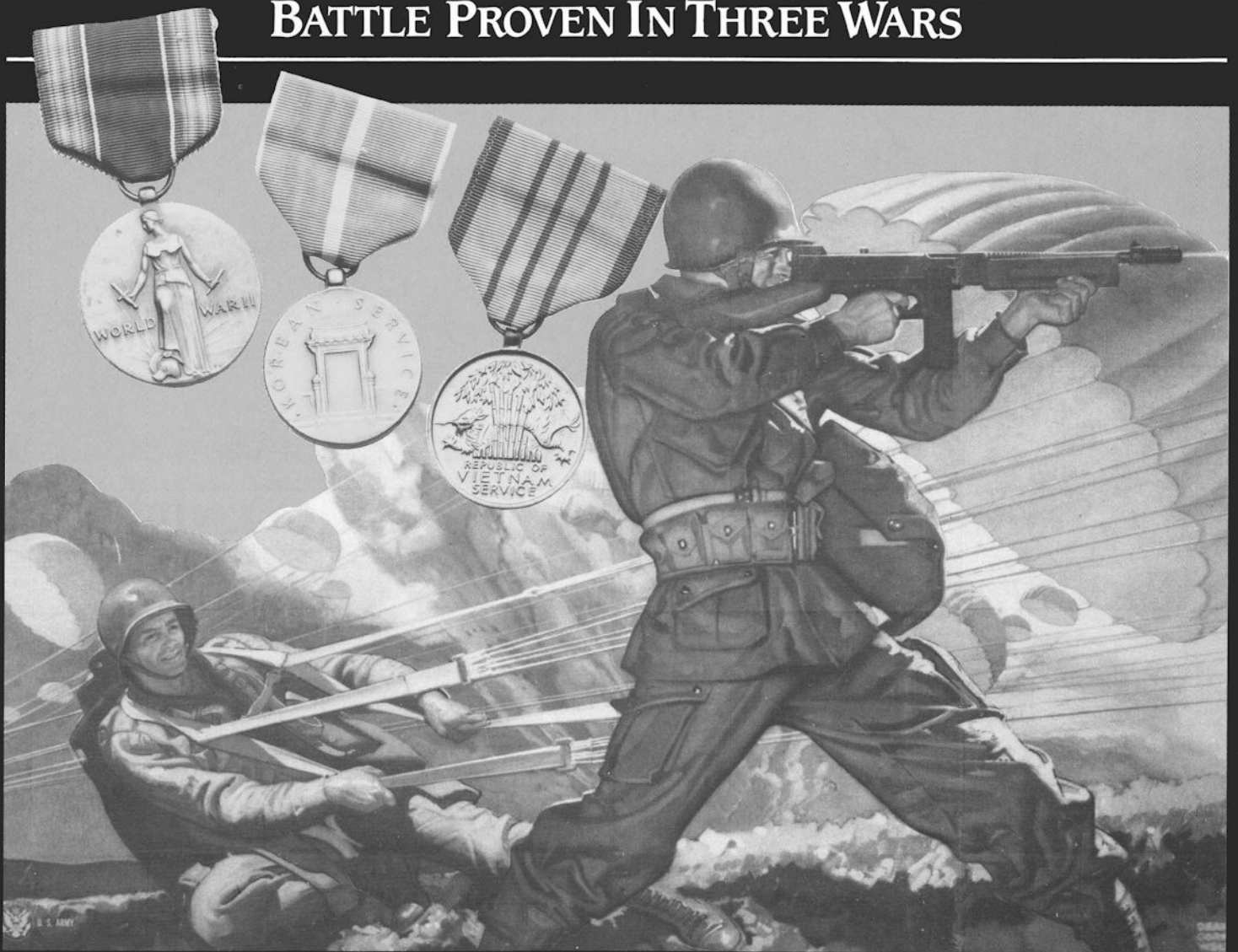


AMERICA'S FINEST MILITARY KNIVES

BATTLE PROVEN IN THREE WARS



KNIVES FOR MILITARY MEN AND PROFESSIONAL ADVENTURERS



SUPPLIERS TO AMERICAN MILITARY MEN IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES



COMBAT... THE ULTIMATE TEST OF A KNIFE

Since 1941, Ek Commando Knives have proven themselves on the battlefields of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. They hold the record for being the leading private-purchase military knives in American history, made by the only American knife company devoted solely to military knives.

Professional military men who need a knife they can trust continue to turn to us for battle-proven knives—a tradition that began in 1941.

These are no-nonsense knives—strong, tough and sharp. As John Ek said in 1941, "A good knife can save a life." With this important philosophy, Ek Commando Knives have always been based on rugged designs, quality materials and hand craftsmanship. That's why they

"I carried one of your Style #1 knives during my tour in Southeast Asia... It was a fine tool, and was used by me for everything from opening C-rations to saving my skin late one night".

J.A.W.

hold the record for being the leading private-purchase military knife in American history. So, if you're looking for America's finest military knives, you've come to the right place.

What Should I Look For When Buying a Knife?

At a time when many new "combat" and "survival" knives are available, none of them has

been tested and proven where it counts. In fact, when the chips are down, some may cost you your life—a high price to pay for having the wrong knife. That's why professional military men—whose very lives can depend on their knives—seek out our battle-proven knives.

Any knifemaker can make idle claims. So look for a knife with proven ability. Preferably one that is **battle proven**.

In a World of Compromise, Ek Commando Knives Don't

"Who has tested our knives?" Our proud reply: "Over one hundred thousand American Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Sailors!" With 45 years of advice and design assistance from combat veterans, Ek Commando Knives have arrived at a level of technology beyond that of available production knives.

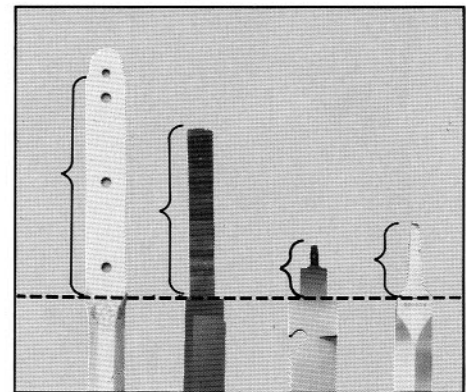
State-of-the-art materials, such as the finest high carbon stainless steel and weather-proof Micarta and Pakkawood complement the basic, time-tested design.

While other knives may be satisfactory under normal circumstances, Ek Knives are designed for when your life depends on it. Be it a military operation in distant lands or a hunting trip in the wilderness, if your knife doesn't survive, you might not, either.

More Steel Than Any Other Knife Of Their Size and Type

When you order an Ek Commando Knife, you're not throwing your money away on gimmicks. You're investing in steel and craftsmanship. We make our knives with more steel than any other knife of their size and type. They feature a full-length, full-width tang (a solid bar

of steel running through the grips) that is unmatched for strength. Most other knives have a



The main strength—or weakness—of a knife is revealed when the grip is removed. Compare the full tang of the Ek (L) to the smaller "stub" tangs of other well-known, yet weaker, knives.

short "stub" tang or a narrow "rat-tail" tang that can break. Worse yet, hollow-handle "survival" knives have no tang at all—the blades

"The men here in Vietnam consider your knives far superior to anything else in knives".

Captain M.P. (1967)

are simply pinned or welded to the grip in a joint that can fail when you least expect it.

With the Ek full-length, full-width tang, you can take off one or both of the grips and

you still have a one-inch by five and one-half inch solid bar of steel—still a handful of handle.

"On October, 1967, at Bien Hoa in III Corps, I was in a gunship flying an insert mission...we took beaucoup hits from a .51-caliber and the ship went down...I took my Ek Commando Knife (issued to me by MACVSOG) and pounded on the door. No good. So, I jammed the knife through the metal skin and cut my way out. The knife cut it like butter. The hole was big enough to get out—over two feet across. The Charlies didn't see us—the only weapon we had was the Ek Knife.

"We both made it through 23 clicks of jungle with a knife as protection. We had to dispose of two VC with it. Again, it did the job, never losing its edge. Without that knife, we both would be dead.

"I have opened C-rat cans with it, cut ammo cans open, cut parachute webbing with it, pounded nails and chopped tree limbs with it. I have busted Ka-bars doing the same jobs.

"In July, 1970, I dropped HALO into a bad LZ, lost our equipment, and I busted my stock on my Matty Matel M-16. Again, the knife and a 9mm is all I had.

"I had only two clips of 13 each ammo. Some VC regulars rushed us and I went low on ammo. That damn, beautiful knife took three of them out, one stroke each. We got back to base camp and we made it because of the knife.

"I am a very firm believer that you have the finest knife in the world today...the U.S. Army (should) get one for every soldier to use."

Master Sergeant J.P., Special Forces

Full Tang Ek Grip System

Yes, the Ek Grip System, with full tang, can save your life—not to mention your knife. A knife with loose grips is no good. It can cost you what you paid for the knife (when you throw it away) or, worse yet, it can cost you your life.

Ek Commando Knives use two sophisticated fastener systems to mount the grips. On the M Series, you get three solid brass, custom machine-turned fittings. You can tighten them with a screwdriver.

With the P Series, you get poured lead rivets. Those three rivets operate like six rivets because each is hot poured all the way through in one pour. If one side ever becomes loose (tough to do), the other side would not be affected. The poured lead rivet is easily tightened in the field by pounding with a rock or hammer.

With the Ek Survival/Fighter, you can unwrap and rewrap the para-cord grip with no problem. For variety or a different texture, you can even easily change the wrap pattern or use



In November 1943, men of the 306th Fighter Control Squadron inspect and test John Ek Commando Knives.

"Up to now I used only a Randall knife. But I bought an Ek—and sold my Randall. The Ek is sharper and holds an edge longer."

Dennis Roberts
Ex-Merchant Marine

(unlikely), you've got two others to keep it from wobbling. When you start out with only two rivets and one becomes loose, you get a loose grip right away. Just look in your kitchen knife drawer at home.

Proven in World War II, Korea and Vietnam

You don't find out these things easily. You find them out on the toughest proving grounds of the world—the battlefields of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. And the people who test them aren't chairborn rangers at a gunshop or a magazine. They are American military men—men who know knives. It's features like these that have earned our knives the proud title: "America's Finest Military Knives".

So, when the chips are down and your life is on the line, you can be a "field-tester" for one of the other makers—or you can go with a battle-proven knife made to save your life.

The knife you choose says a lot about your personal pride. Choose a no-nonsense knife that has been battle-proven by Americans. Choose Ek.

a different material to create a custom grip. Most of the other knife grips on the market



World War II photo of John Ek (1915-1976), discussing his famous knives.

today can leave you in the lurch, as they use two-piece, cutlery rivets—just like the ones in your kitchen knives. If one side of one rivet loosens up, so does the other side.

Yet other knives use cast grips held on with glue. If the glue fails, you can be left holding a handle in one hand and a sharp blade in the other.

At a time when other knives typically use two rivets, Ek uses three. It's a little more expensive, but if one ever should become loose,

PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD
Date 1-7-44
Registered No. 6-C622
Name Lieut. K.T. Holbert
Serial No. 0-867243
Post Office 6600 Ellis Ave., Seattle, Wash.
Signed K.T. Holbert
REMARKS: This is certainly a beautiful knife. Johnny. It is perfectly designed for the job it was planned for, and shows wonderful skill and craftsmanship. Thanks a million, you are doing your job in this war in a splendid and useful way. Keep up the good work.
JOHN EK COMMANDO KNIVES are manufactured solely for the armed forces

World War II Registration Card

WHAT A PROFESSIONAL LOOKS FOR WHEN SELECTING A

When you have a mission to complete you need to know that your knife will not fail.

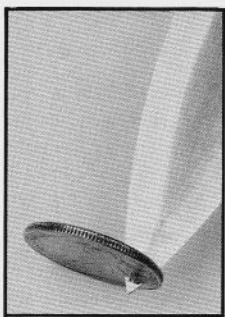
For 45 years, Ek Commando Knives have proven on and off the battlefield that they have what it takes to get the job done.

No other private-purchase, military knife in American history can claim a record of service equal to that of the Ek.

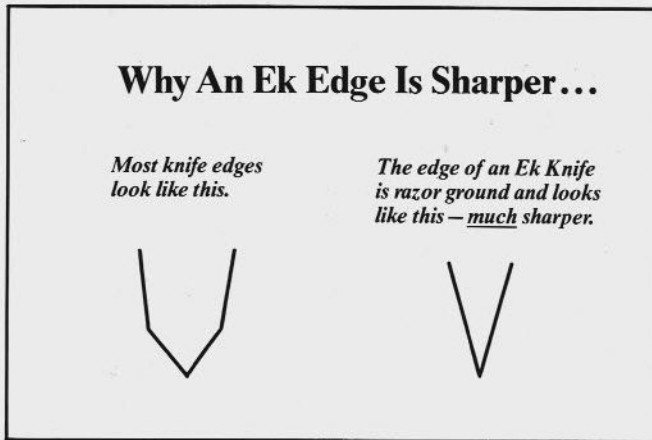
We are proud to make our rugged knives available to you and other professionals.

The solid-design features, coupled with quality materials and construction, serve to create a knife that performs when you need it.

Shown here is the top of the line Model M4 which has all of the special features military men and professional adventures look for and need in a good knife.



The point is so sharp it pierces a quarter... yet so strong, the point isn't damaged.



Most knife edges look like this.

The edge of an Ek Knife is razor ground and looks like this - much sharper.

7. "HANDPRINT"™ GRIPS—E perfectly fit the hand—plenty comfortable for small hands sides to fit the ball of the hand thumb for the cross-palm "f in blade-forward or blade-r grip favored by many of tod elite military units. Grips are Micarta on the "M"-Series knives and Pakkawood on "P"-Series.

6. X-HEAD FASTENER SYSTEM— Custom-made, solid brass crosshead fasteners contribute both to balance and gripping power. Featured on top-of-the-line, Micarta-handled ("M"-Series) models, these special fasteners allow for removal of grips for cleaning or replacement.

5. THICK BRASS GUARD— Downswept for comfort, to increase thrusting and slashing power and to prevent jamming the thumb.

4. BALANCED— All Ek Commando Knives are balanced to fall into your hand—not out of it. In slashing, this provides for quicker movement; in thrusting, it concentrates force into the arm.

3. HIGH-CARBON STAINLESS BLADE— Made of the very finest American HCS1718 high-carbon, surgical stainless steel, the blade is heat treated to 1950°F, then plunged to 120°F below zero to retain a razor edge.

2. RAZOR-POLISHED EDGE— Shaving sharp and easy to resharpen.

11. GRIPPING GROOVE— the thrust axis hold the movement in the hand. the bite. Perfect for use same effect is experie

12. ETCHED TRADEMARK— As on the finest custom knives, the trademark is etched; stamping it could weaken a blade.

13. WASP WAISTED— Increases cutting and slashing power.

1. REINFORCED POINT— The angle and thickness of the bevel grinding to the point is increased to resist bending and breakage, yet to retain the ability to pierce a steel drum.

"In a true combat survival situation, I can think of few knives which would prove more serviceable or tougher than... Ek."

B.R. Hughes
Knife World

KNIFE ...

8. EXTENDED BUTT—Another unique, original Ek design, this feature provides a multitude of uses as a pry bar or, defensively, as a "skull-crusher" pommel. As a standoff, it also provides extra protection to the hand when driving tent stakes or pounding.

Ergonomically sculpted to be comfortable for large hands, yet contoured on both the hand and position the "fencing" grip is e-reversed to today's standards.

Length Overall: 12½"
Blade Length: 6⅝"
Rockwell: C57-59

9. WRIST THONG—Prevents losing your knife when you need it the most.

10. FULL TANG—The Ek Commando Knife is solid steel from point to butt. The tang (the steel under the grip) is a full-width, full-thickness extension of the blade, making this the most rugged, dependable knife ever designed. This expensive feature requires much more steel than a rat-tail or stub tang but provides unequalled strength. It is not found in any other military/survival knife in this price category.

STRIPES—Striations perpendicular to the flesh of the palm to prevent slipping. The tighter the grip, the deeper the striations. The tighter the grip, the deeper the striations. The tighter the grip, the deeper the striations. The tighter the grip, the deeper the striations.



World War II photo of knifemiths making Ek knives in the Hamden, Connecticut workshop.

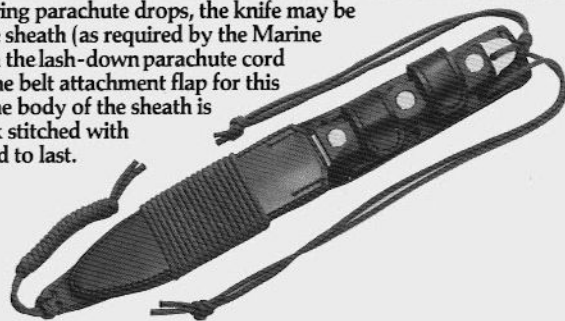
EK SYSTEMS SHEATHS

Two different sheaths are available: black leather or olive drab nylon web.

The black leather sheath comes with the M Series-Ek Knives. The OD web sheath automatically comes with the P-Series and Survival-Fighter. If you prefer another combination, you may order whichever you choose — see the order form for details.

Both sheaths are systems designed for positioning on LBE ("ALICE"), STABO or Assault Harnessing. Both are designed to easily fit on wide military belts; are fitted with five feet of leg thong at the tip; and are fitted with eight feet of 550 pounds tensile strength parachute cord wrapped around the sheath body, easily removed for utility purposes.

The black leather sheath features dual leather, velcro-backed retaining straps. These straps are removable, so one or two straps may be used. It also allows for ambidextrous wear, as they can be reversed. For additional security during parachute drops, the knife may be tied into the sheath (as required by the Marine Corps) with the lash-down parachute cord laced into the belt attachment flap for this purpose. The body of the sheath is double-lock stitched with nylon thread to last.



The olive drab nylon web sheath is also nylon lock stitched and fitted with rivets for extra strength. The hilt-retention strap is nylon, fitted with velcro.



"It's a good strong knife with a very well made guard, possessing good balance and heft, and being quite comfortable (natural) in the hand for various grips. Thanks for making these knives available."

P.B.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS — MISSION ORIENTED...



New Guinea, 1943

Because no single design can possibly fit all purposes, Ek Commando knives are offered in variations to allow for mission tailoring. Single-edge models provide a partial flat section for pounding or pushing against the blade back for improved cutting power in the field. The double-edge styles increase the length of the cutting edge — as preferred by elite force

personnel.

Traditionalists will desire crossguarded versions, while certain elite force personnel professionally trained in reverse-blade style fighting will prefer the increased freedom of gripping and movement the unguarded version allows.

Whatever your mission, choose an Ek Commando Knife.

45-DAY TRIAL SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Try out your Ek Commando Knife. Take it to the field. Give it your own test. See if it pleases you. More than 40 years of experience says it will. But if it doesn't, return it, within 45 days, for a full refund, including all shipping charges.

**ORDER TOLL FREE
1-800-468-5575**

For credit card orders, call toll free, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

SURVIVAL/FIGHTER MODEL

Unlike other survival knives that are big on gimmicks but weak on quality, the Ek Survival/Fighter (S/F) features the rugged, proven, full-tang design—a solid bar of steel running through the grip, all the way through the extended butt.

The olive drab *Paragrip™* Hilt provides a comfortable, non-slip, resilient grip that can be quickly unwrapped to provide 18 feet of 550-lb. tensile strength MILSPEC parachute

cord for emergency lashing. The Survival/Fighter is a popularly priced emergency weapon for those who require a precision knife.

The Survival Fighter comes complete with a quality, olive drab, nylon sheath to fit a military web belt.

As an important piece of backup equipment, you can rely on the Ek Survival/Fighter not to fail.

"It's excellent...you could easily double the price...I know, I've got some really good ones (knives)...I've been in the Marine Corps for 20 years".

S.C.

"...it is one of the finest knives I own. The nice clean simple construction is one of the main factors that contributes to the overall beauty and strength of this knife".

M.S.P.

Model S/F

QUALITY OLIVE DRAB NYLON SHEATH—The belt loop is large enough for a military web belt. D-ring and thong allow it to be worn in a variety of positions. Wrapped with 8 feet of Hoggin' Cord™ lashdown strap. The knife is retained by a velcro fastener.



M-SERIES MODELS

The M-Series is the top of the line. Each knife features removable Micarta grips, brass X-head fasteners and deluxe black leather sheath.

Model M1; single edge, without crossguard



Model M2; double edge, without crossguard



Model M3; single edge, with crossguard



Model M4 double edge, with crossguard



P-SERIES MODELS

The P-Series offers the strength and quality of the M-Series, but with Pakkawood grips, poured lead rivets and olive drab web sheath. These features are slightly less costly, and the prices of these models are correspondingly less.

Model P1; single edge, without crossguard



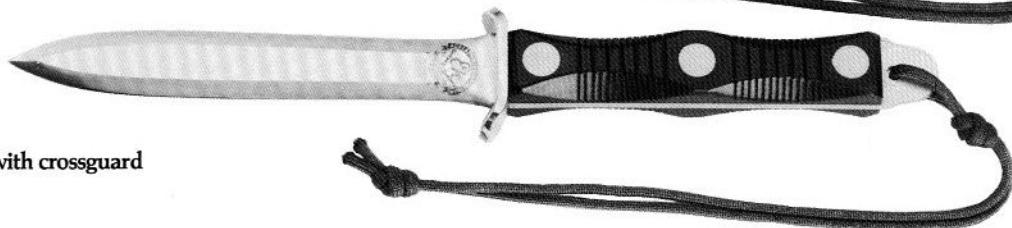
Model P2; double edge, without crossguard



Model P3; single edge, with crossguard



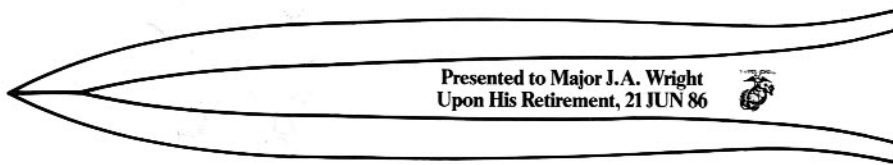
Model P4; double edge, with crossguard



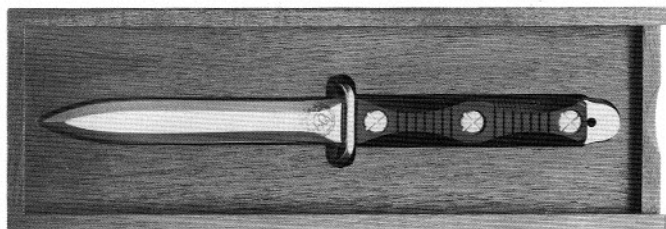
LET US PERSONALIZE YOUR EK COMMANDO KNIFE

The tradition of presenting edged weapons on important occasions or to honor outstanding achievement has been with us since the days of knighthood. A knife is functional and lasts for generations—a permanent reminder to the recipient and his descendants of your gratitude. When the occasion requires a gift or presentation piece, quickly have an Ek Commando Knife personalized.

The Ek Custom Shop can etch on the blade the symbol of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard. The recipient's name, presentation occasion, date etc., can be engraved quickly and at modest cost. Or, you may want your knife engraved just to keep it from "walking away" from you on active duty. (See order form for details.)



All personalization can be handled promptly—call us, toll free, at (800) 468-5575 if overnight delivery is needed.



A Mahogany Display Case, with sliding acrylic glass lid, for field-grade or presentation grade Ek Knives is also available (14" x 5" x 1½"). It is easily wall mounted.

Ek Commando Knives Selected For Best Ranger Competition Trophy...



The Ek Knives were selected by the Ranger Department to be a permanent part of the Best Ranger Competition Trophy. This competition is "the most important annual awards ceremony held on Fort Benning," per the Chief of Infantry. Rangers "Lead the Way" ...and Ek Knives are there. Let us make an Ek presentation knife for you.

Also Available...

A series of six presentation-grade Ek Knives issued in honor of American Elite Force Units. Each knife is specially embellished with a detailed combat scene deeply etched along the full length of the blade and gold-gilt infilled.

Limited Edition of 2500 each made by Ek Commando Knife Company for The American Historical Foundation. Available individually or as a matched set of six.

- Airborne
- U.S. Army Rangers
- Special Forces
- USN SEAL/UDT
- U.S. Marine Recon
- USAF Air Special Operations

These knives can also be personalized with your name and other information on the blade.



"...overjoyed with their beauty. They're far more impressive than depicted..."

Colonel Aaron Bank, USA (Ret.)
Founder, U.S. Army Special Forces



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