



OUR NEWS

IAIDO-BATTO-KENDO WORKSHOP 2026



Over three-hundred years of traditional samurai sword tradition came to life on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at the Jewish Community Center in Utica, New York, when Headmaster Clifford C. Crandall, Jr. taught the second-annual Iaido-Batto-Kendo Workshop. Assisted by iaido Kyoshi Nathan Morris and kendo Kyoshi Nicholas Chuff, Headmaster Crandall presented five hours of topics related to aspects of sword training from the Takenouchi-Hangan-Ryu-Matsuno-Crandall iaido-batto-do and Americanized Eagle Kendo styles.



Thirteen students from across New York State, Virginia, and South Carolina participated in a variety of topics. Some of the areas presented included iaido and kendo moving stances, iaido and kendo moving postures (shikake and oji-waze), iaido muto dori (disarming a person with a sword), kome kata, three-point sparring with shinai, kumitachi, and a team cutting (batto) competition.

The American Martial Arts Institute is a traditional martial arts school which offers four separate styles.

- American Eagle Style (empty-hand martial art)
- American Eagle Cane Style
- Takenouchi-Hangan-Ryu-Matsuno-Crandall Iaido-Batto
- Americanized Eagle Kendo

Each style is distinct with separate instructors and students. While some students may train in multiple styles, all styles are under the “umbrella” of the American Martial Arts Institute school. Each style has its own textbook and documentation, ranks, classes, and standards.



All workshop participants were provided with a workshop informational booklet which allowed for note-taking during or after presentations.



Thank you to Vincent Siegfried for taking pictures of the event.



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.

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