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## **Ernie Reyes, Sr. Turns the BIG SIX-O!**

On February 16th, 2007 (next week!) **Master Ernie Reyes, Sr. will celebrate his 60th birthday!** Master Reyes is the co-founder (with lifelong friend Tony B. Thompson) of the West Coast Martial Arts Association (now 40 schools) and the founder of the world famous West Coast Demo Team.

Master Reyes, we all want to have a stomach as flat (make that as RIPPED) as yours! We all want to move like you do when WE'RE 60!

We send you our love and respect!

We celebrate with you, for all your years of training, for all of your amazing contributions to the martial arts community, for being a role model of excellence, and for inspiring us (thousands and thousands of "us") to so many, many new heights.

Your career achievements distinguish you as one of the most important, creative, innovative, and focused Master Teachers in the history of the martial arts.

**HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY!**

Martialinfo.com sends you the most sincere best wishes for your birthday –and here (below) are some other of your family, friends, and fans wishing you more of the same:

## Comments



My dear, dear Master Teacher,  
I can't believe you're 60! You don't act like it and you certainly don't look like it! You're unbelievable; your focus, your diet discipline, your ability to change, adapt, innovate --and that physique! Do you remember the day I walked into your office and joined your school? That was 1980 Sir, twenty-seven years ago (you were 33...and I thought you were old then)! My God how you've influenced me! My God how PATIENT you've been! Thank you! Thank you! What would my life be like had I never met you? (Prison, I think!) I love you so much! Happy Birthday! Your dedicated student,

*[Tom Callos](#)*

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Earnie, you're catching up with me dude.

*[Ron Chapél](#)*

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Mr. Ernie Reyes Sr.,  
You have touched so many people's hearts and changed so many people's lives through your expression in the martial arts. You have done so much for the martial arts community I would like to say thank you and Happy Birthday!  
Anshu Christa Jacobson  
Headmaster of the Budo Ryu Ninjutsu Dojo

*Anshu Christa Jacobson*

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Kjn,  
With love and respect have a great birthday. We hope many more amazing achievements to come between 60 and 61! your friends at Aim High Martial Arts!

*Danny Sikkens*

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Wishing you a very happy birthday and a whole lot more. From the entire team at Tae kwon Do northwest in Salem Oregon. Thanks for being such and inspiration to me and my students.

*MIke Durrant*

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Master Reyes,  
Happy Birthday! You have been a great inspiration for me my whole life.  
Though I have never trained with you, your personality, physique,  
innovations, have influenced me greatly in my daily life as well as my  
teaching in the dojo!  
Gumbate

*Eric Myers*

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I am going to the gym 5 days a week, when I tire & consider not  
going I just think of Master Reyes. Gets me there everytime!  
I am about to turn 42 and well I just dont look anywhere near  
as good. But there is hope & time for me to peak when I turn  
60!

Thankyou for being a role model, friend &  
teacher. Congratulations on turning 60 & looking forward to celebrating  
many more.

*Fari Salievski*

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dear master reyes, all the best on your special bithday, thank you  
for all you have done for promotion of taekwondo and martial  
arts in general. with respect and admiration. reza ghasry

*reza ghasry*

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With great respect, I wish you well on your 60th birthday. Thank-you for  
producing such high caliber martial artist such as Tom Callos.

*Joe Sherwood*

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Dear Master Reyes,  
You are a true inspiration to all martial artists in the world.  
Thank you for helping me get started with my company and for  
all that I have learned from you on and off the mat.  
Happy Birthday !

All the best

*Michael Swain*

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Felicidades Master Sr. Erny  
Le deceo muchos dias de estos.  
Su servidor y amigo.  
Oscar Benavente Saucedo.

*Oscar Pascual Benavente Saucedo*

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Ernie,  
Ten years in Japan and twelve years here in Australia, I have not seen you twenty two years but remember your remarkable talent, your incredible son and the fabulous contributions you've made to our industry.  
Thank you so much and happy six-o

*[Pat McCarthy](#)*

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Master Reyes, May you have a great day and may you live as many more as you wish and accomplish exactly what you want.

*Timothy Clayton Smith*

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From Canada - Vancouver BC.  
Kwan Janim - You are an inspiration to us all, You have affected me in ways my own father hasn't. When I first met you in Riverside California with young Ernie, Dave Kovar, Tom Callos, Grand Master Rhee it was about 22 years ago - you haven't stopped moving - hell you you didn't even slow down ,I think you're moving even faster now. Thank you for your Freindship & Blessings Vancouver, BC.  
Mark Gildemeester, Senior Master, Canadian Martial Arts Federation.

*Mark Gildemeester*

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Sensei  
Congratulations on your celebration of 60 years with us! Keep up the leadership and hard work.  
You have always paved the road ahead for many.  
peace...  
Sensei Bob Leiker 8th Degree  
Kansas City

*Bob Leiker*

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Aloha Ernie:

You are finally up in the peak bracket of 60"s with me. I want to wish you a blessed 60th Birthday and may you always be healthy and looking good as you do. Continued success in all of your Martial Arts endeavors.

Sifu Al Dacascos & Melveen Leed-Dacascos

*[Sifu Al Dacascos](#)*

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Dear Kwanjanim Earnie,

Happy Birthday! This is a time for all of us martial artist to celebrate your wonderful life and existance. For being such a positive role model for all of us in martial arts. Your dedication and contribution to martial arts speaks for itself. Your contributions to martial arts industry is genuine and impressive. I admire you for your heart and mind and for all that you stand for! Excellence! Thank you for being you and once again, Happy Birthday from the bottom of my heart!

*[Farshad Azad](#)*

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Thank you sir for influencing me and driving me to sharpen my blade of life! Before I met you I had no teacher, no master. Your inspiration gave my martial arts career new life and meaning. I truley feel blessed to be your student and apart of the greatest martial arts association in the world. I will strive to live at the same level that you live on daily and I will continue to teach those values to my students. With love, respect, & loyalty,  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Dan Haney*

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Congratulations on your 60th. For what it is worth I was just 70 and Im still doing everything the same as I have for a lifetime. So you have at least 10 great years ahead of you, God willing!

I always remember you when you would bring your , then 4 or 5 year old son, to my Tournaments at The Culver City Auditorium and take first place in the Weapons divisions.

Good luck

*Grandmaster Jerry Fisher*

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MASTER ERNIE REYES,  
 YOU ARE A RARE GEM, AND THE ONLY ONE I KNOW  
 IN THE INDUSTRY THAT DOESN'T LIE ABOUT YOUR  
 AGE..HAHA LOVE YOU ALWAYS  
 YOUR FRIEND,

*Cynthia Rothrock*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIR!

Thank you for inspiring us with your World Action Team & taiko drums!  
 You have raised the bar for all demo teams accross the country! We love  
 you! WEST COAST TEAM AH SAAH!

*The Oregon Action Team*

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Ernie,  
 Well done is better than well said. You are the Man. There is  
 no other at age 60 who can touch you. Even Bruce Lee would  
 want to know your secret or your personal Jeet Kune Do  
 training. Haouli La Hanau  
 Aloha, Richard  
 www.IMBACADEMY.com

*RSBustillo*

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congrats on your birthday Mr.Ernie Reyes Sr. From First Strike Martial  
 art Club in philadelphia. My you inspire more people to become great  
 martial artist

*drew wright*

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Master Reyes, Happy 60th Birhtday sir. You are such an inspiration to us  
 all with your incredible gift and martial arts skill. You are a true Master  
 and show it in your every move, just look at how you have kept yourself  
 in such great shape...wow! All of my students have benefited from your  
 contributions to our industry. Thank You for all that you do sir!

*Master Dan Anderson*

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Cacoy and the entire Doce Pares Family wish you a Happy Birthday. You have given the Martial Art World a gift, a gift of yourself and sharing your spirit to the Arts.

Best regards,  
Master Ron Lew

*Ron Lew and Cacoy Canete*

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Master Reyes, I want to wish you a very Happy Birthday!

*Joann Jenkins*

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Master Reyes,  
Wow, the Big 60. You are in the shape of someone 1/2 your age. Thankyou for your friendship, inspiration and trust in training some of your West Coast Studio"s and Corporate Staff. It"s been my privledge and honor to work with West Coast. Thank you for being such a good role model to myself and the thousands of lives you touch. Happy Birthday. One day I"ll reach my goal..... to have abs like you :-)

*Tommy Lee*

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Happy Birthday KJN Ernie,  
I cannot beleive the years have passed so quickly and you have accomplished so much.The contributions you have given to the Martial Arts is phenominal.Although it has been a long time,it appears such a short time period.  
Wishing you all the best in your upcoming celebration!  
Respectfully, Kelly

*Kellard G.T. Walker*

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Wishing you a Happy Birthday, remember you are as young as you feel. Keep on looking youthful, and continue the positive things you do for the Martial Arts/Science.  
Formerly of Chicago Area now living in Tampa, FL.

*Mwalimu Jawara Nantambu*

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Happy Birthday Wishes from all of us at USA Martial Arts sir!  
You are an inspiration and an outstanding role model who leads by example. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and contribution to the Martial Arts. We are happy and proud to celebrate your life.  
God bless you sir!

*John Nottingham*

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Aloha Master Reyes: Happy 60th. I will be joining that club on March 29th here in Barrie, Ontario, Canada.  
We met in San Jose, CA at the NBL supergrands and was very, very impressed with your team and yourself.  
I had the pleasure of working with Ernie Jr. on the set of Kung-Fu the Legend Continues as a bodyguard and enjoyed every moment of it.  
Please allow me to wish you the best in the next 40 or 50 years when you are still performing the martial arts as only you can do. Soke Glenn E. Kwan  
Genki-do Kempo Karate PS - By the way, would you like the 5 to 8 ft of snow we have up here now? I think I'll crawl back into my igloo, feed the dogs, turn up the fire and catch some winks.

*Soke Glenn E. Kwan*

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Master Reyes,  
I've know you acted with your son on Surf Ninjas! I used to love that movie! I've been a fan of Martial Arts since I was a kid! I'm a martial artist myself I'm a brown belt with a black strip! You are an inspiration in the world of Martial Arts! Have a very blessed birthday! A fan and friend,  
Darren Smith 2nd

*Darren Smith*

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Respected Master,Ernie Reyes  
Wishing you a Happy Birthday and Wishing you all the best in your upcoming celebration! you are the best we are respecte your efforts in the World of Martial Arts, you are the best best.....  
Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi

*Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Zulfi (Pakistan)*

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OOOssss..Mr. Ernie, Happy Big 60th Birthday. I thank you for being such a great roll model for our youth! With much respect.

*Mr. Shervin Ilbeig*

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All of us from Doce Pares West Coast Headquarters(Multi-Style System) and the Filipino Martial Arts Academy would like to wish you a very Happy Birthday.

*Master Nilo Baron*

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Dear Master Reyes.  
Greetings from Pakistan!!!  
I wish you a very Happy Birthday. celebrating 60 th birthday with all dedication to martial arts is really good and motivation to other martial artist around the globe.  
May Allah (God) give you more years to transfer your life experiences to martial arts world.  
Best regards  
Master Zubairi  
Karachi-Pakistan

*Prof Dr Rizwan Mustafa Zubairi*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY .  
LIFE BEGINS AT 60.  
SENSEI S.M.ZAINUL

*syed mohammed zainul*

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Master Reyes,  
Wishing you the best Birthday EVER!  
You are one of the few whom have accomplished so much in the Martial Arts. What a true inspiration for us all!  
Here"s wishing you the happiest of Birthdays always.  
Master Sandra D. Sabatini

*Sandra D. Sabatini*

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Dear Master Ernie Reyes,  
Our warm greetings on your 60th Birthday. We wish you many more birthdays to come.  
From the Philippines.  
Grandmaster JONATHAN MAKILING ABAYA  
President  
Philippine Jendo Association

*Grandmaster Jonathan Makiling Abaya*

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Best wishes Master Reyes, keep strong and healthy for the next 60 years...Vic Antico

*Vic Antico Rome Italy*

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Happy birthday mr. reyes, may God continue to bless you for 50 more years.

*ralph a. kern*

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Happy Birthday Sir,  
Thank you for the years of guidance and friendship that you have given to so many of us. I'm proud to know you.

[Dave Kovar](#)

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Happy Birthday Master Reyes!  
Thank you for your years of dedication to the study and development of the martial arts!

*Kevin Case*

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you are in awesome shape for 60, i send you my most respect and honor as a martial artist. I would join one of your schools if they had one around my area.  
god bless

*kenneth e mauldin*

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Dear Sir,  
I too has join the many others in wishing other in wishing you a very  
happy and prosperous sixty.  
Respectfully your"s

*Erskine J Forde*

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Dear Grand Master Reyes.  
You are a inspiration, to all Martial Artists, your Demos are Super, Mega  
Super :-)  
I want to wish you, a very Happy Birthday, that God, give you more and  
more, with Health, Hapiness and Sucess. From Portugal  
FMS-Alliance and the Portuguese Association of Modern Farang Mu Sul  
Nelson Pinto

*Nelson Pinto*

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Master Reyes. Long time no see, old friend. I, too, am getting up there in  
age and appreciate all that you still do. We old warriors must stick  
together and lead the young ones down the right martial arts pathways.  
Congrates on your career and your life.  
Your old buddy, now back in Texas,

*Duane R. Ethington*

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Master Reyes. All the best on your 60th and wishing you many more.  
You are an inspiration to everyone in the arts.

*Mike Watson*

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Dear Grand Master Reyes,  
You are a true inspiration to martial artist everywhere. I hope your future  
is as fruitful as your past. Happy Birthday and many more to come.

*Seth Tipton*

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Master Reyes, Happy Birthday and many more. You are a true inspiration  
for many.

*Sam Anagnostopoulos*

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Dear Ernie. It has been about 15 years since I've actually seen you but I have kept up with you and Ernie Jr fairly well. Thank you for keeping the torch burning in martial arts. You are a great teacher and a great role model. I am happy to call you a friend for all these years.. I'm now back in Texas teaching my jujitsu.  
Grand Master Duane R. Ethington  
Founder of Iss-Hogai jujitsu

*Duane R. Ethington*

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Ernie;  
Congratulations.  
Wishing you sixty more years that full of health and happiness.

*Pat Worley*

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Master Reyes,  
From the Tony Ramos Kajukenbo Schools.  
May you be blessed with 60 more,you are a true leader to all.

*David V. Amiccuci*

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you may be becoming old (60) but you move as if you 28. Have a prosperous life!

*Charles Johnson*

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Master Reyes- Happy Birthday Master Ernie!  
Since we met in Madison Square garden ,New York in 1993 at The WTF World Championships, I owe you a big respect as i watched your skill in a Demo with your SOn Ernie Reyes (Junior) Now i am 48 and i aim high toward your sixty, you are a great MAster & Motivator, You are my Idol, God Bless you !

*Mounir ABou-Zaraa (Lebanon)*

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Master Reyes; Birthday Greetings from the sunny Philippines.

*DON BITANGA*

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Mr. Reyes,  
Thank you for leading by example and thank you for being part  
of my extended family.  
Happy 60th Birthday! Many, Many, More!!  
Brothers By Choice,

*Tom Patire*

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master my deep an most sincere respect out to you. as a teacher an  
martial comrand your most honorable, we here at ching mo do kung fu  
ryu will always pray for you.an move toward your dedication an  
discipline. ush!

*sifu lawrence johnson*

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Master Reyes, Thank you for your years of dedication. I look up to you,  
sir. I seek daily to become a true Master, like you. Again, from  
Fayetteville Arkansas, Happy Birthday!

*Randy Edwards*

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Master Reyes,  
You are truly a "Super Pinoy"! You are my inspiration. You are one of  
the very few that made me believe that we can make a difference.  
In behalf of Philippine Martial Arts Alliance and all our members, happy  
birthday! Thank you for being a role-model to all of us.

*Julius Melegrito*

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Master Reyes,  
From all the students of the Salesian Martial Arts Team, we wish you a  
very Happy Birthday and thank you for always being "the bar" by which  
we attempt to measure ourselves.

*Mr. Staley*

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Master Reyes,

Thank you for being a great roll model to me. I remember you since, you use to train on White and story rd. I saw you sky rocket to the top leaving a great path for everybdoy to follow. Your the MAN may God bless you and your family. Happy 60th birthday, I hope I could look like you when Im 60. from AZ NAK Martial Art Centers,Sigung Sal Banuelos.

*Sal Banuelos*

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Aloha! Master Ernie Reyes i"ve been a fan of your"s and Ernie Jr. For Year"s Wishing A Fellow Aquarian A very Happy 60Th Birthday...

*George De La TORRE*

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60 ? , no possible :) ,

This life very fast yes ? :),

My brother ,60 is very special ,

you undertand this , all again, one life.

Complete ... from my heart I say :

Please have very very special moment with you family this year.

You Brother in Patagonia.

*Gerardo Cantore*

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*President Vasillios Koukouletsos, Taekwondo Master*

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Happy 60th birthday Master.Reyes!

Thank you so much for what you done for martial artists. You are truly inspired lots of martial artist.

I hope you have an outstanding birthday.

Live with Passion!

*Yong Hyeok Lee*

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Aloha Master Reyes, Happy 60th Birthday. Thank you for putting the Martial Arts on the map, With your help with your demos You have helped us all. God Bless You and Aloha from Hawaii. Rick Alemany P.S We did fight Once Do you remember?

*Rick Alemany*

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SENSEI ERNIE REYES!  
MY HONOURABLE BOWING ON BEHALF OF ALL THE  
MARTIAL ARTISTS BELOW THE SKY!  
KEEP GOING GR8. CANT WISH YOU DUE TO MY LESS AGE.  
BUT ONCE AGAIN I BOW YOU SENSEI. HOSH  
FOUNDER AND INSTRUCTOR,  
YIN YANG TEMPLE OF MARTIAL ARTS,  
TAMIL NADU, CHENNAI, INDIA.

*SENSEI RAMESH DAMODARAN*

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May your years be healthy and keep doing what you do best Happy Birthday Master Reyes. I'm a big fan of your work even with the kids.

*Benny Olivares Jr.*

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Salam(May Mercy & Peace be upon you)  
I pay all my respect to such a great Master of our era.  
Sir, i have no words to say, i have no feelings to express but a wish to  
always see you with the same spirit & wish to train with you.  
A Humble Martialartist

*Muhammad Awais Biag Mirza*

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Dear Master Reyes,  
From an old college buddy and from an old friend. Thanks for inspiring me in the martial arts! Just wanted to wish you a Happy Birthday and look forward to celebrating your birthday this Friday!  
HINT...I used to have a fro back in the day!! Life Is Good!!! Here"s to the next 40 years. Guess Who?  
SO BE IT!

*SO BE IT*

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KJN Ernie,  
This year is not only the 30th anniversary of our assn., but it's been 30 years since I walked through the doors of KJN Tony's school. In that time, both you and he have been some of the greatest influences on my life. One of the last conversations I had w/ my Mom before she died last month was her reminding me of the blessing you two have been. My wife and I will be there Friday from Nashville. Thank you, Sir.

*David Hughes*

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Dear Mr. Ernie Reyes,  
I congratulate your 60th birthday. I hope you will be successful in the present and future as you were in the past, in all aspects of your life.  
With best wishes,  
President of Iran Taekwondo Union

*Hamid Mohtashami*

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Master Reyes, I want to wish you a very Happy Birthday!  
Thank you for being such a good role model to the martial arts keeps up the great work "Tang Soo" from Canada  
Master Carl Tate  
Canada

*Master Carl Tate*

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An inspiration to Martial Artists all over the world. Wishing you a very happy and blessed Birthday from the UK.

*Pete Englefield*

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Dear KJN Ernie Melodie & I want to wish you a very Happy 60th Birthday. You are a great role model for all, to never quit and always strive for your goals. I thank you so much for being a great instructor as well as a really good friend. From your student and good friends Derek & Melodie Walker.

*Derek T. Walker*

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Dear Master Reyes,  
Greetings from Croatia!  
Happy 60th Birthday and many more!  
Kruno Juric,  
Juric Taekwondo Academy  
Croatia, Europe  
-taekwondo@vip.hr

*Kruno Juric, Croatia*

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Master Reyes,  
We would like to wish you a Great 60th Birthday. You have no idea how many people you have inspired to becoming PROFESSIONAL Martial Arts Instructors...including us.  
Happy Birthday from the Seaforth"s from Toronto, Canada.  
Master Gregory & Trina Seaforth

*Master Gregory and Instructor Trina Seaforth*

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MASTER REYES I AM NOT VERY OLD ,YET,BUT YOU HAVE  
INSPIRED ME TO HAVE A SCHOOL AND I WANT TO THANK  
YOU AND SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

*michael bartlett*

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Ernie -  
I'm glad that we were able to connect in the early 70"s to relive our old Hartnell days.  
I'm so proud to have been one of your friends.

*Frank Enriquez*

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