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Ek[®] Commando Knife Co.

Testimonials, Combat Experiences and the Lives behind the Ek Knife.

From the military men, special operators,
law enforcement personnel and
professional adventurers – who have shared
their Ek Commando Knife experiences with us.

“Good job! My hat’s off to you.”

– SGT C.U., U.S. Army, Tennessee

***“I consider Ek knives to be every bit the equal of
Randalls. They are beautiful, well made, sturdy and
have a great history behind them. I’ve owned them
for 15 years, and they are the ‘Real McCoy!’”***

– G.W., Dallas

***“Have been familiar with your products for
years. Own several Ek knives already. Have
owned 5 Randall knives in the past and believe
them to be inferior [to Ek knives].”*** – Bob P.

***“That is one serious
piece of steel!”*** – A.C., California

***“I must say it is truly a work of art. The finish
is beautiful. I have owned Randall knives in
the past, and I must say that your product
really exceeds the Randall. I have already
determined my next Ek purchase.”***

– Dan D., Florida

***“Many of my Marines possess confidence due to
wearing and using your spectacular blades...
I teach knife fighting to a lot of Marines.
The Ek Knife is a big part of my ethos. I
highly encourage my Marines to purchase them.
Everything about them is right. You are mak-
ing the most functional, capable, and well-made
knife in the world today. Ek has that little
something extra, that little bit of history
attached. Just having it strapped to my side on
every patrol I go on brings my readiness to a
higher level. I command a lot of young Marines
over here -- and they ask me what kind of knife
they should get. I tell them...if they are seri-
ous, they should consider an Ek. I let them hold
mine -- and they understand. I will carry them
for as long as I am a Marine (just went over
33 years). Your design, your craftsmanship, and
your attitude is everything that makes our coun-
try great -- and I consider Ek ‘the arms-carry-
ing professional’s blade.’”***

– Col G.H.B., USMC Iraq

Many of our customers – military men, special operators, law enforcement personnel and professional adventurers – have shared their Ek Commando Knife experiences with us. Their frank reviews not only convey the philosophy and craftsmanship of Ek Commando Knife Co., but tell a story that has become a historical testimony as well.

Two crossed Ek Commando Knives form the center of the U.S. Army Rangers' "Best Ranger" trophy. "Lead the way", Ranger – with Ek Commando Knives!



"A few years ago I purchased an Ek No. 5 Bowie and carried it faithfully during my tour in Iraq. During my year there I used my Ek knife for everything from opening MRE's to prying open doors to insurgents' hiding places. In one instance a group of individuals approached us knowing full well we would not shoot because of the amount of children in the area. It was at this point I produced my Ek (backed up by other soldiers with rifles, of course) and instructed the men to back off, which they immediately did. All their eyes were on my Ek at that moment. It has truly been the best knife I have ever owned." – SSG Eddie R., U.S. Army Cavalry Scout



"I've always owned Randall's, and I've owned Ek's – along with a host of Ontario RAT's and others – and for military use I prefer my Ek's." – R.T., Maryland

"Dad loves knives and made it home with many types. I have the same 'affliction' and over 30 years of covert ops. I took [my Ek] on the Iran Hostage Rescue Raid in 1980. I took a Randall #1 and Dad's Ek when I was a bodyguard to the Shah of Iran." – P. C., Arizona

"Thanks for continuing to make a great knife. I have tried several makes including Randall's, but yours is still superior. No wonder it has such a long history participating in conflicts and wars. I 'loaned' one of my M4's to a Navy SEAL friend of mine and it became his 'birthday present'. He liked it so much during his deployment to the mid-east, he decided he couldn't part with it. Like I said, your knives are the best in their class." – M.W., California

"The presence of the Ek Combat Knife changes the dynamics of a situation drastically. The idea of being shot, while horrible, is rather abstract. Most people have never been shot, so their mind doesn't automatically associate a firearm with pain. However,

everyone has been cut before, and the sight of a blade congers memories of very real pain. The psychological impact of a good blade is unmeasurable." – S.M., Washington

"I've been in Iraq about 6 months and have about another 6 to go. This is my second tour to Iraq. I was part of the northern airborne/special operation. My job is to go to the different outposts by flying either Blackhawk or Chinook helicopters. On one mission, an officer with me had an Ek Model 4 that his father had carried years before and had given to him for his deployment. He let me hold the Model 4. It was beautifully balanced and I had great confidence knowing this blade would most definitely perform when called upon. During OIF-I (Invasion) and this deployment I have my Randall Model 18 attached to my IBA. I will wear your Ek M4 on my belt." – K.B., Iraq

"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.

"Once you see one and use one it sells itself – it's a time-proven design." – R.P., Richmond, Virginia

"I have been looking for the right blade for myself (high kidnap risk)...Actually gave up on finding a good double edge fighting knife and thought I would have to make my own. So glad I found out about Ek." – R.M., Iraq

"I served two tours in Korea in the early 1990's, and your S/F5 Bowie served me REAL well. Senior NCO's and officers were always after it. One officer offered me \$500 for it. As always, I told him, 'It's not for sale!'" – F.G.E., Jr., Ohio

"The Handprint Micarta grips are something that need to be felt to be appreciated." – M.F., Falls Church, Virginia

"My experiences with your Commando Knife, the first time, was in October 1967 at Bien Hoa in III Corps, I was in a gunship, flying as a passenger for an insert mission in Cambodia, Project Phoenix. The ship took bo-coup hits in the engine box and went down like a lead balloon – on its side and started to burn. I took the knife and pounded on the door, no good, so I jammed the knife through the metal skin and started to cut my way out. The knife cut it like butter. When we were 15-20 feet away the ship blew up. The only weapon we had was the knife. We both made it through 23 clicks of jungle with the 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 Kbars doing the same jobs. In July 1970, I was flying with a MACSOG unit. Our team dropped HALO in a bad LZ, lost our equipment, and busted the stock on my Matty Matel M-16. Again the knife and my 9mm were all I had. Our team got caught by some VC Regulars – the fire fight started, I went low on ammo, the VC rushed us and that damn, beautiful knife took three of them out, one stroke each. Once we finished, we had to di di, we got back to base camp, we made it because of the knife. I am a very firm believer you have the finest knife in the world today." – MSG J. P.

"I've had an Ek for some time, and every time I pull it out of the sheath people say, 'Where did you get THAT!'"
– Recon Marine Major

"I do jujitsu, and this Ek is the best knife I've ever owned."
– R.H., Pilot OH58D, Ft. Polk (going to Iraq)

"Probably the only true test of any piece of equipment is how it performs. From what I've read about Ek knives, not one American serviceman or woman has ever been disappointed by an Ek knife. That is the best endorsement you can get."
– A.J.C.

"I love it. The new handle design is great. It will not be the last knife I order from you. Best regards from Germany." – R.N.

"I'm extremely happy with the blade and am spreading the word to comrades that the Ek is the best thing for fighting with, should the need for a blade arise in our line of work."
– J.E., Federal Agent, U.S. and abroad

"I am a helicopter pilot in the US Army. I deployed to Iraq in 2003 with my model S/F 3, and have absolutely loved it! I am purchasing the M4 series. I will soon depart for another trip to Iraq and would absolutely not go without a Ek knife attached to me. Thank you for still staying in business all these years. I do not know what I would have done had I not been able to purchase another Ek knife. Thanks for making one helluva knife!" – R.H., Ft. Polk

"I carried Ek Knives in the 1970's in the Marine Corps, and you just can't beat them!" – J.B., NM



The Ek Commando M4 as center device of symbol of the Chilean Marine Commandos (Airborne). The Ek is the only current-production American knife used in the symbol of any military unit in the world!

"You should know that I have never in my life been able to find a better knife manufacturer than Ek. I have owned over five Ek knives so far. This is mostly due to the fact that I lose them or loan them out to friends. I also like to keep them at home, work, in the car, etc. As a testament to the quality of these knives, I actually saw one buried under mulch for 2 years and was dug up looking like new and cutting just as well! Thanks so much for providing America with a quality product in a time when so many manufacturers are sacrificing quality for quantity. Keep up the good work!"
– W.L., Baltimore, Maryland

"Words will never describe your knife – that feel of perfection. The Ek will outperform any damn knife made. It may be hard to realize how damn good a product you've got. I have busted blades, chipped blades of some damn good knives, but never has an Ek failed." – J. P.

"I've got 30 to 40 knives, but your Model 5 Bowie is the one I use all the time. I've had it for 20 years, and it goes to bed with me every night!" – J.R., Oregon

"The Ek...is lively in the hand and extraordinarily quick...It is a fighting knife, designed to leap into the hand and spring into action...as impressive as anything I've ever handled... The balance is there, and the fit and finish are excellent...a beautiful knife, but one that is ready for action in the grimmest of circumstances...whether you have a soldier's presentation knife in mind, or one for a warrior beginning his or her tour, I can think of nothing better. They are wonderful examples of the American combat blade."
– *Knife World*, April 2006 – Bob Campbell

(Checked Walnut grips are)... "the best I have seen...even my wife was impressed (very hard to do). I want to thank everyone at Ek for your awesome work, knowing you are making a difference to lives and providing the best to each soldier, marine, peace officer, and anyone who depends on a great knife." – D.F., Arizona

"I just received my Marine Raider Stiletto. What a great knife, thank you. I served in the Marine Corps for six years and have been a police officer in FL for seventeen. I've owned a few knives in that time including many Randalls. Your knives are second to none. Thanks again for a great knife. Semper Fi." – E.F., Florida

"Usually you look at something beautiful in a magazine and you get one sent to your home, and it is a piece of junk. This is a work of art. It will shave the hairs off your arm!" – J.B., Texas

"My Grandfather was a member of the 28th Signal 28th Pennsylvania during WWII. He was captured during the bulge, and my Father was a member of the 77th Ranger 2nd battalion during Vietnam. Both of them in one way or another got and carried an Ek knife. Now that I am leaving for an overseas combat posting, I want to carry on my family's tradition of carrying Ek knives." – Maj. G.T.M., (Police Tactical Training) Pennsylvania

"My Model 4 is going to Iraq with a Marine I know. I told him that an Ek saved my uncle's life in Nam and a buddy's life in Afghanistan. I can tell another Marine's life will be safer now that he knows that he has an Ek." – D.F.

"I want this message posted on the Ek website. People need to know that the service Ek provides is number One. No one comes close. I have been a proud owner for two years of Ek Model 4s. Ek is the only knife company that I will be doing business with. You have proudly carried the Ek legacy into the twenty-first century. With your continuing dedication Ek will be a household name for generations." – Jason

"I am under the impression that you made these to be used." – S.B., Police Dept.

"A fine piece of steel. I don't recall ever seeing a double edge executed as well as this one. The craftsmanship is excellent. Your steel will carry on the honored tradition. Thank you for the support you provide to all of us here." – LTC K.M., Baghdad

"Even in Germany times are getting rougher. Therefore, it is good to have a solid high performance partner like an Ek knife. 9/11 is supposed to be planned in Germany...and therefore I expect the day when the Islamic dynamite explodes over here. But I promise, me and my Ek knife will be a hard target then!" – A.K., Germany

"I believe my Ek No. 5 Bowie would cut a Ka-Bar in half! It's a great knife!" – R.B., California

"I just received my Ek and it is above and beyond all expectations!" – D.A., Tulsa, Oklahoma

"When I'm hunting, I use it for mercy killing of wild boars, roe deer, elk and moose." – G.R., Sweden

"I am very attached to my Ek Knife as I have and do carry it on our SWAT team. It symbolizes the mind set I must carry into our situations." – Sgt. S.O.

"I carried my Ek Bowie with me all the time I was in Iraq. Whenever I pulled it out, everyone around was drawn to it, asking, 'Where did you get it? Who made it?' I had my Ek Bowie in my hand cutting something, and a belligerent Iraqi walked towards me from behind. I turned around to see who it was. That Iraqi saw the knife and his eyes got REAL big, and he started backing away, saying, 'No, mister. No, mister!' While your knives are good looking in a glass showcase, they are more than capable of getting the job done.

"Good job! My hat's off to you." – SGT C.U., U.S. Army, Tennessee

"Thanks for your cooperation and help. Very satisfied with my Ek. Any Marine would be proud to have one with their issued 782 gear. Semper Fi." – T.R., Texas

"The quality of your Checkered Walnut grips exceeded my expectations." – Anthony F., Jackson, New Jersey

"This CW4 is the best knife I've ever had the pleasure of holding. It is beautiful! It is so rare, today, that people take pride in their work. This will be a true heirloom." – J.C., California

"This is the best knife I own and is a piece of art. Thanks for the excellent quality." – K.V.T., Virginia

"It's not every day that I meet someone who knows more about a knife than how to eat a pork chop!" (About the Ek staff.) – M.B., Washington

"Ek has one thing the others don't offer and that is a solid tradition and history with the military going back many years. My Ek has always been a great knife for all my needs, including opening ammo crates and a great many uses a knife wasn't designed for. I've used it in Grenada, Somalia, Sudan and Afghanistan on three different deployments (the first time when the Russians were there). The hilt is big enough for a MAN's hand – most others are too small. Everyone who sees my Ek knife goes bananas over it. My father had one in Korea. When Dad gave his Ek to my brother, my brother threw his Gerber MkII in the woods!" – R.K.B. "Magician 25", USMC

"To say I am pleased is a gross understatement. My knife has to be the finest survival knife here at Ft. Benning, GA. I am pleasantly surprised as to the comfort of the handle wrapped in parachute cord. It really has been great to be able to keep a good tight grip even in the hottest, and most humid days I have experienced here." – 2LT R.L.

"I was with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam, and my bayonet was just not getting it. The guys recommended getting an Ek, so I wrote my father and he ordered one and mailed it to me. It was a tradition when we rotated home to pass our knife along to one of our buddies in the 196th, and I did. I haven't had one since then, and now I want to get another one, because I really liked it." – L.R., Virginia



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