

The Aikido Association of America  
Is proud to present an

# Aikido Seminar

Instruction by **Andrew Sato, Rokudan**

合

気

道



**May 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Held at

**Onshinkan Dojo**  
9152 Louisiana Street  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
219-736-7854

This seminar is open to students of any rank or martial art.  
Andrew Sato is Chief Instructor of the Aikido Association of America and is ranked at  
Rokudan (6th degree black belt).



**For more information call us at 773.525.3141**

**Fax: 773.525.5916**

**Email us at [info@aaa-aikido.com](mailto:info@aaa-aikido.com)**

**Or visit us at <http://www.aaa-aikido.com/>**



## The Seminar...

The Aikido Association of America is proud to announce an Aikido Seminar held at Onshinkan dojo from May 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The training is open to students of any martial art or rank, and from any organization or dojo. Instruction will be provided by Andrew M. Sato, Rokudan and AAA/AAI Chief Instructor.

The seminar will feature quality instruction in both empty hand technique (throwing, pinning, and striking) as well as weapons technique with traditional bokken, staff, and tanto.

Schedule...		
Friday...	5:30 pm	Registration
	6:00—9:00 pm	Aikido Training
Saturday...	9:00-9:45 am	Zen Meditation
	10:00—1:00 pm	Aikido Training
	3:00—6:00 pm	Aikido Training
	7:00 pm	Group Dinner
Sunday...	9:00-9:45 am	Zen Meditation
	10:00—1:00 pm	Aikido Training

## About the founder

**Shihan Fumio Toyoda** was born in Japan on November 8, 1947 and began studying Aikido at the age of 10. After earning his shodan in Aikido at age 17, he was accepted as jyoju (live-in student) at the Ichikukai Dojo in Tokyo, where he committed himself to three years of rigorous training in misogi and zen. During this time he also pursued a law degree at Senshu University.

After graduating from Senshu University, Toyoda Shihan lived as uchideshi at Aikido World Headquarters (Aikikai Hombu Dojo), and there began his career as a professional, full-time Aikido instructor. His teaching responsibilities took him to South Korea and Hawaii, where he presented Aikido demonstrations and seminars to instructors and beginners alike.

Through these demonstrations and seminars, Toyoda Shihan recognized the growing need for full-time, qualified Aikido instruction and made a personal commitment to spread the art and philosophy of Aikido beyond the shores of his native Japan. Beginning in 1984, Toyoda Shihan began to fulfill this commitment by personally spreading the teachings of Aikido to Europe, Canada and more than 30 states across the U.S. In 1984, Toyoda Shihan founded the *Aikido Association of America* (AAA) to provide a network of support for dojo around the world in order to maintain standards of excellence in Aikido and the application of Aikido philosophy in daily life. Through his diligent work and commitment, Toyoda Shihan dedicated his life to promoting Aikido to its highest level throughout America, and internationally through Aikido Association International.

## About the instructor

**Andrew Sato** is chief instructor of the AAA/AAI and dojo cho of Tenshinkan Dojo the headquarters dojo of the AAA. His practice and study of Aikido had been under Toyoda Shihan exclusively. Having started practicing Aikido in the winter of 1977, Sato Sensei is at Rokudan rank and was appointed Shihandai by Toyoda Shihan. He has served on the board of directors of the Ki Aikido Society, Midwest region; as President of the Chicago-area Hakamakai group, and as Chair of the Committee Celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Toyoda Shihan's Aikido in America.

**Registration Form— Merrillville IN, May 2004**

I would like to register for the seminar. Please find enclosed my check or money order (made payable to “**Aikido Association of America**”) in the amount of:

- \$70 Entire Seminar
- \$30 Friday only       \$50 Saturday only       \$30 Sunday Only

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (H): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (W): \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MARTIAL ART (circle one): AIKIDO OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOJO: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make payable to “Aikido Association of America”)
- Credit Card ( ) Visa ( ) Master Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ exp: \_\_\_\_\_
- Cash (accepted at-the-door only): \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail registration to: **AAA Headquarters 1016 West Belmont Ave. Chicago, IL 60657**

**Release of Liability (Please read before you sign)**

For and in consideration of the permission of the Aikido Association of America, hereinafter called the Association, to use its facilities and of the execution by others of agreements similar hereto, the undersigned hereby agrees that while upon the premises of the Association or while using its facilities or equipment, whether at the Association or at any other location for the purpose of practice or of demonstration, said premises, facilities, and equipment shall be occupied and used at the sole risk and responsibility of the undersigned, and the undersigned hereby releases the Association from any and all claims for personal injury, damage, or loss of any kind or description resulting from being thereon or from such use or from the acts any persons thereon. The undersigned further agrees indemnify and hold harmless the Association and each of its instructors, teachers, officers, directors and members from or against any and all claims made or instituted against it or them arising out of the acts of the undersigned while upon the premises of the Association or while using any of its facilities or equipment, whether at the association or at any other location for the purpose of practice or demonstration, including injury or loss to the undersigned however caused and injury or loss caused by the undersigned to any other person. I certify by my signature that I have read and understand this agreement in its entirety and all my questions regarding it have been fully answered. I understand that the Association documents activities and events involving classes and instruction. I give the Association permission to use any documentation, such as video taping, photography, or film, in which my image is taken in whatever way the Association wishes. I understand that the Association is the sole owner of this documentation.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or guardian if participant is under 18)

OFFICE USE ONLY	DATE REC'D:	BY WHOM:	NOTES:
	AMOUNT:	FORM: CSH __ CK__ CHG__	
	DATES PLANNED TO ATTEND:		

## Directions & Lodging...

Participants are welcome to stay at the dojo for no charge. Bring blankets or a sleeping bag. There are also many hotels in the area and restaurants.

### Hotels within a mile of the dojo...

#### Super 8 Motel

8300 Louisiana St.  
Merrillville, IN  
219-736-8383

#### Days Inn

1350 E. 83rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN  
219-736-5252

#### Best Western Inn & Suites

8293 Louisiana St.  
Merrillville, IN  
219-736-2378

### Directions to Onshinkan Dojo

**From Chicago...** Take the skyway or I-90/94 to Indiana. Exit at Hwy 65 south (towards Indianapolis). Exit at US-30 east (towards Valparaiso). Turn right (south) at the first light onto Mississippi Street (by Red Lobster, BakerOs Square...). Turn right (west) on 91st Ave. Turn left (south) at the next block/stop sign onto Louisiana Street. Turn right into the parking lot at the south end of Louisiana Street.

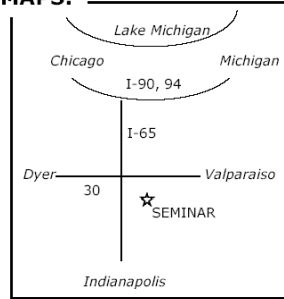
**From Michigan...** Get to I-94 or I-80/90 and head east, towards Chicago. Exit at Hwy 65 south (towards Indianapolis) and follow as above.

**From Lafayette...** Take Hwy 65 north. Exit at US-30 east (towards Valparaiso) and follow as above

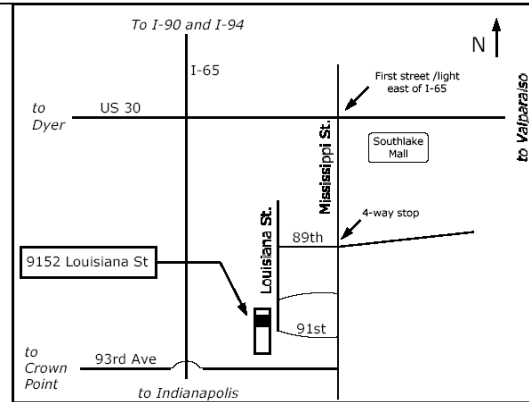
### For more information, contact:

Aikido Association of America headquarters **Tel:** 773/ 525-3141 **Fax:** 773/ 525-5916 or **E-mail:** info@aaa-aikido.com

### MAPS:



There are many hotels and restaurants at the intersection of US 30 and I-65



# AIKIDO SEMINAR

Aikido Association of America  
1016 West Belmont Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60657 USA