

Memorial to Victor M. Martinov Sa Bom Nim
Senior Advisory Committee
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***We each reflect the Universe,
The "Natural Way" unveils the truth.***

- Victor M. Martinov Sa Bom Nim

Master Victor M. Martinov was a beautiful human being. This second memorial is written to celebrate his life and the profound effect he had on many martial artists. He served as Chairman of the U.S. Board of Directors, appointed board member, member of the Technical Advisory Committee, and finally serving on the Senior Advisory Committee. We dedicated our weekly Friday night Dan and Ko Dan Ja training on June 2nd, 2017 to honor Master Martinov. Master Fred Messersmith focused our evening class on Master Martinov's curriculum and training methods as he used to instruct us every Friday night at the South Bay Moo Duk Kwan, in Torrance, California. Students that could not attend called in to express their support and respect.

Master Martinov always taught class by leading thru example. His Friday night workouts were highlighted in Blackbelt magazine as "the toughest workout in the country." The best way I can describe the experience of one of his class's was that he instinctively knew how take me a step beyond what I thought was my physical limit. This allowed me to realize new insights about my training. It was an empowering experience.

Master Martinov has been one of my primary role models. He had a profound influence on me. We once spoke of the significance of passing the knowledge of our training and Art on to others. He was a leader to my generation and he taught me the importance of my being a leader to the next generation, preserving our martial arts culture and traditions. One of Master Martinov's famous expressions was, "Be who you are." I know he would not want others to follow in his footsteps; he would encourage others to seek their own unique path in life.

I admired his philosophy. He defined and lived by three attributes he felt were important:

1- Wholesomeness. 2- Orderliness. 3- Do what you say you're going to do.

He was a magnanimous person, a noble leader and intense in martial arts training. He had perfect pitch with words and actions, knowing what to say and when to act, succinctly and gracefully. He was an authentic human being. In conversation he was sincere and though his knowledge base was far greater than mine, he left me feeling like I had something to offer as well. I always looked forward to being in his company.

In training Master Martinov would say, "If there is a force accept it and make it your own and if there is a void fill it and own it." He would elaborate, "the void is where everything happens." He accepted the force of nature and has now transitioned into the void, where everything happens.

Master Martinov will always be near us as we celebrate his life though the examples of teaching and methods of training he gave to insure the perpetuation of our art into the future.

To "Friendship," and the Moo Duk Kwan.

The Poems and Philosophy of Victor M. Martinov Sa Bom Nim

*"All things have their season,
and a time to restore to Nature.
Do not miss time for contemplation."*

"Find perfection in all things."

Four Points to Training:

- Mobility

Adjusting the trailing leg to create opportunities for other movements.

- Direction

The direction which your mass and hip power is directed to.

- Penetration

The depth of entering into an opponent's space. "If there is a void, fill it."

- Power

The ability to generate and direct the appropriate amount of power.

*"Energy is shared by all things,
the smallest to the greatest.
Harmony is only achieved when we
submit to this Natural Truth."*

"Celebrate the Beauty & Happiness."

The Four S's:

1- Self Sufficient

The ability to earn a dollar and pay a bill.

2- Security

Knowing how to take care of yourself.

3- Self-Improvement

The effort you put into improving yourself.

4- Service

Helping others, contributing to society and mankind in a positive way.

The sun shines not on us, but in us. The rivers flow not past, but through us. - John Muir





Top: Celebrating Master Martinov's 74th birthday, training at his home Do Jang, Santa Ynez, CA, 2010.
L-R: Masters, Smith, Acosta, Messersmith, Martinov, Araeipour, McDuffie, Mr, Ferguson.

Bottom: The infamous Friday Night Workout, South Bay Moo Duk Kwan, Torrance, CA, 2001.



Top: Ko Dan Ja Shim Sa candidates preparation, Santa Ynez, CA, 2000.
Bottom: Master Moonitz Chil Dan promotion, Santa Ynez, CA, 2002.
L-R: Masters McDuffie, Martinov, Moonitz, Donnelly, Messersmith, Araeipour.



Above: Dinner and musical festivities, Santa Ynez, CA, 2002.



Ko Dan Ja Promotions, Lomita Park Do Jang, CA, 2007.



Top: Demonstrating with Master Fred Messersmith, **Bottom:** Master Ian McDuffie.
Ko Dan Ja Promotions, Lomita Park Do Jang, CA, 2007.



Top: Celebrating his 70th Birthday, July 29th, 2006, Santa Ynez, CA.
L-R: Mr. Wally Emery, Kwan Jang Nim H.C. Hwang, Masters Martinov, Yamashita, Jang, McDuffie, Mr. Guerrero.

Bottom: Master Seiberlich (A surprise visit from Minnesota) attending Master Martinov's Pahl Dan promotion celebration, Tujunga, CA, 2002.



Top: Celebrating Master Martinov's 77th birthday at his Do Jang, Santa Ynez, CA, 2014.
L-R, Masters Araeipour, Martinov and Messersmith.

Bottom: Master Martinov at his ranch.