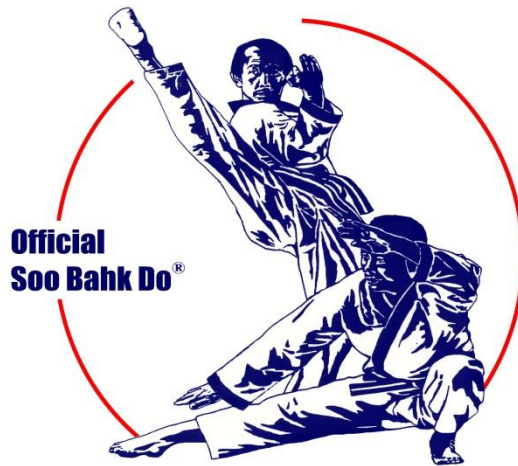




U. S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation®



REGION 9

157TH DAN SHIM SA

APRIL 18TH, 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 157th Dan Classing in Region 9 on April 18th, 2026, in Lomita, California. The information for this event is as follows:

157th 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 17th, 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).

The following candidate required items should be **Postmarked no later than Monday, March 30th, 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

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	Fred Messersmith 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, http://www.region9soobahkdo.com/events.html or the Federation Wiki, http://soobahkdo.editme.com/DanTestForms2007 .		
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