

# ATA 2nd Degree Black Belt

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Still learning, still growing...

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KARATE / FIST METHOD / TAE KWON DO

Earning my 1st Degree Black Belt concluded my 50 year progress toward that rank, and, was, for me, a BIG DEAL! It marked a point at which I could be recognized as knowing some stuff, and, I became totally aware of how little I had accomplished, how much more proficient I could be, should be, and, how much more there is to learn.

And now, having earned my 2nd Degree Black Belt, I am still recognized as knowing some stuff, and...

I am still totally aware of how little I have accomplished... in Kwon Do and Tae Kwon Do

I am still totally aware of how much more proficient I could be, should be... in strength training, in deeper horse stances, in better back stances, in Combined Body Motion (CBM).

I am still totally aware of how much more there is to learn... in unaffiliated Karate, Kenpo, Aikido, Hapkido to name a few other disciplines.

I have heard "I teach you, your charge is to teach others." To that end I completed the first level course for instructor certification at the ATA Legacy Academy Virtual Training Series. I like this mindset and my desire is to continue to give back by sharing my knowledge.

Sooooo, is earning the rank of 2nd Degree Black Belt a BIG DEAL? Earning the rank of 2nd Degree Black Belt is, for me, an important accomplishment. It means to me that I am still on a most enjoyable path of continued learning and growing.

Finally I must proclaim that it has been my good fortune to be a Tae Kwon Do student at Jung's Martial Arts/UpLift Martial Arts and get to meet so many other dedicated instructors and students; I wish all you the best, happiness and continued success on your life's path.

NUCKLEHEADS FOREVER!

