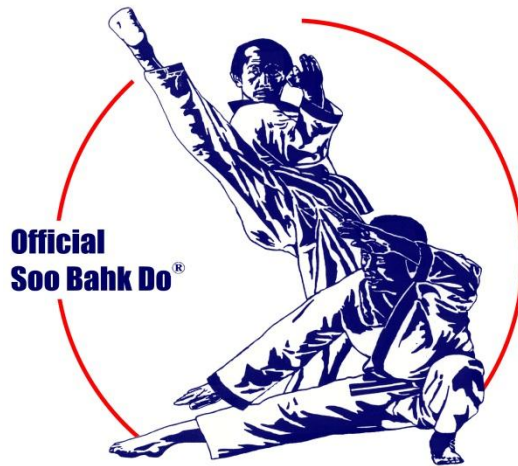




U. S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation®



REGION 9

158th DAN SHIM SA

OCTOBER 3rd, 2026

San Diego, 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 158th Dan Classing in Region 9 on October 3rd, 2026, in San Diego, California. The information for this event is as follows:

158th DAN CLASSING, SHIM SA and CLINIC

DATE: Saturday, October 3, 2026
LOCATION: Carmel Mountain Ranch Recreation Center,
10152 Rancho Carmel Drive, San Diego, CA 92128
CLINIC: *TBA (est. 9:00 a.m.), OPEN TO ALL Gups and Dans (9:00 a.m. Lineup)
SHIM SA: *TBA (est. 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
HOST: Daymon Kenyon Sa Bom Nim, (858) 483-3330
*=Awaiting Rec. Center confirmation

KO DAN JA ACADEMY

ACADEMY: Friday, October 2, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Kenyon's Soo Bahk Do (Pacific Beach)
1551 Grand Ave., San Diego, CA. 92109
OPEN TO: Sam Dans and above
REGION 9 B.O.D. MTG: Immediately following the Ko Dan Ja Academy

DAN SHIM SA CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

There are TWO REQUIRED ESSAYS FOR ALL Dan candidates. The FIRST ESSAY is a 1,000 to 1,500-word essay, TYPED and double spaced. 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 (<http://region9soobahkdo.com/events.html>)

The following candidate required items must be **Postmarked no later than Monday, September 21, 2026** to:

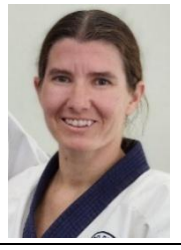
Region 9 Administrator, PO Box 81164, San Diego, CA 92138-1164

- 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 2024 National DSS Call Sheet (REV 20240828). 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,

Josh Lockwood
Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee

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	Daymon Kenyon Sa Bom Nim Technical Advisory Committee National Board of Directors R9 Dan Shim Sa Board	REGION 9 DAN SHIM SA FEES Cho Dan, E Dan or Sam Dan Shim Sa Fees \$475.00 (Please make checks out to "Region 9") 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 . Please contact the Region 9 Forms Administrator, Jim Sevel, at Region9Forms@yahoo.com or by phone (619) 384-6633 with any paperwork questions. For further location information or for accommodation information please contact the host: Daymon Kenyon Sa Bom Nim, (858) 483-3330		
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	Day Kyu Chang Sa Bom Nim Technical Advisory Committee R9 Dan Shim Sa Board			
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