



## OUR NEWS

# New American Eagle Cane Style Instructor



Congratulations to **Kay Silvestri** who was presented with her black uniform top and instructors' patch by Grandmaster Crandall and Headmaster Stalloch for the American Eagle Cane Style on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

The American Martial Arts Institute offers four separate styles of martial arts, each with their own students and instructors. In the American Eagle Cane Style, you must be an adult, 18 years of age or older, and a black belt before you may request to join the staff and instructional/educational branch of the Art. If accepted, these individuals first spend four months to two-years as an assistant instructor, wearing an assistant instructor's patch on their white uniform top.

While an assistant instructor, they undergo an apprenticeship to learn how to teach the style, but they can also continue to participate in regular classes. As a full instructor, these individuals wear a black uniform top, a blue instructor's patch on their sleeve, and their cane style logo patch. Kay will continue her training as she now begins to teach under Headmaster Stalloch and Grandmaster Crandall's direction.



Kay is the second student to achieve instructor status in the American Eagle Cane Style, and she is the first to do so training solely in this Art. While Instructor Maria Quintal is also a cane style instructor; she was also already an American Eagle Style (empty-hand) instructor. In contrast, Instructor Silvestri has currently only trained in the American Eagle Cane Style, starting as a white belt and earning a first-degree black belt.

Because both American Eagle Style and American Eagle Cane Style instructors wear black uniform tops and a blue instructor's patch, at a distance they may visually appear to be identical. However, you can tell them apart by the Style logo patch they wear on their front lapel. American Eagle Style instructors wear the style patch on their left lapel and American Eagle Cane Style instructors wear the cane style patch on their right lapel. In the case of an individual achieving instructor status in both styles, you may see both style patches worn on the same black uniform top simultaneously.

If you have any questions, speak with your instructor.

## ABOUT OUR ARCHIVES

The American Martial Arts Institute maintains a library at its main office with records of rank promotions, events, publications, media coverage, photographs, and videos. These are in the form of photo albums, copies of our publications, preserved news articles, and digital files such as videos and photographs from events in our history. In 1998, the American Martial Arts Institute launched its first website. Since then, the website has undergone many updates to keep up with changing technology. Many of our school's events and history are recorded on this website; however, not all testing results are maintained online (although testing records are maintained at our school). Events prior to 1998, are kept at our school library. This webpage documents some of our school's history.

For more information visit [AMAI-EagleStyle.com](http://AMAI-EagleStyle.com).

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