

Why and where do we bow at martial art classes

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The military and the martial arts are connected in many ways

The US Army has similar values as our martial art tradition

Army Leadership Attributes

Loyalty

Duty

Respect

Selfless service

Honor

Integrity

Personal courage

This article is from the US Navy explains the history and the reason of the military hand salute <https://media.defense.gov/2014/Feb/21/2002655438/-1/-1/1/140221-N-ZZ182-5356.pdf>

SALUTING

One required act of military courtesy is the salute. Regulations governing its use are founded on military custom deeply rooted in tradition. The salute is a symbol of respect and a sign of comradeship among service personnel. The salute is simple and dignified; but there is great significance in that gesture. It is a time-honored demonstration of courtesy among all military personnel that expresses mutual respect and pride in the service. Never resent or try to avoid saluting persons entitled to receive the salute. (media.defense.gov)

As in the military and law enforcement, martial artists are entrusted with lifesaving and life taking arts or techniques that we need to only use legally and morally within the scope of our daily activities. In our martial art we learn many violent armed (weapon arts) and unarmed arts not to glorify violence but to learn how to defend against them or to use them as a last resort for self-defense. PBK

Code of Conduct

Our DanZan Ryu martial art code of conduct can be found at www.bushidokan.us in the about us drop down menu go to the Esoteric Principles link.

The Purpose of the Martial Art Bow

<https://www.master-sh-yu.com/articles/purpose-of-bowing-in-martial-arts/>