

For nine centuries the defensive art of Aiko-do has been known as a sepaarte discipline in Japan, but only since World War II has it been taught publicly. Aiki-do is a method of self-defense which combines Judo, Karate, Kendo, Ju-Jitsu and all other methods of unarmed defense. Because it calls for less body contact and less strength to be effective, Aikido is said to be exceptionally valuable for children and women. Sergeant Gene Combs, owner of the American School of Aiki-do at 16807 Hawthorne blvd., Lawndale, learned the art at the Yoshin-kai Institute of Aiki-do of Tokyo while stationed in Japan. He was the first American to receive the black belt degree in Aiki-do. His school, the American School of Aiki-do, offers a three-month course open to children and adults. Tuition for children is \$12 a month for two instruction periods a week. For adults the fee is \$15 a month for the first month and \$12 a month thereafter for two in struction and one practice period a week. Classes are held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 5:30 p. m. to 9 p. m. Ed Muldrow and Tom Corzine are instructors in addition to Combs. For further information, call FR -9489.

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