

IKA National Awards Banquet & Tournament

Chase Mullins Receives Dojo Excellence Award

On **October 15, 2010** the **International Isshinryu Karate Association** hosted the annual IKA National Awards banquet followed by a karate tournament on Saturday in Manchester, Tennessee. **Kelly's Heroes** fared well in both events.

Chase Mullins received the special DoJo Excellence award from Kelly's Heroes for his dedication and hard work. Chase started with the Heroes at seven years old. He is now eighteen and one of the Black Belt instructors at Kelly's Heroes. Several of the youth go to Chase for instructor and director over the older Black Belt. He received this year's excellence award because he is a major reason for the success of the youth Classes.

The following were nominated and recognized at the banquet: **Brandon Henderson**, male karata of the year, **Kurt Markham**, male competitor of the year, Brandon Henderson, male competitor of the year, **Theresa Barnett**, female Karata of the year, **Joseph Hicks**, 6 and under Karate-ka of the year, and **Jerry Sullivan**, instructor of the year. **Jeremiah Hicks** was selected the 11-12 years old Karate-ka of the years. **Ralph Smith** was honored with the lifetime achievement award. **Theresa Barnett** won the female competitor of the year.

Kelly's Heroes did well in the tournament the next day, where there were over 150 competitors. **Logan Lawson** won 1st in fighting light-weight orange, **Hunter Lawson** won 2nd place in heavy-weight orange belt, **Brandon Henderson** won 1st in Black belt fighting, middle weight and was runner up for Grand Champion. In the team competition **Jerry Sullivan**, **Brandon Henderson** and **Greg White** of Knoxville won the team-fighting trophy and metal. Way to go Kelly's Heroes.