

Karate Five Association

2016 - K-5 Dojo Promotions, Awards & Announcements

July 22-23, 2016 IHOF Awards Banquet – The 2016 Isshin-Ryu Hall of Fame (IHOF) Banquet and Tournament - Gatlinburg Convention Center . Under the leadership of Grandmaster Wilson, Karate Five students attended the IHOF Banquet and Tournament activities. It was a long day for all Karate Five’s students but they did a great job during the tournament. K-5 students won trophies competing and placing in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places.

We were especially proud of our seasoned black belts, Sensei Melbert Lee Jr. and Kenneth “Slim” Jenkins, who won 1st place in their black belt division.



(Above) Sensei Melbert Lee Jr., receiving the “*2016 Sensei of Sensei*” award during the IHOF Banquet Awards Dinner



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– Gatlinburg Convention Center (Cont'd)**

(Below) Sensei Linda Wilson was awarded the IHOF's "2016 Female Instructor of the Year."



(Left) Sensei Linda Wilson

We thank Grandmaster Willie Wilson for submitting these finalists' names to the Hall of Fame Board and thank the Board for nominations and awards to Sensei Lee and Sensei Wilson.

MORE IN 2016 . . .

November 10, 2016 - In the absence of Grandmaster Wilson, Sensei Melbert Lee and Sensei Linda Wilson presented **Hanna Shipley** her orange belt.



(Left) Hanna Shipley with Sensei Linda Wilson and Sensei Lee Jr. is pictured in background

September 26, 2016 - Once again another long awaited promotion at Karate Five Dojo was presented by Sensei Linda Wilson and Sensei Melbert Lee Jr. to **Giana Dickerson** with her Green Belt. Giana earned this promotion due to her improved attitude, working conscientiously on the art and her promise to herself, Grandmaster Wilson and the Sensei she would really try harder. And she did improve tremendously!



(Lower Left) Grandmaster Willie Wilson congratulates Giana Dickerson for her green belt promotion.

(Right) Sensei Linda Wilson presents Giana with her green belt certificate of promotion; Sensei Melbert Lee Jr. is pictured in background

September 22, 2016 - Karate Five had a brother and sister promotion presented at the dojo by Sensei Linda Wilson and Sensei Melbert Lee Jr. to **Hunter Church** and **Marijane Church** with their orange belts and certificates. (See below)

Hunter and Marijane have grown in the arts and improved since joining last November 2015. Their promotions were earned and are a great accomplishment for these two martial artists. Their mother, Amanda, has been an influential asset in making sure they continue their practice at home.

Congrats to Hunter and Marijane!



(Left) Marijane Church receives certificate from Sensei Linda Wilson (pictured in background are Sensei Melbert Lee Jr. and Instructor Anston Wilson) in the second photo, Hunter is congratulated by K-5 students present during his promotion.

August 1, 2016 – (Below) Karate Five's "*Back-to-School Backpack Program*" presented brand new backpacks filled with much needed new school supplies to K-5 students.



August 1, 2016 (Cont'd)



(Above) Jaylen Jones with Grandmaster Wilson

Also, on August 1, 2016 a very special presentation took place when Grandmaster Wilson presented **Jaylen Jones** with the "*Spirit of a Warrior*" award.

Although Jaylen had gotten his nose broken in the Isshinryu Hall of Fame Tournament (IHOF) on July 23, 2016; he still was in attendance at his karate class that following Monday, July 25th while his nose was still broken.

Although Jaylen had surgery on July 28th, he attended class on August 2 ready to participate. Through all his pain and bruising, he never once complained about his injury. Jaylen exemplifies the spirit of a true warrior by attending class and was even available to help instruct the lower ranked students.

This award is seldom given by Grandmaster Wilson. Way to go Jaylen!!

February 27, 2016 - The Karate 5 dojo's Grandmaster Wilson, Sensei Linda Wilson, Sensei Melbert Lee Jr., Instructors Anston Wilson and Lee Sloan along with 16 participating students attended the Jerry Lewis **8th Annual Cross Roads Karate Games**.

Our students demonstrated their skills and techniques in Katas and kumite and had the honor of taking home their share of trophies along with the other tournament participants.

