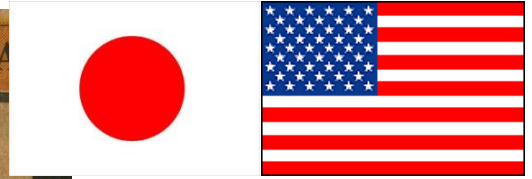


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FRIENDLY EXCHANGE — Retired U.S. Navy Capt. Albert L. Prosser of Saratoga presented a ceremonial sword to Michio Kuwabara of Sendai, Japan on Friday. Mr. Prosser, 96, found the sword in Japan in 1945 following World War II and a two-year search led him to the only living child of the sword's original owner, Japanese Navy Commander Shinbei Kuwabara. (Staff photo by Christopher Comfort)

Returning a sword a symbol of friends

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sword from Mr. Kuwabara's father, Shinbei Kuwabara. Mr. Prosser said he instigated a

this sword is a family," He said the sword was a gift from the sister city of Niigata.

