

Visalia Karate-Do 1st Term Event

The Visalia Karate-Do holds promotions 3 times per year, in April, August, and December. The event is typically preceded by a recital with individual students demonstrating a kata of their choice in front of a large audience of relatives and friends. However, the first term of the year ended with an Applications recital instead of a Kata recital. Students paired together and presented outstanding demonstrations of bunkai and kumite. The bunkai demonstrations, performed by advanced students, showed the versatility of Goju-Ryu kata by including jujutsu applications from both standing and ground situations. The kumite demonstrations, performed by both beginning and advanced students, showed the progression from basic formal one-step Kihon Yakusoku Kumite to advanced Randori Jiyu Kumite. It was a very impressive sight.

Participants; First Row (L-R): Patrick Gaytan, Madison Wiley, Rebecca Bibb, Grayson Wiley, Ruben Rodriguez, Evan Kimura, Mary Reitz. Second Row (L-R): Daniel Ramirez, Madelyn Pace, L. Jay Ayson, Leslie Zuniga, Ben Pace, Jared Rubio, Clarissa Ramirez, Third Row (L-R): Dan Ramirez, Mike Reitz, Bret Bibb, Ed Soliven, Kevin Soliven, Troy Pace. Fourth Row (L-R): Saul Velazquez, Nigel Faustino, Dan Taylor, Rachel Reitz, Rudy Vargas, Malachi Kirkman.