

Michael Kirkley



Michael Kirkley has been studying martial arts for most of his adult life. At first it started with Kempo, Aikido, Kung fu and Krav Maga. In the early 2000s he started taking his first HEMA (Historic European Martial Artes) classes. From that stemmed wrestling, knife fighting, sword fighting, axes and pugilism. One thing he will always mention is that all of these artes flow together and all follow similar rules, just adjusted for the styles timing and distance. You can reach Michael at mikesama@gmail.com

Classes

Bowie Knife: An American Dueling Tradition

The Vidalia Sandbar fight made Jim Bowie famous, but what about the knife he used? We'll go over the basic of what is a bowie knife and how one would fight with one.

Walking Stick - A Gentleman's Defense Against Ruffians

Walking down the street and accosted by ruffians what do you do? You fall back on the one thing almost all gentlemen carried, the walking stick. This will cover basics strikes footwork and defense used while carrying a walking stick and how you might use it against different attack common to ruffians.