

PROMOTIONS...

Dr. Jerry Beasley

Radford VA...The director for the American Independent Tae Kwon Do/Karate Instructors Association, Dr. Jerry Beasley, has received the eighth degree black belt from his instructor, Grandmaster Joe Lewis. The award was presented in June during graduation ceremonies at the Eighth Annual Karate College



Summer Camp. Grandmaster Bill Wallace, who co-signed and authorized the promotion, assisted Lewis with the presentation. Beasley was given a standing ovation by nearly 300 martial artists attending the award ceremony.

Beasley earned the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree in education, at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Blacksburg, VA), and is a tenured professor in physical education at Radford University (Radford, VA). After earning his first dan in Moo Duk Kwan in 1971, Beasley, a 1975 national Tae Kwon Do champion, was awarded his second through fifth dan ranks in ITF-style. In 1985, Beasley earned his sixth dan in the Joe Lewis American Karate Systems, followed by a seventh dan in 1990.

A career martial artist, Beasley has authored three books, completed a series of videotapes on Jeet Kune Do strategies for Tae Kwon Do and Karate, and published more than 100 articles for leading martial arts journals.

Grandmaster Joe Lewis presents an eighth dan black belt certificate to Dr. Jerry Beasley on right.