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The [United States Judo Association \(USJA\)](#) is proud to announce a partnership with [Israeli Krav Maga \(Gidon Fighting System\)](#). The customized and streamlined krav maga program is designed enhance the USJA's self-defense curriculum while providing USJA clubs additional exciting business opportunities. The Krav Maga USJA program will be spearheaded by David Kahn and HC "Sparky" Bollinger.

David Kahn authored three best-selling krav maga books with his most recent book having won three national book awards. In addition, David produced the number one selling and most highly rated companion award-winning Krav Maga DVD series on Amazon. David received a 5th dan in Japanese Jujitsu from the USJA and received a 3rd dan, the highest ranked belt awarded outside of Israel after 19 years of training and more than 30 trips to Israel with Israeli Grandmaster Haim Gidon. Sparky Bollinger is a retired Marine Corps officer and a USJA board member with 35 years of martial arts experience with multiple high level rankings in multiple disciplines and systems, including a 4th dan in Japanese Jujitsu from the USJA.

Professionally, David and Sparky have trained senior hand-to-hand combat and defensive tactics instructors for U.S. Marine Corps, British Royal Marines and Royal Navy, FBI Academy and FBI Hostage Rescue Team, DEA Academy, New Jersey State Police Academy, New Jersey and Tennessee Department of Corrections SWAT teams, US Marshals, Federal Air Marshals, US Secret Service, ATF, DOD Police and host of other agencies. They have also been featured in more than two dozen national publications including Men's Fitness, USA Today, Esquire, GQ, Fitness, Details, LA Times, Fitness, Washington Post, Men's Health, Military.com, Special Operations Report, Seventeen and Allure."

David Kahn Head of Israeli Krav Maga explained:

"In the past, we were pursued by a number organizations wishing to partner with us. It was not until we entered discussions with the USJA, a professional, storied, and non-franchise focused organization, that we found the optimum partner. We were attracted to the UJSA's focus on quality over quantity along with the working with serious, dedicated martial artists. USJA President, Gary Goltz and USJA Marital Arts Committee Chair, Lowell Slaven bring great experience, integrity, and vision to the correct expansion of krav maga in the United States.

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Gary Goltz, USJA President added:

“As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the USJA is dedicated to evolving krav maga self-defense for 21st century needs while allowing all martial artists to progress in an egalitarian organization developed for the betterment of humanity. The program will include opportunities to train with Israeli Grandmaster Haim Gidon. This is what we believe the krav maga’s founder Imi (Emerich) Lichtenfeld would have wished. The USJA is an outstanding organization to introduce the Israeli krav maga method to judo clubs nationwide.”

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