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### Ramstein's karate team places at regionals

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The Hoitsugan-Kyokai Ramstein-Miesenbach karate team hooked a third and two fifth-place positions at the 2007 Rheinland-Pfalz all karate regional tournament in Trier.

This was a good start for this year for the Hoitsugan Karate Team, said Sensei Dutch Farinas, Hoitsugan-Kyokai Karate School Instructor and Funikoshi Shotokan Karate Association German National Team coach.

Despite each member's last competition dating nine years ago, the team surprised themselves with their achievements after only two months of preparation.

Mik Ryan, a second degree black belt, took third place at the Master Class Division. Devoe Donaldson, the only brown belt who competed in the all-black belt division, took fifth place. In the Senior Master Class Division Terence Taylor, first degree black belt, took third place in his first tournament.

The Rheinland-Pfalz all karate regional tournament is one of Germany's prestigious tournaments; the tournament highlights competition winners from European and German national tournaments. The regional tournament is also the qualifier for the German National Tournament held in October in Munich.

For more information on Shotokan Karate, or for lessons, call Dutch Farinas at 480-5198.



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(Left to right) First degree black belt Terrance Taylor, brown belt Devoe Donaldson, second degree black belt Mik Ryan, and third degree black belt Dutch Farinas stand together at the 2007 Rheinland-Pfalz all karate regional tournament held in Trier, March 3.

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