) will begin at 4:45 pm. Please remember to bring your testing paper, testing fee, and sparring gear (purple belts and up).







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We are Family...

FIRST DEGREE BLACK BELT TEST

December 8, 2017

Congratulations to First Degree Black Belts:



(From left to right) Aidan Williams, Kyle Wong, Maya Kocaman, and **Tawnie Winchester**









Earning a black belt is a significant milestone. These 1st and 3rd degree candidates have demonstrated they are worthy of this big achievement in life. Sensei is very proud of all of you!

What a Blast!

Photos from the Holiday Party

Courtesy of Shauna Heidenreich www.shaunaheidenreich.com

















THIRD DEGREE BLACK BELT TEST December 14, 2017

Congratulations to Third Degree Black Belts:



Cameron Hicks and Annie Schlabs

Salute to Our Firefighters

The two tragic wildfires in California at the end of 2017 had brought devastations both in the loss of lives and properties. In appreciation of firefighters' heroic effort in fighting the fire, bay area residents lined the freeway with home made signs of well wishes. We have two firefighters among the dojo community. They deserve our recognition. Darrin Allen (father of green belt Valentino and purple belt John) and Michael McCarthy (father of brown belt Keira).



Darrin AllenMill Valley Fire Department
Station 7/ Captain
23 years in service



Michael McCarthy
San Rafael Fire Department
Station 54 /Fire Engineer/ Paramedic
15 years in service

I recently returned from fighting fires in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. The Thomas fire in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties is the largest fire in California's history. When my engine arrived, I was overwhelmed by the scope, pace and especially the surreal setting of fighting fires in and around communities festively decorated for the holidays. It was a stark reminder of the unique challenges facing California Firefighters today.



The Allen-Herrera Family. Valentino is in the front row, and John is in mother's arms.

The fires in Sonoma, Napa, and Santa Rosa caused a massive amount of damage and took dozens of people's lives. When we drove through the active fire area to protect homes, the amount of damage was shocking. We received a lot of support from the communities that were affected as we were able to help prevent more loss of life and property. But the resilience and strength of these areas to come together and help each other was truly amazing. The real heroes are the folks that are rebuilding their lives and believing that tomorrow will be a better day.



Mike's daughter Keira recently tested for her brown belt

57 Thank You

How 300 plus people can fit into the dojo? Thank you everyone for coming out and share a good time with us. We treasure your support for all these years.

We like to thank Jason Fiber (father of brown belt Charley) for helping out with the sound control.

Also, thank you Shauna Heidenreich (mother of brown belts Keegan and Ethan) for capturing the wonderful moments on camera.

We are already looking forward to next year for another great production.





Way to Go!



BLUE BELT
Cooper Hatch



WHITE BELT Ceidric Waldsburger



BROWN BELT
Keira McCarthy



YELLOW BELT
Oberon McIntyre



RED BELT
Renn Smith





ORANGE BELT
Sean Miller



SKUNK BELT Sannah Javaheri



PURPLE BELT

Daphne Yurch



BLACK BELT
Monica Caruso





GREEN BELT

Demir Kocaman



ADULT Krishna Dalal

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:



California Taekwondo
Foundation Championship
Saturday, January 20, 2018
Centerville Junior High School
37720 Fremont Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94536
www.catkfoundation.org



Golden Gate Tournament
Saturday, January 27, 2018
Drake High School
1327 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
San Anselmo, CA 94960
www.kimsma.com