



**U. S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation®**



**REGION 9**

**157<sup>TH</sup> DAN SHIM SA**

**APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**Lomita, California**

United States Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation®

Dear Instructors, Ko Dan Ja and Dan Members, and Candidates,

We sincerely hope that this message finds you in good health and spirits. The Federation will hold its 157<sup>th</sup> Dan Classing in Region 9 on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in Lomita, California. The information for this event is as follows:

**157<sup>th</sup> DAN CLASSING, SHIM SA and CLINIC**

DATE: Saturday, April 18th, 2026  
LOCATION: Lomita Park Recreation Center,  
24428 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, CA 90717  
CLINIC: T.A.C./R.EX. Clinic  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (OPEN TO: All Gups and Dans)  
SHIM SA: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
HOST: Josh Duncan Sa Bom Nim, (310) 748-8076

**KO DAN JA ACADEMY & B.O.D. MEETING**

ACADEMY: Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Lomita Park Recreation Center  
OPEN TO: Sam Dan and above

REGION 9 B.O.D. MTG: Immediately following the Ko Dan Ja Academy

**DAN SHIM SA CANDIDATES**

There are TWO REQUIRED ESSAYS FOR ALL Dan candidates. The first is a 1,000 to 1,500-word essay, TYPED. The subjects are:

**CHO DAN:** What does Soo Bahk Do means to me?

**E DAN:** What does your Dan Bon mean to you and how does it relate to the Moo Duk Kwan discipline?

**SAM DAN:** Describe the essential characteristics of Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan which make it unique and differentiates it from all other styles.

The SECOND ESSAY is the Vision Participation essay. It need NOT be 1,000 words and examples can be found on the “Dan Essay Requirements” sheet on the Region 9 web site ([www.region9soobahkdo.com](http://www.region9soobahkdo.com)).

The following candidate required items should be **Postmarked** no later than **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026** to:

Region 9 Administrator, PO Box 81164, San Diego, CA 92138-1164

- 1) **TYPED and SIGNED** Application for Dan Promotion form (WMDK 2007 version)
- 2) Proof of current Federation membership **and:** copy of 1st Gup certificate or Dan ID
- 3) TWO photos (small I.D. size)
- 4) All required essays (**the Rank essay, plus the Vision Participation essay**).
- 5) Proper fee, \$475 for all applications (Cho, E, and Sam Dans)
- 6) Written Exam/Volume 1 Study Guide (Current Version only, for Cho, E, and Sam Dans)
- 7) Region 9 Waiver

The Federation will only recognize Dan Promotions in Region 9 through this Dan Shim Sa process.

Please be reminded of the requirements outlined in the 2019 version of the Gup and Dan Manual.

You may visit the Federation Wiki at <http://soobahkdo.editme.com> for details and downloadable forms or to activate your free Wiki account at <http://soobahkdo.editme.com/WikiAccountRequirements>. The Region 9 web site also maintains all of the current, required Dan Shim Sa forms at <http://region9soobahkdo.com/events.html>.

In Moo Duk Kwan,

Craig Hayes  
Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee



## United States Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation®

	<b>Daymon Kenyon</b> Sa Bom Nim Technical Advisory Committee National Board of Directors R9 Dan Shim Sa Board	<b>REGION 9 DAN SHIM SA FEES</b>  Cho Dan, E Dan or Sam Dan Shim Sa Fees \$475.00 (Please make checks out to "Region 9")
	<b>Fred Messersmith</b> Sa Bom Nim Hu Kyun In R9 Dan Shim Sa Board	All required testing forms can be obtained directly from the Region 9 web site, <a href="http://www.region9soobahkdo.com/events.html">http://www.region9soobahkdo.com/events.html</a> or the Federation Wiki, <a href="http://soobahkdo.editme.com/DanTestForms2007">http://soobahkdo.editme.com/DanTestForms2007</a> .
	<b>Day Kyu Chang</b> Sa Bom Nim Technical Advisory Committee R9 Dan Shim Sa Board	Please contact the Region 9 Forms Administrator Jim Sevel at <a href="mailto:Region9Forms@yahoo.com">Region9Forms@yahoo.com</a> or by phone (619) 384-6633 with any paperwork questions.  For further location information or for accommodation information please contact the host:
	<b>Ken Trevellyan</b> Sa Bom Nim R9 Dan Shim Sa Board	<b>Josh Duncan Sa Bom Nim, (310) 748-8076</b>
	<b>Josh Duncan</b> Sa Bom Nim Region 9 T.A.C. Representative	Region 9 Representative National Board of Directors
	<b>Robert Maderazo</b> Sa Bom Nim Region 9 Examiner	
	<b>Brittany Lockhart</b> Sa Bom Nim Region 9 Examiner	<b>Ken Trevellyan</b> Sa Bom Nim
		<b>Josh Duncan</b> Sa Bom Nim