



SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

SOFMAG.COM

**FIRST MARINE DIVISION:
POISED TO KILL**

★
**82ND
AIRBORNE
FIRES UP AFGHAN GUERRILLAS**

★
**PHILIPPINES:
TARGETING MUSLIM TERRORISTS**

★
**BUGS & GAS:
ARE WE READY?**

★
TERRORISM SITREP



JUNE 2003

© 02061



0 71486 02061 5 06>
U.S. \$4.99 CAN. \$5.99 UK £2.60

On the front lines of World War III

**SAVE
50%!**

with **SOLDIER
OF FORTUNE**
MAGAZINE

*YES! I want to pay
less and get more!
Please start my
subscription today!*



**SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
NOW, MORE THAN EVER.**



TO USE MC/VISA CALL 1-800-871-5331

SUBSCRIBE ONLINE: www.sofmag.com

- 12 Issues for \$29.95 **SAVE \$30 Off Newsstand**
 24 Issues for \$59.91 **SAVE \$59 Off Newsstand**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE: _____

ZIP/COUNTRY: _____

EMAIL: _____

- Check here if you **DO NOT** want to be included on our mailing list.

Please Check One: Payment Enclosed Bill Me
(U.S. & Canada Only)

U.S. Funds Only. Canada add \$15/yr. (Includes GST BN 12847 6249 RT).
Out of North America: Only one-year offered. Add \$40/yr S&H.
Allow 8-10 weeks for first issue to be delivered.

8308B1

TACTICAL COMMAND INDUSTRIES

THE WORLD'S LEADING PROVIDER OF TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS HEADSETS!

• 2 and 3 Wire Covert
Communication Earsets

• Military Helmet compatible,
noise attenuation
headsets

• Hearing protection :
Bone-Resonance Comm
systems

• Integrated Ear/Throat
Comm Systems



In service today with DELTA, the SEALS, the FBI, and some of the best SWAT units on earth, TCI headsets are the world standard in lethal environment communications! TCI manufactures a line of superb quality headset solutions including range and training hearing protection, custom products, MIL-SPEC tactical headsets, covert communication systems, bone conduction headsets, headsets with active hearing protection and quality earpiece products. Built of the most rugged and durable materials available, these headsets are designed to accommodate various helmets, headgear and the rigors of SWAT. TCI is run by active duty tactical pros who design and use the equipment themselves! We have an extensive agency eval program which is also available through our worldwide network of dealers. See our website or call for a free catalog!

TCI's TACK -2 headset features the Soundwaves/FC receiver set, for superb clarity and a noise canceling boom mic

The TCI Liberator-X11 provides active-stereo hearing protection with TCI's super durable, high quality mic!

The rugged, waterproof TCI PTT switch with Mil-Spec cabling is the choice of the worlds best operators

WWW.TCISWAT.COM

Tactical Command Industries, Inc.

3711 Sunset Lane - Suite E

Antioch, CA 94509

(925) 756-7354 Ext. 10

(925) 756-7477 Fax

(888) 990-1600 Toll Free

NEW DEALERSHIPS AVAILABLE

NOW, CALL TODAY!

CALL NOW FOR A FREE CATALOG! 1-888-990-1600



© PYRAMONT NORTH AMERICA 2002

Breach to Muzzles...The Most Advanced Gun Care Systems in the World!

OTIS

Otis Technology, Inc

The Most Advanced Gun Cleaning System on Earth!

MADE IN AMERICA. GUARANTEED FOR LIFE!
The Otis Tactical Kit only \$39.95 US!



CLEANS EVERY GUN FROM .177 AIR PISTOL TO .50 CAL BMG RIFLE AND ALL SHOTGUNS!
Order online Via Our Retail Gateway Partners!

The Otis Technology Breach-to-Muzzle Cleaning System is widely regarded by experts as the most advanced gun cleaning system in the world. It offers many gun cleaning advancements and refinements developed through Otis Technology's development of products for the military and competitive marksmen and hunters. By cleaning breach to muzzle, dirt and fouling is pulled out the muzzle, not pushed back into the action, gumming the trigger or causing malfunctions in automatics. The patented all-caliber patches not only provide six passes per patch, but form a perfectly circular cleaning plug. Because the slotted tip with the patch is pulled through the chamber, it doesn't compress the patch against the side of the tip or rod. Conventional rods will jam off-center, scraping the rifling in the process and potentially ruining the bore. The 750 lb pull strength of the Otis Memory flex rod allows you to tightly form the patch to the bore, actually cleaning it rather than just moving the dirt around. The tight patch is formed by being pulled through the chamber, compressing in the throat, and cleans the leading edge of the rifling, the edge that actually bears the stress of the rotating bullet. For shotguns, custom soft durometer plugs ("patch savers") force the patch to the full diameter of the bore, cleaning the chamber, forcing cone, bore and choke--all without having to disassemble the gun!

The principle components of the Otis System are so well built that they are warranted for Life! The circular all-caliber patches are made of 100% cotton, and unlike cheap synthetic patches are not dissolved by the bore solvent, turning into plastic gunk left on the rifling. The tight weave of these patches actually pulls metallic copper flake buildup out of the grooves rather than leaving fibers embedded along the bore. The SupraTine brushes are custom made with more and finer bristles than lesser brands.

THE STANDARD ISSUE CLEANING SYSTEM WITH THE US MARINE CORPS!! IN SERVICE TODAY WITH THE DEA, FBI, AND OVER ONE MILLION HUNTERS & MARKSMEN!



ORDER RIGHT NOW! SEE YOUR LOCAL DEALER OR CALL US!
ORDER ONLINE @ WWW.OTISGUN.COM

CALL NOW TOLL-FREE FOR A FREE CATALOG!
1-800-OTIS-GUN

The belt-pack cases are made of ballistic nylon, with heavy duty zippers. The Bore Obstruction Removers are designed to avoid deforming a stuck bullet and will gently force it out of the bore with multiple taps from the Memory-flex rod. The Memory flex rod is nylon coated, aircraft-grade cable with compression welded fittings that will support over a quarter ton of pull force!

The Otis Premium Bore Cleanser is one of the most advanced cleaning solutions ever developed. It will clean, penetrate, lubricate and leave a protective coating on all metal surfaces, without damaging the surrounding wood or plastic components. The solid forged brass tips and brushes will not corrode or oxidize like aluminum. Aluminum oxide forms on aluminum rods, and like sandpaper will lap your bore with each pass, often followed by a significant loss of accuracy. It is silly to buy a \$20,000 target rifle and then clean it with inferior components. You can clean your gun with the Otis kit thousands of times without a brass component ever scratching a muzzle crown or bore. Each kit comes with detailed 48 page guide on how to properly clean and care for your firearm. Try the Otis System-it will last for life, and you'll spend more time shooting and less time cleaning!

The Otis Standard Issue M-16/AR-15 Buttstock Kit only \$29.95 US!

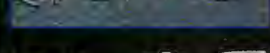
NSN # 1005-01-424-2999



ORDER KITS / REPLACEMENTS IN OUR ON-LINE STORE! OR SEE YOUR DEALER GATEWAY! WWW.OTISGUN.COM
OTIS TECHNOLOGY INC. -- ONE OTIS INDUSTRIAL PARK PO Box 582 -- LYONS FALLS NY 13368 (800) OTIS-GUN- (315) 348-4332 FAX



© 2000 PYRAMONT N.A. FOR OTIS TECHNOLOGY, INC.



Shotgun Patch Saver

Otis Accessories at Your Dealer or On-Line!

SOF

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE MAGAZINE

Support the Troops!

JUNE 2003 ✕ VOL. 28 NO. 6

AMERICA AT WAR

MARINE CORPS NOW AUTHORIZED SPECOPS UNIT by Christian Lowe 24
Late to sign-onto the SpecOps roster, USMC brass now generally embrace USSOCOM's joint-services unit.

AFGHAN MISTAKES by Dr. Martin Brass 32
The down-and-dirty truths about America's screw-ups in Afghanistan. Which U.S. policy gurus want to shoulder the blowback?

TERRORISM SITREP by Dr. Martin Brass 36
Americans Beware! Al-Qaeda suspected of training female bombers.

DESERT DEJA VU by Dale B. Cooper 38
As in Gulf War I, should U.S. infantrymen find themselves mired in "Deep Sierra," they'll have high-, low- and mid-altitude death-on-call pilots to bail 'em out.

U.S. ARMY BATTLES "ROGUE'S GALLERY" by Christian Lowe 42
Fierce combat again flares in Afghanistan as shadowy rebels initiate hostilities.

ARE AMERICAN TROOPS READY FOR NBC WARFARE? by Don North 58
Retired Col. David Hackworth, among others, have questioned the "world-class" MOPP, and other, gear designed to shield our troops from bio/chem demise.

NOT USING OUR NBC CZECH-MATE by Don North 62
Few in NATO know more about bio/chem agents than Czech Army experts. But after the Gulf Shootout, Part Uno, where their data were promptly dismissed, they now aren't admitted to the March On Baghdad Club because they operate Russian vehicles — similar to Iraq's — which thus might be targets for friendly fire.

FEATURES

THE ISRAELI SHOOTING TECHNIQUES by Jim Shults 44
These hardly new, supposedly Mossad-certified, Hollywood-hot methods are about as useful as an accidental discharge.

THE 2002 SMALL ARMS REVIEW (SAR) SHOW by Gary Paul Johnston 48
This third annual Phoenix Expo had the militaria field just about wrapped: vintage vehicles, firearms from wars past, and a high number of exhibitors of state-of-the-art, present-day arms, complemented by a wide gamut of accessory producers.

PHILIPPINE TERRORISTS by Mike Winchester 64
While the Abu Sayyaf Group remains a viable force, the eventual top dog might be the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, whose thousands-strong force and terrorist capability might make the Armed Forces of the Philippines finally address simmering grievances.

COLUMNS

COMMAND GUIDANCE Lt. Col. Robert K. Brown, USAR (Ret.) 6
The War In Iraq: 1st Marine Div.'s CG's Message To All Hands, plus SOF Covers The War

FLAK 8
Green Gates Of Hell

BULLETIN BOARD 14
"Let's Roll" Poster

THE RING 20
"Pakistani Arrested" Introducing SOFs new intelligence column by Bill Gertz and Rowan Scarborough, two of *The Washington Times*' best reporters.

COMBAT WEAPONCRAFT Farnam's Gunslinger Diary by John Farnam 28
War In The Middle East

SOUND OFF by Col. David H. Hackworth, USA (Ret.) 82
Pledge Allegiance To Our Troops



AP Photo/Ian Waldie/Pool

On the Cover

A U.S. Marine from the 1st MEU stands guard at a burning oil well at Rumeila, 23 March 2003. Oil wells were set ablaze by retreating Iraqi troops at second largest offshore oil field, near the Kuwait border.



USMC/Lance Cpl. John F. Silwanus



SOF files



Mike Winchester

ADVERTISEMENTS

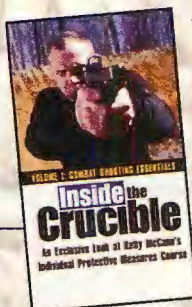
Supply Depot	52
Classifieds	54
Advertisers' Index	57

Straight-Shooting Answers from the Pros at Paladin

INSIDE THE CRUCIBLE

An Exclusive Look at Kelly McCann's Individual Protective Measures Course

with Kelly McCann, aka Jim Grover



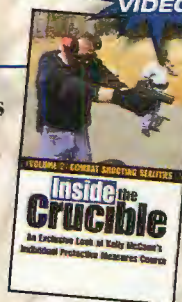
Vol. 1: Combat Shooting Essentials

Get an inside look at security expert Kelly McCann's exclusive Individual Protective Measures Course. Volume 1 presents the critical skills of his high-speed combat shooting program, including gunhandling, the combat drawstroke, malfunction clearances, integrating empty-hand striking with the draw and much more. Color, approx. 90 min. IC1V \$59.95



Vol. 2: Combat Shooting Realities

Continue your education in Kelly McCann's dynamic combat shooting system and learn the skills and live-fire range drills that enable real-world gunfighters to survive and win. This video covers high-speed sight alignment, moving and shooting, combat reloading, malfunction clearances, trigger control and more. Color, approx. 90 min. IC2V \$59.95



Each Inside the Crucible video includes a \$15 coupon good on any video in this Kelly McCann 5-volume series!

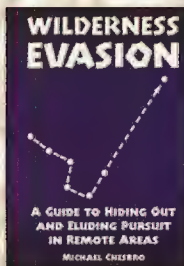


IMPROVISED LOCK PICKING

Secrets from the Master by Steven Hampton

From the author of the classic *Secrets of Lock Picking* comes this new book on devising quick and easy lock-picking tools on the spot, using common household items found in the average home, office or garage. Using detailed photos and exploded drawings you'll learn how to open any lock in the

world, including getting in a front door with a safety pin, opening magnetic card readers and much more. 8 1/2 x 11, softcover, photos, illus., 88 pp. ILP \$25.00

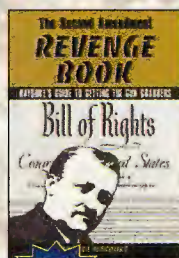


WILDERNESS EVASION

A Guide to Hiding Out and Eluding Pursuit in Remote Areas by Michael Chesbro

Whether you're heading into the woods for evasion or relaxation, this manual can teach you about survival medicine, emergency shelter, caching, communications, food and water procurement, counter/anti-tracking and the psychological aspects

of being alone in the outdoors. 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, softcover, photos, illus., 168 pp. WE \$20.00



THE SECOND AMENDMENT REVENGE BOOK

Hayduke's Guide to Getting the Gun-Grabbers by George Hayduke

Standing up for our rights is what true patriotism is all about. That's why the Master of Revenge has gathered the best pranks and stunts for getting back at anti-gun bumbodies, hunting foes and other liberal losers. This hilarious book on creative ways

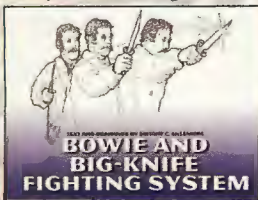
to preserve our personal freedom should be on every American's reading list. For entertainment purposes only. 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, softcover, 184 pp. AMEND \$20.00

BOWIE AND BIG-KNIFE FIGHTING SYSTEM

by Dwight C. McLemore

This valuable training guide provides insight into Jim Bowie, the "Bowie knife" and the fighting systems associated with both. The 200+ pen-and-ink drawings in this book are so skillfully executed

that they vividly convey the movement of the training sequences. Whether you want to learn to fight with a big blade or just want to find out more about Bowie, this book is for you. 11 x 8 1/2, softcover, illus., 240 pp. BBK \$35.00



MARTIAL MARKSMANSHIP

A Fighter's Guide to Close-Quarters Handgunning with Andy Stanford and Michael D. Jenfch

The controversy concerning point shooting versus sighted fire is over, and the winner is you. Learn not only how these two different styles of shooting can coexist, but how they can be synthesized to yield a superior, state-of-the-art shooting technique. Color, approx. 75 min. MARV \$39.95

VIDEO

THE .50-CALIBER RIFLE CONSTRUCTION MANUAL

With Easy-to-Follow Full-Scale Drawings by Bill Holmes

This is the book that do-it-yourselfers have been demanding since the best-selling *Home Workshop .50-Caliber Sniper Rifle* video came out! In this companion book, master gun maker Bill Holmes takes you step-by-step through the construction of your own .50-cal rifle. Comes with fold-out drawings and precise dimensions. 11 x 8 1/2, softcover, photos, illus., 72 pp. RCM \$25.00

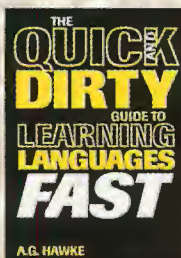


POOR MAN'S SCOUT RIFLE

A How-To Guide by Bob Cashner

Learn how to fashion home-built scout rifles from a variety of old military actions, from the 98 Mauser to Mosin-Nagant to the venerable Springfield. Each of the author's creations, built with common tools and easy-to-come-by parts, met most of the basic criteria for a scout/utility rifle yet cost him less than a quarter of what the commercial models

would have. Ammo and shooting slings are covered in detail. 8 1/2 x 11, softcover, photos, illus, 128 pp. POOR \$20.00

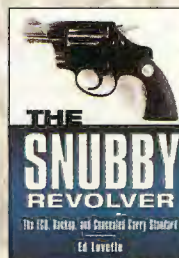


THE QUICK AND DIRTY GUIDE TO LEARNING LANGUAGES FAST

by A.G. Hawke

This workbook was designed for people who need to learn a foreign language fast and who don't want to learn complicated grammar rules. The author, a Green Beret who is military-certified in seven languages, promises that his unique method can help anyone become functional in any language

in seven days and proficient in 30! This book contains no fluff - it's all action. 8 1/2 x 11, softcover, 176 pp. QD \$20.00



THE SNUBBY REVOLVER

The ECQ, Backup, and Concealed Carry Standard by Ed Lovette

In this book, former CIA operative and longtime *Combat Handguns* columnist Ed Lovette tackles common complaints about the snubby and presents viable ways to remedy those issues based on his personal experience. He then addresses defensive tactics, from basic personal defense to planning for extraordinary situations. 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, softcover, photos, 120 pp. SNUB \$15.00

RESPONSE CODE: SF43

VIDEOTAPES ARE NONRETURNABLE. DEFECTIVE TAPES WILL BE REPLACED

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE



PALADIN PRESS®

Gunbarrel Tech Center
7077 Winchester Circle-SF43
Boulder, CO 80301

PHONE 303-443-7250
FAX 303-442-8741

TO ORDER: 1-800-392-2400

U.S. ORDERS, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. VISA, MASTERCARD OR DISCOVER ONLY.

For detailed descriptions of more than 800 titles, send or call for a FREE 90-page Paladin catalog or visit our online store at

www.paladin-press.com

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER CHECK/MONEY ORDER

Card # _____ Exp. _____

Item # _____ Item # _____

Item # _____ Item # _____

NAME _____ SUBTOTAL _____

ADDRESS _____ POSTAGE & HANDLING \$ 7.00

CITY _____ 2-4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

STATE _____ ZIP _____ TOTAL _____

1 SF43



Command Guidance

The War In Iraq

1ST MARINE DIVISION (REIN)
COMMANDING GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO ALL HANDS

For decades, Saddam Hussein has tortured, imprisoned, raped and murdered the Iraqi people; invaded neighboring countries without provocation; and threatened the world with weapons of mass destruction.

The time has come to end his reign of terror. On your young shoulders rest the hopes of mankind.

When I give you the word, together we will cross the Line of Departure, close with those forces that choose to fight, and destroy them.

Our fight is not with the Iraqi people, nor is it with members of the Iraqi army who choose to surrender. While we will move swiftly and aggressively against those who resist, we will treat all others with decency, demonstrating chivalry and soldierly compassion for people who have endured a lifetime under Saddam's oppression.

Chemical attack, treachery, and use of the innocent as human shields can be expected, as can other unethical tactics. Take it all in stride. Be the hunter, not the hunted: Never allow your unit to be caught with its guard down. Use good judgment and act in best interests of our Nation.

You are part of the world's most feared and trusted force. Engage your brain before you engage your weapon. Share your courage with each other as we enter the uncertain terrain north of the Line of Departure.

Keep faith in your comrades on your left and right and Marine Air overhead.

Fight with a happy heart and strong spirit.

For the mission's sake, our country's sake, and the sake of the men who carried the Division's colors in past battles — who fought for life and never lost their nerve — carry out your mission and keep your honor clean.

Demonstrate to the world there is "No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy" than a U.S. Marine.

J. N. Mattis
Major General, U.S. Marines
Commanding



SOF Covers The War

BY LT. COL. ROBERT K. BROWN, USAR (RET.)

It's hard to believe that 12 years ago and a few weeks, I was one of the first journalists (if not *the* first), barreling into Kuwait city at the head of the the Kuwaiti/Saudi Armored Brigade. No thanks to the U.S. military. If you weren't one of their few

Continued on page 80

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE (USPS 525-810, ISSN 0145-6784), June 2003, Volume 28, Number 6, is published monthly by SOLDIER OF FORTUNE Inc., 5735 Arapahoe Ave., Suite A-5, Boulder, CO 80303-1340. Periodicals Postage is paid at Boulder, CO and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to SOLDIER OF FORTUNE, Subscription Department, POB 348, Mt Morris, IL 61054-0348 or call 1-800-877-5207. U.S. and APO-FPO subscription rate for twelve monthly issues \$29.95. Canada add \$15.00/yr. additional postage (includes GST tax registration business number: 12847 6249 RT). All other countries add \$40.00 U.S. FUNDS ONLY. Single Issue Price — U.S.: \$4.99; United Kingdom: £2.60; Canada: \$5.99. PRINTED IN THE USA.

CONTRIBUTORS: Manuscripts, photographs or drawings are submitted at the contributor's own risk. Material should be mailed to Articles Editor, SOLDIER OF FORTUNE, 5735 Arapahoe Ave., Suite A-5, Boulder, CO 80303-1340, and cannot be returned unless accompanied by sufficient postage. Any material accepted is subject to such revision as is necessary to meet the editorial requirements of SOF. All digital manuscripts must be submitted in Microsoft Word. All photographs must be credited and be accurately identified. Payment will be made at rates current at time of publication. Editorial office phone number is 303-449-3750 ext. 309.

Copyright © 2003 by SOLDIER OF FORTUNE Magazine Inc. All Rights Reserved.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE MAGAZINE

Robert K. Brown
EDITOR/PUBLISHER

SENIOR EDITOR Don McLean
ASSISTANT EDITOR Thomas D. Reisinger
ART DIRECTOR B. Bigler

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

Chief Contributing Foreign Correspondent
Rob Krott
Senior Contributing Foreign Correspondents
Dale B. Cooper • Peter Douglas
Dr. Tom Marks • Maj. Mike Williams
Mike Winchester

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Aviation Dana Drenkowski
Defensive Firearms Frank James • Edged Weapons Bill Bagwell • Explosives/Demolitions John Donovan
Gun Rights Paul Danish • Latin America Hugo Hartenstein
Military History William Brooks — William H. Northacker • Outdoor Affairs Galen Geer • Paramedic Operations Dr. John Peters • Skydiving Kitty Baran
Sniping/Countersniping Maj. Dick Culver, USMC (Ret.)
UDT/SEAL Larry Bailey • Unconventional Operations Brig. Gen. Heinie Aderholt, USAF (Ret.)



ADVERTISING

ADVERTISING DIRECTOR Tom Chambers
Call Toll-Free: 888-811-8009
E-Mail: tchambers19@cox.net

CIRCULATION DIRECTOR Richard Convertito

SOF WEBSITE: www.sofmag.com
E-Mail: editorsof@aol.com
FOR EDITORIAL, CALL
303-449-3750, ext 308
SUBSCRIPTION INQUIRIES CALL,
1-800-877-5207

FOR LIST RENTAL, CALL STATISTICS:
BARB STANLEY: 203-778-8700
E-Mail: b.stanley@statistics.com

IN MEMORIAM

Alexander McColl Special Projects Director
Craig Nunn Art Director
Lance Motley Foreign Correspondent
Barry Sadler Contributing Editor
Robert MacKenzie Contributing Editor
George Bacon Foreign Correspondent
Mike Echanis Foreign Correspondent
Roddy Scott Foreign Correspondent

NOTICE: SOLDIER OF FORTUNE Magazine is a magazine of national and international distribution. There may be products in the magazine of which sale, possession or interstate transportation may be restricted, prohibited or subject to special licensing requirements in your state or nation. Purchasers should consult local law enforcement authorities in their area. All data in this publication, technical or otherwise, are based upon personal experience or individuals using specific tools, products, equipment and components under particular conditions and circumstances, some of which may not be reported in the article and which *Soldier Of Fortune* has not otherwise verified. *Soldier Of Fortune*, its agents, officers and employees disclaim any responsibility for all liability, injuries or damages.

THE WORLD'S FINEST HYDRATION SYSTEMS!

Check out these features: molded InterCooler Venting System™ channels air over your back, keeping you cooler, StormLok™ on-off valve that totally prevents leaking, Delta Bite Valve™ that orients properly and allows proper flow of lots of liquid. NyTaneon™ nylon backed reservoirs with internal baffles, screw-on drink tube for easy cleaning; the list goes on and makes HydraStorm™ the only choice for the dedicated professional.

WWW.HYDRASTORM.COM

StormLok™
This one will not leak!

StormLok™
The Cure for the drip!



HYDRASTORM THE WORLD'S FINEST HYDRATION SYSTEMS

HydraStorm™ by BlackHawk® is now the fastest growing hydration company in the world. Designed by operators for operators and built to BlackHawk's® rigid standards, this gear can stand up to the rugged conditions and abuse encountered in today's military and LE missions. New this year is a line of packs for extreme outdoor enthusiasts as well as our state of the art Gas Mask Adaptor Kit™, a totally sealed system and the only protective mask hydration system tested and used in OC/CS/CN environments.



The HydraStorm™ Gas Mask Adaptor Kit fits US and Nato issue gas masks. The rugged fittings are super-durable and will interface with HydraStorm™ and other systems already in the field!



PREDATOR™

TURBINE™

TEMPEST™

L.V.S.™ BACK



HydraStorm™ 4850 Brookside Court
Norfolk, VA 23502-2052 U.S.A.
(757) 436-3101 • (757) 436-3088 FAX

1-800-694-5263

WWW.HYDRASTORM.COM

© BlackHawk Industries, Inc. HY02



Flak



Green Gates Of Hell



In the February 2002 issue, Dana Drenkowski's article "The Green Gates of Hell" about an F-4 mission in Vietnam is a good read that is marred by suspect information about his ordnance payload. He describes the use of what he calls "Wampum," which must be slang for wide-area anti-personnel mine (WAAPM) carried

within a CBU-42.

However, he further describes the dispensed munitions as "little plastic minelets, known as 'toe-poppers,'" which is incorrect. The CBU-42 consists of a SUU-38 dispenser holding 540 BLU-54/B bomblets. These are small metal spheres that have spring-loaded trip wires that pop out and also include a self-destruct feature. It would be very unwise to try to sweep them away with a broom.

In addition, he says that the Wampum pods are lighter than heavy iron bombs, which is only true if he carries one CBU-42 under each wing. He doesn't say how many Wampums were carried versus an iron bomb load, but each Wampum weighs 873 pounds, so obviously that's more than a 500-pounder or 750-pounder.

As for the story about the shelf life expiring, while possible, I know first hand that the similar BLU-63s were dropped during Desert Storm, so those CBUs had been in storage for a long time.

Burke Toliver

(Here is a response from Drenkowski, delayed somewhat by the fact he is again on active duty)

CBU 42s were as different from CBU 42As as BLU 118s (500-lb. Napalm cans) are from BLU 118As (1,000-lb. thermobaric bombs). We are talking apples and oranges, Sir. Experiments were going on with various sorts of ordnance; some made the grade and some did not, such as the downward ejected bomblets we used that day.

The downward ejecting canisters of the Wampum bomblets/mines could only be carried one per hard point under each wing of an F4, whereas iron bombs were carried on the same hard points in threes on Triple Ejecting Racks (TERs) or in sixes with the Multiple Ejecting Racks (MERs); therefore, three 500-lb. bombs per hard point equals 1,500 lbs. versus only 800+lbs. for the single CBU dispenser on the same hard point.

Any good fighter jock also knows that "500-lb." and "750-lb." bombs did not really weigh what they said: They weighed anywhere from 50 to 100 lbs. more than their names. Don't ask me why — that decision was made above my pay grade.

CBU-42 information is no longer available with Jane's nor

any other major authoritative source, probably because of the quick expiration of dates on the bomblets. By the way, on a similar mission in Laos, I used World War II-era Mk 36 phosphorus firebombs on an anti-aircraft cannon crew, all because the expiration dates came up that month. They worked just fine, to the dismay of the gun crew. ...

Check Six!! (There's always someone behind you, trying to get in a shot!)

Dana Drenkowski

No Regrets



A couple of questions:

In the past, your publication supported the Afghan Freedom Fighters, is there any regret about that now?

Do you feel that this may have supported Osama?

In the future, do you plan to keep your support functions stateside for the GIs and their families, where it is needed most?

Good magazine, good articles. Not picking a fight, just want the truth/response.

(submitted to SOF website; name not given)

You seem to be under the impression that Afghanistan is our enemy, or that we are at war with Afghanistan, neither of which is true. We are at war in Afghanistan, against the terrorist group al-Qaeda, which was in large measure harbored by the Afghan Taliban regime, which had been in control of the southern part of the country. The Taliban, in case you didn't know, is largely the creation of the intelligence service of our, umm, friends, the Pakistanis. The anti-Soviet Afghan freedom fighters we supported were the enemy of the Taliban; indeed, SOF Publisher Robert K. Brown had run-ins with the Taliban. There is no regret whatsoever over our having supported Afghan freedom-fighters. We'd do it again in a heartbeat. Why do you ask? Do you think our support for anti-Soviet freedom-fighters in Afghanistan can somehow be transmographed as having subsequently supported the tyrant Taliban regime, or the terrorists they harbored? Do you think that all the time, or just when you roll smoke? There have been some regrets expressed around the office, however, over our past support for the French.

As for the future, who knows what it will hold? But with our last breath we will actively oppose tyrants, and help wherever we can, those who would be free. As far as where we will do this, we would hope to do it wherever tyranny is found, from Waco and Ruby Ridge to Salisbury and Baghdad, and any points along the way. And as long as the best bulwark against tyranny this country has is our men and women in uniform, we will support

LET'S ROLL!

“★★★★ ‘Let’s Roll!’
is right on target.”
- The Guardian

“Two trigger fingers up!”
- Leatherneck Magazine

“The movie sucked dead camel
ticks.”
- Baghdad Weekly

“Let’s hope there isn’t a
damn sequel.”
- Kandahar Gazette

SUREFIRE PRESENTS A U.S. ARMED FORCES PRODUCTION OF A BURNIN’ TURBAN PICTURE “LET’S ROLL!”

PRODUCER DONALD RUMSFELD DIRECTED BY GEN. TOMMY FRANKS STARRING SPECIAL FORCES CO-SUPPORTING SEAL TEAMS SPECIAL GUEST STAR DAISY CUTLER EXTRAS PROVIDED BY CLAY MOORE

SPECIAL VISUAL EFFECTS BY SPECTRE GUNSHIPS STORY BY AL KEEDA COSTUME DESIGNER MA DEUCE MUSIC BY THE B-52S SCREENPLAY BY CHARLIE BECKWITH DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY J. STRAS PRODUCTION MANAGER PEN T. GONE

SF PRODUCTS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
Some Criminals May Be Disoriented by Extreme Levels of Light
SOME TEMPORARY BLINDNESS AND DISORIENTATION MAY OCCUR

SET DESIGNER TOM A. HAWK EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ROLIN THUNDER FILMED IN MASSACHUSETTS

PHONE NUMBER 800-828-8809

WEB SITE WWW.SUREFIRE.COM

SUREFIRE

Now Playing In Your Favorite
Theatre Of War.

our military and police, as well.

Be sure and read the interview with Afghan General Saffi, in this issue, for a perspective you may not have seen on events in Afghanistan.

Knife Control

Last year, eight children were killed and 15 people injured in a grade school in Japan by a janitor who went on a stabbing spree with an 11-inch knife. While America is a gun culture, Japan is a knife culture; [therefore] we should demand that Japan be subject to knife control. Register them, require a seven-day waiting period on all transfers or purchases (only through licensed dealers), require extensive knife safety training and owner licensing. They need knife safes and blade locks. They should develop a smart knife that will only work on sushi. This is for the safety of the children. Let's have a knife-free zone around every school, for the sake of the children. Like the Japanese who want us to have a gun-free America, let's have a knife-free Japan.

SSG Edward W. K. Pfeifer (USA [SF] Ret.)

And the Result Will Be ...

During the decades-long Cold War, the leftist intellectuals of the world began to view the adversaries as moral equivalents. This was apparent in the writings of such authors as John Le Carré, who was privy to MI-6 and MI-5 secrets, and who began with the Soviets as "bad guys" and wound up in

his later efforts not seeing any difference between the Soviet bloc and the allies.

As the long-delayed build-up and inaction in Kuwait continue, a wave of anti-Americanism is surfacing among those normally considered our allies. Not just France, Germany and Russia are condemning the U.S., but now Canada is attacking us. We are in a *Pax Romana* situation, wherein we not only provide a "Sword and Shield" at considerable cost to defend these countries, but also have subsidized them financially.

No matter how this mess turns out, I see a massive movement within this country to turn its back on the rest of the world and embrace a Fortress-America outlook, and "to hell with all of you." It is possible that rampant isolationism will be the outcome of this exercise.

Ernest L. Smith III

Militarization, Again ...



Regarding the first Flak letter and your response in the April 2003 issue concerning the militarization of police:

As much as I appreciate and admire good police work, I've seen and experienced enough locally that I, too, am concerned about the militarization of them.

I think as a society in general we are overly dependent on police for our protection. This creates an overly demanding expectation of them to do more than they can or should do.

ISRAELI SPECIAL FORCES TRAINING

TACTICAL FIGHTING SYSTEM GETS YOU TRAINED FAST!

Read What Martial Artists, Law Enforcement And Civilians Are Saying About F.I.G.H.T.:

"OUTSTANDING!"

—Joe Lewis, Full Contact Karate/Kickboxing Heavyweight World Champion

"...definitely the real deal!"

—Amado Garcia, Miami, Florida SWAT, Former USMC Recon

"If you're looking for pure self defense, with technique/theory that you can use immediately, well Haganah is for you.

The system is based exclusively on combat. Think of learning Haganah as attending a graduate school in the martial arts."

—Phil D'Amatteo, Civilian, New York City

Integrated Defensive Fighting Systems, Inc. (IDFS) is proud to present the Fierce Israeli Guerilla Hand-to-hand Tactics (F.I.G.H.T.) program.

The F.I.G.H.T. program uses the most effective self-defense system available today — Haganah. The Haganah advanced combat system is based on Israeli martial arts and Israeli military tactics as used by Israeli Special Forces operatives in extremely hostile situations.

Haganah is more than simply a martial art, it is a devastating street combat system, and represents the future of hand-to-hand combat and street fighting methodologies — intense, integrated, powerful, and effective.



Trainer Mike Lee Kanarek executes a gun disarm. Kanarek is a former Israeli Golani Brigade Special Forces veteran - having served in many operations in the West Bank and South Lebanon. He teaches his techniques to the FBI, DEA, SWAT, SEALs, Secret Service, and private citizens seeking training.



ORDER TODAY!

888
606-3400

VISA
MASTERCARD
AMEX

8AM - 5PM, MON-FRI, CST

www.fight2survive.com

IDF 9999 Manchester Rd. #314
St. Louis, MO 63122

WE ALSO ACCEPT MONEY ORDER-BY-MAIL
SORRY NO CDS • U.S. ORDERS ONLY • NO REFUNDS ON
BROKEN SEALED ITEMS • ALLOW 2-4 WEEKS DELIVERY
MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER • NO EXCEPTIONS

5-PART SELF-DEFENSE DVD/VIDEO SERIES

PART 1
F.I.G.H.T. Principles
and Combatives

PART 2
Street Scenarios #1

PART 3
Street Scenarios #2

PART 4
Knife Threat Defenses

PART 5
Gun Threat Defenses

LIMITED TIME OFFER!

NOW ONLY \$149

(5 VHS TAPES OR 3 DVDS)

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Free Shipping
- Free 1-Year IDFS Membership
- Free 150 page FIGHT Manual
- Free FIGHT T-Shirt
- Free IDFS Decal

Visit Our Website For Our Other Series That Include Tactical Knife Fighting and Combat Shooting



MORE PROOF!

Cold Steel Makes The World's Strongest, Sharpest Knives.



Time and again, we have dared our competitors to live up to their advertising claims, yet no one steps up to the challenge.

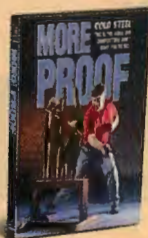
Our 1996 PROOF video sent ripples of controversy through the knife world, but now we're shaking the very foundation. Cold Steel's NEW More Proof DVD shatters the outrageous claims of our competitors by once again proving beyond a

shadow of a doubt that we make the World's Strongest, Sharpest Knives!

Our competitors use gross exaggerations to suggest high performance, but Cold Steel backs every claim with horrendous torture testing and graphic demonstrations. See the evidence for yourself. We have nothing to hide... and that's a lot more than we can say for our competitors!

CALL NOW FOR YOUR FREE DVD!
1-800-255-4716

Must be 18 or older to order.



COLD STEEL®
High Performance Knives

3036-A Seaborg Avenue • Ventura, CA 93003 USA
www.coldsteel.com

This over-dependence on the nanny-state to control and protect us is not only undermining our police but also our constitution, monetary system and liberty.

Since I'm not the only one with an interest in this, I'd like to recommend SOF to start a regular sit-rep type article/map that tracks interesting trends nation- and worldwide about "local military" or policing activities, good and bad. That way we all can get a more realistic picture of what's really worth worrying about.

For example, who is and isn't breaking-off hot pursuits fast enough. How many other Rampart-type situations appear to be out there and where?. Who has the most-respected or disliked police department? Who's using unarmed police-women to control demonstrators, and is it working? Etc.

I'll bet lots of info is readily available somewhere. I'll also bet that police associations, civil rights groups, criminal defense attorney associations, etc. can point the way.

Your articles on the Boer Wars and on Ranch rescue were great. Thanks.

Norman Nipperus
Tempe, Az 85281

We would refer you to the cover stories in the March, 1999 and February, 2001 issues of SOF, which expressed in detail our concerns over militarization of American police, so those who missed them don't have to write like it's never occurred to us. Having said that, we would reiterate that if there are missteps in that direction, go after the politicians who control police, not police per se. We would also reiterate that equipment does not use the police: Police use the equipment. Sure, there may be a phenomenon where if you have a hammer, everything starts to

look like a nail, but I really can't imagine a PD running amok and attacking the body politic because they had an M249. As far as using unarmed cops, that's fine where it will work (such as in non-violent demonstrations, as you mention). But we pay cops to risk their life — not throw it away.

And to the cop who wrote in candidly saying that he did not join up to be a hero, but because it was a good job, we point out that the same holds for the hundreds of cops who died in the Twin Towers. Like GIs who may sign up for the benefits as much as out of patriotism, they didn't sign up to give their life: but when duty called, without hesitation they lay their life on the line for those they served. And that's a pretty good definition of "hero."

One last time regarding cops having access to belt-feds, we will say they should have access to at least what the bad guys have, and feel-good anti-gun laws notwithstanding, the streets of some American cities are free-fire zones. To consider anything less than giving cops weapons parity with the bad guys reminds me of the bimbo journalist I saw on TV this morning, asking if the ongoing operations in Iraq were "really fair" because the Coalition had better equipment. Belt-feds and even artillery has been in police inventory in the United States for nearly a hundred years and it has not lead to their militarization. Oddly enough, the large-city police forces we would tend to worry about becoming heavy-handed, have been the least-likely to properly arm their men on the front line. ☒

SOF Welcomes Letters To The Editor.

Letters may be edited for space considerations. Please address correspondence to: Editor, SOF Magazine, 5735 Arapahoe, Ste. A5, Boulder, CO 80303; or E-Mail to: editorsof@aol.com .



Tactical Accessory Systems

Combat-Tested Handguard Systems and Accessories for the AR15 and M16.

First Samco introduces its NEW popular priced M44 handguard system for the AR15/M16 series of rifles and carbines. The M44 is a unique FOUR SIDED Picatinny rail system that is an integral part of the handguard that offers unlimited mounting options and no gunsmithing or fitting.

A complete line of accessories from First Samco including vertical grips, bi-pod adapter, and flashlight mounts are available. Weaver or Picatinny accessories will mount easily and quickly on the M44 system. Life Time Warranty.

FIRST SAMCO

1300 B-3 Industrial Hwy,
Southampton, PA 18966
TEL: (215) 355-2621
24 hr FAX: (215) 322-9223
Email: info@firstsamco.com
WWW.FIRSTSAMCO.COM

TACTICAL ASSAULT GEAR

WWW.TACTICALASSAULTGEAR.COM



M4/M14
CHEST HARNESS

FEATURED ITEM



SAW/M60
GUNNER CHEST HARNESS

FEATURED ITEM



ISSAK
RIFLEMAN KIT



MARK I CQD

Tactical Assault Gear - DoD Contractors and Southern California's fastest growing retailers of cutting edge military equipment. Discount dealers for the world's finest tactical gear. America is the only free country and we choose to keep it that way. Let Tactical Assault Gear help you prepare to defend it.

We accept all major Credit Cards
www.tacticalassaultgear.com

Call us Toll-Free at 1-888-890-1199



Bulletin Board

Free American Flag Decals

Spotts Specialty Company of Wheeling, WV, is offering free American flag decals to anyone interested, if they send a self-addressed and stamped envelope (SASE). There is no expiration date on this offer, which is made solely to promote pride in the USA and support for America's armed forces worldwide.

Folks in uniform need not put a stamp on their SASE, as Spotts Specialty Company will pay for their postage.

Send your SASE to Spotts Specialty Co., Dept. SOF, 2242 Market Street, Third Floor #2, Wheeling, WV 26003. Visit their web sites at <http://26003spo00.clickprint.com> or <http://60604spo00.clickprint.com>.

And when you write, why not throw in a buck or two to help with the postage costs they bear for GIs?

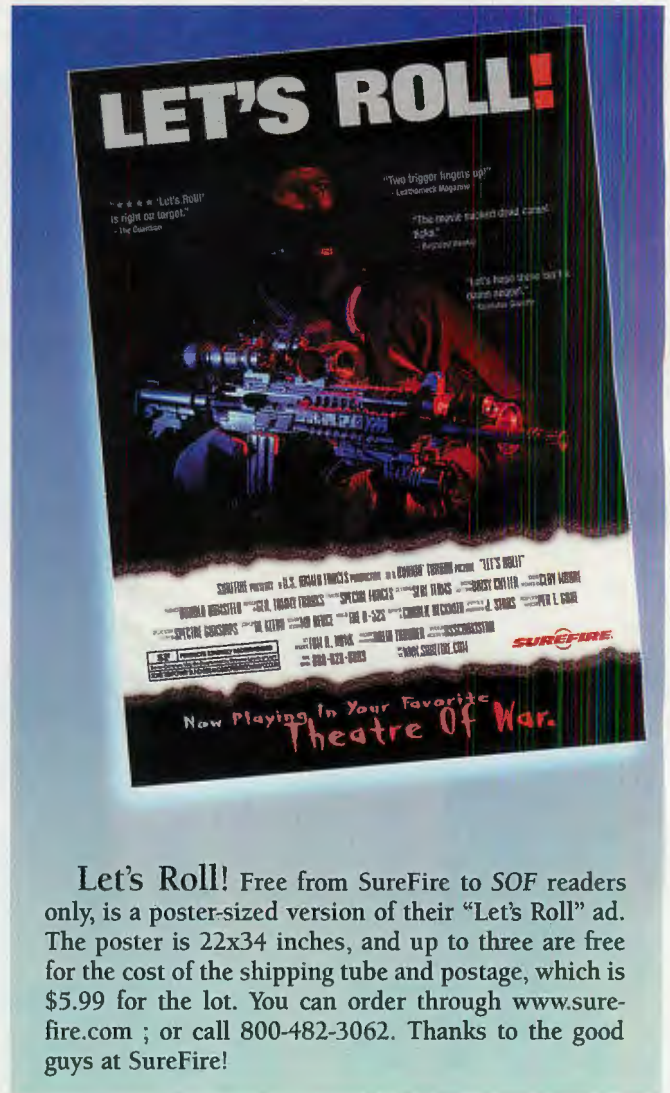
Let's Be Franc

There is a burgeoning grass-roots backlash movement against French products, as an expression of displeasure for the way the Chirac government has tried to protect French financial interests in Iraq at the expense helping the Iraqi people be rid of one of the most despicable — albeit profitable — tyrants to come down the pike since WW II. Perhaps you are unaware just what French financial interests exist in the U.S. You might be surprised to know that “American” brands from Wild Turkey to Motel 6, from *Car and Driver* and *Road and Track* to *Parents* magazines, from B.F. Goodrich to BIC and RCA, are all French-owned. We're not lending editorial support to a boycott of French goods at this time, but have to note that if Chirac likes the taste of Saddam's bloody money, he probably wouldn't like ours anyway. There are hundreds of “American” “household name” products and services owned by French interests. Some lists of them are available on-line at www.newsmax.com/archive/print.shtml?@=2003/3/11/144347 or check out the FrogWeenie gang at www.metrospy.com. And enjoy your Liberty fries.

Ivan To Iraq? Haven't Found Him Yet!

During the run-up to the war with Iraq, when Russia joined France in promising to veto a vote in the Security Council, *Pravda* reported that “around ten thousand Russian citizens have applied for entry visas into Iraq to defend this country against the planned aggression by the warmongering USA and UK ...”

The story went on to say that “the requests come from young males, some with combat experience, who describe



Let's Roll! Free from SureFire to SOF readers only, is a poster-sized version of their “Let's Roll” ad. The poster is 22x34 inches, and up to three are free for the cost of the shipping tube and postage, which is \$5.99 for the lot. You can order through www.surefire.com; or call 800-482-3062. Thanks to the good guys at SureFire!

themselves as [volunteers] who are willing to defend Iraq against the illegal armed aggression of the USA and the United Kingdom, two countries which continue to follow a belligerent stance on crisis management, wholly outside the generally accepted concepts of a New World Order based upon multilateralist approaches to problem solving ...”

Four observations here: 1) doesn't look like much has changed in Russian journalism, even the jingoism, 2) if any young Russian volunteers have had combat experience, they got it fighting Muslims in Chechnya, 3) Russia is owed billions and billions of dollars worth of oil by Saddam, 4) Russian and French companies control virtually all of the UN “oil for food” program with Iraq.

Jump over the pack and quickly learn the kick-ass stuff you NEED to win any fight!

FREE Fighting Videos
Worth \$49 -- No Obligation!

Are You Making These 3 Life Threatening Mistakes In Fighting?

By Vladimir Smith

(Dateline: Visalia, CA) You can learn a lot in a hospital. For example... there are entire wards filled with "expert" motorcycle riders who forgot to wear their helmet on that one day they dumped their hog on an oil slick. Bounced their skull along twenty yards of asphalt and scrambled their brains.

It's the same with fighters. The most common whine coming from a guy in a hospital bed, jaw wired shut, pins holding bones together, IV dripping... is "I thought I knew how to fight."

Yeah, you "thought". Well, the dirty, nasty secret among REAL streetfighters is... most guys do NOT know how to fight to survive or win. And it's obvious.

Here are the mistakes most guys make that get them hurt (or killed):

1. You train with someone who *doesn't fight regularly*. Or, worse, a black belt who has never actually hit another person to save his own hide. (That's about 99.99% of the black belt "teachers" out there.)
2. You train for years in a style that *doesn't actually work* in the real world. Hospitals are filled with guys who confidently dropped into their fancy stance at the start of the fight... and ended up on the ground a second later getting the crap stomped out of them.
3. You never learn even the **basics of the "fighter's mindset"**... that special vicious way of thinking that actually turns you from a mild-mannered human into a *lethal beast* in the blink of an eye.

All this is a problem for most guys. Where can you go to find a REAL fighter willing to take you under his wing and teach you EVERYTHING about kicking ass? Heck, even Navy SEALS admit they get lousy "official" training in hand-to-hand combat.

But they don't sit around and whine about it. Not the ones who want to live. No. They go out and - on their own - find the...

BEST Combat Teacher They Can Track Down!

The guy they seek out the most eagerly is **Paul Vunak**.

Paul is the ONLY active streetfighter to successfully condense all the deadly "get the fight over NOW" skills of **Bruce Lee** ("Enter The Dragon"). Paul trained for 20 years with the notorious **Dan Iansanto** (Bruce Lee's training partner)... and Paul is acknowledged worldwide as the ONLY man qualified to ad-

vance Jeet Kune Do to the "next level". He's the "first choice" instructor of men whose lives depend on being able to win at combat.

Why do SEALS, big-city SWAT cops, and elite "black bag" CIA/FBI operatives flock to Paul for training? The answer is simple:

- A. Paul is constantly testing and refining his skills in **real-time fighting** - in the street, where there are no rules, and the loser may not wake up. *He's an honest-go-God streetfighter with the chops to demolish anyone, of any size, at any time.* And he's not a big man (standing about 5'9" and under 160 lbs. soaking wet). Nor was he blessed with extraordinary quickness or agility. He's a "normal" guy who learned the simple, flexible secrets that really work in hand-to-hand (and hand-against-weapon) combat. Against any opponent, against any style.
- B. **He is recognized as the BEST teacher on the planet.** After years of experimenting, Paul has perfected a startling "learn it fast" *interactive training technology* that allows him to "install" nasty, super-advanced skills directly into your muscle memory... *on video!* That means you can train at home, on your own schedule. Cops and soldiers love that... because they don't have time to waste. Neither do you.
- C. Finally... Paul is so sought-after because... he has an iron-clad reputation for turning ordinary people into vicious "fighting machines" *in the shortest time humanly possible.* He will change your world literally...

Overnight!

In all of Paul's teaching, there are NO complicated moves. You can master everything in a matter of *hours.* (In fact, just *watching* Paul on video will dramatically increase your ability to win any fight! You can pick this stuff up that quickly.)

Even better... you do *not* need to train constantly to become a master of Paul's system. Many professional fighters feel confident using this stuff **after ONE lesson.**

And... you do *not* need to be quick, or coordinated, or even in decent physical shape. All the deadly power comes from extensions of the way your body moves naturally.

This is not "normal" martial arts. It is a simplified (yet super-advanced) fighting system that goes beyond anything you could learn

anywhere else. These are, frankly...

The Most Elite And Dangerous Fighting Skills You Will Find Anywhere On The Planet!

Think I'm bragging? Well, don't listen to me, then. Listen to the professionals who trust their friggin' lives with what Paul teaches:

"Finally, the SEALS no longer will be doing reverse punches and flying side kicks while carrying ruc sacks and machine guns. Thanks, Paul!" -- Frank Cucci, former Navy SEAL, current SEAL Team Trainer

"I've got 6 black belts, but Paul is the man who made it all come together for me. It's so simple, it's hard to believe... but I'm here to tell you he teaches the only true art of fighting." -- Paul Iwamoto, top bodyguard to U.S. politicians and Hollywood actors

"Paul's stuff is exactly what I've been searching for all my life - simple, easy, direct, and totally devastating." -- Bob Jones, editor of Ground Fighter Magazine

"Most effective self-defense system I've ever used. And I mean used." California Narcotics Task Force Commander -- (name withheld due to security regulations)

"Paul's system will turn the martial arts community on its ear." -- Jim Hinely, SWAT cop and hostage negotiator

"This training will give anybody who watches it immediate tools in self-defense that will make you confident. And anyone from the age of 13 to 80 can use them." -- Sgt. Carlos Hernandez, South Florida Police Tactics instructor

It goes on and on. I've got a file cabinet here stuffed with testimonials from cops, soldiers, FBI agents, CIA foreign operatives, "black bag" assassins the government will never admit exist... and a ton of civilians just like you. People who trained with Paul... quickly absorbed his simple and super-easy skills... and then *used* what they learned to blow away real-life opponents who threatened them.

Here's what we've got for you: Paul has been the most respected and best-selling "video" fighting instructor on the planet for nearly two decades. He has developed 3 separate video "packages" of mega-effective fighting skills... each one stuffed with elite, insider info and skills. **Even the super-advanced lethal stuff is simple and easy to "get"...** at least when you have Paul teaching you. These videos are so popular among pro fighters because - as I said before - Paul has learned how to teach everything *fast.* (And he teaches you

everything he knows.) You walk away from a *casual viewing* with new skills that offer you devastating options.

Bought separately, all of Paul's training videos would set you back \$242.50. And, they are hard to find - Paul refuses to "dump" his teachings on the market, and only releases a few videos each year. Professionals know how to get ahold of Paul, but most civilians do not.

We have negotiated a special arrangement with this magazine that will last for exactly one month, no longer. During this short time, you will be able to own the best of Paul's secrets...

Absolutely FREE!

Here's the deal: If you act right now, you can have Paul's entire video library of teaching tapes rushed to your home. You will have an entire 6 months to check this material out... and if you aren't completely blown away with what you see... simply send the tapes back for a complete refund. No questions asked. But...

Keep "Street Safe One" As Your Gift Just For Checking This Deal Out!

That's a *completely no-risk offer for you.*

But the best part is... you won't pay \$242.50 to see these best-selling tapes. No. You will get the entire fighting library of tapes... for **just \$99**. Your \$99 is completely guaranteed, too, just as I said. It will be refunded to you promptly if you decide to return the tapes during your 6-month unconditional guarantee. (But *keep Street Safe One*, regardless.)

HERE'S WHAT YOU GET:

- 1. Street Safe One** - Worldwide bestseller training video, snapped up by the thousands by professionals and men who needed to get street-savvy in a *hurry*. The super-condensed, super-easy "learn it fast, kick some ass" basics of Paul's most effective techniques. Selling right now for \$42.
- 2. D.E.V. (Defeating Extreme Violence)** - The mega-advanced hand-to-hand fighting techniques Paul teaches soldiers, cops and other pro fighters who must go against trained opponents. You've never seen fighting like this before. 2 tapes in the set, currently selling for \$101.50
- 3. Paul's famous "RAT" Fighting System** - The most *hard-core* fighting tapes ever produced, anywhere. Nasty fighting skills that will send bad guys running away in pain and shock and shame. Thousands sold at \$99... and it's still the most sought-after training tape among men who will *die* unless they can beat skilled opponents in face-to-face combat.

Here's a sample of what you're about to learn:

How to instill *horrible, blinding pain* in your opponent and destroy his weapons as

he attempts to fight back.

- The 3 simple "tools" that are the **ONLY** moves real fighters use in the clutch. Learning these moves *slashes your learning curve to almost nothing* (even though you're learning advanced skills), are removes 99% of the nonsense from learning to fight to win.
- How to blast through your opponent's "vulnerable zone" like a bull in a china shop, getting into his face so friggin' fast he can't react... and *terminate* him with vicious efficiency.
- Every street weapon available in a fight, and the *only* correct way to use them to end the brawl immediately.
- The astonishing secret called "defanging the snake" that will place you above all but the most skilled 1% of street fighters out there! (Actually gives you an *advantage* going bare-handed against an armed attacker!)
- How to 'blur out' a weapon without getting "stung".
- Why the stupid "standard" martial art advice about knife fighting will get you seriously injured (and lose the fight)... and the *only true way to counter and win* a knife attack!
- Plus... a complete **Master's Level** training program for sparring with weapons... with insider secrets that will have you up and running at full speed almost overnight. (This section of the tapes will leave you breathless.)

And a ton more. Too much more to list here. You must see this material for yourself... to believe such amazing skills *really can* be learned so

quickly and effectively.

That's why we've made this deal so simple and straightforward. No fancy details. No strings attached. *No risk whatsoever.*

Here's what to do now: Just call **1-800-899-8153** and tell whoever answers you want "**Paul Vunak's Total Fighter Package**". You can use your credit card. Or, fill out the order coupon below and mail it with your check or money order (payable to TRS) to: **TRS, 606 E. Acequia Visalia, CA 93292.**

This is a *very* limited offer, completely guaranteed. You must hurry, or you will not get this astonishing material for the one low price... nor will you get to keep the free tape.

P.S. Remember - you get \$242.50 worth of the most sought-after fight training, for just \$99... you have 6 full months to decide if you like what you see... and you can return the tapes for a complete refund if not happy. No questions asked. But **KEEP** the Street Safe One tape (the best seller of them all) as our gift just for trying this offer out. You can't lose.



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE DEVELOPMENT GROUP
DOW-105
VIRGINIA BEACH VA 23461

A REPLY REFER TO
1650
Sec N1/255
14 MAY 1991

From: Commander, Naval Special Warfare Development Group
To: Mr. Paul Vunak

Subject: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

1. You were employed by this command on a number of occasions since 1987 for your expertise and knowledge in the field of combative, hand to hand fighting.
2. Unlike most law enforcement techniques which use restraint when faced with a life threatening circumstance, your aggressive art is designed to quickly neutralize a threat in a life and death situation. You are one of a number of martial artists that were considered for the job. You were chosen not only because of your ability to teach but your ability to apply your art as well. Some instructors considered were more well known, but none were better than you.
3. We appreciate the quality of your training and the benefit we received both collectively and individually. Thank you for a superb job.

M. E. Houston
M. E. Houston
Commander, U. S. Navy
By direction of the
Commander

Priority Order Form!
For *fastest* service use your
Credit Card and Call Toll-FREE!

Call
1-800-899-8153
(Ask For Dept TF-25)

YES! I want to see what Paul has for me. It's a great opportunity to sample the training so many Spec Op soldiers, SWAT cops and combat-active agents actually USE... and yet I risk nothing. I get Paul's entire library of best-selling material (worth \$242.50 on the open market) for just \$99... and I can return it within 6 months for a full refund if not happy. Plus, I get to *keep Street Safe One* regardless. That's just a really great, generous offer. And I'm hurrying, because I know this offer expires soon. Here's how I want to pay:

I prefer to pay with my credit card; Please charge my: Enclosed is my Check/Money Order for \$104 (\$99+\$5 S&H) payable to TRS.

Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

Card# _____ Name: _____

Expires _____ Address: _____

Signature _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

TRS Direct • 606 East Acequia, Department TF-25 • Visalia, CA 93292

CA residents add appropriate sales tax. Rush shipping available for additional charges of \$10 for "2-day" shipping and \$15 for "Overnight" shipping. Foreign orders may require additional shipping. Call for more information.



Security "Souvenirs" For Sale

Al Qaeda and other assorted nut cases take note: According to WorldNetDaily.com and the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, your goal of impersonating a federal airport-security official may be just a few clicks away on eBay. Uniform Patches, badges, pins and other paraphernalia with the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) insignia are readily available to online shoppers. Such items as a "mini-U.S. air marshal's badge for lapel or tie," or "collectible [sic] ID reel complete with the Transportation Security Administration logo" were offered on eBay starting at a buck.

The General Accounting Office used counterfeit law-enforcement ID obtained over the internet to breach security at the Pentagon, Justice Department, the FBI, CIA, State Department and 14 other federal agencies. According to the report, at each of the 21 sites the agents "could have carried in weapons, listening devices, explosives, or chemical or biological agents." GAO investigators also printed up fake birth certificates and driver's licenses with off-the-shelf computer software and got past U.S. border guards at four locations.

At Pittsburgh International, a man without a boarding pass entered a restricted boarding terminal by flashing an old constable's badge he had been given as a gift.

As easy as this all was, it would seem that some who are drawing a paycheck may also be impersonating "security" personnel.

We're all for free enterprise, but just because something is not against a specific law, doesn't mean it's OK to do.

Philadelphia Firm Openly Solicits Al-Qaeda Business

A sign prominently displayed in the window of a Philadelphia business reads: *We would rather do business with 1,000 Al Qaeda ... Than With a Single American.*

Even with our First Amendment guarantees of free speech, it seems odd the local SWAT didn't have to be called out to control angry mobs. But, we are a nation who prizes our freedom of speech as a lynchpin of our liberty, and, after all it was just a sign. But, it's interesting to know just what sort of business would post such a sign: It was a local funeral home.

Kim The Counterfeiter

What kind of exports does a tyrannical, bankrupt socialist country have? Annual exports from North Korea comprise some \$650 million in "legitimate"

7.62 DESIGN
DISTINCTIVE MILITARY APPAREL

The World's Finest Line of Thematic Military T's.

Visit Our Online Catalog Now!
7POINT62DESIGN.COM
Ph. 858.693.4130

ARKTIS

REAL GEAR FOR REAL SITUATIONS

- Tactical Weatherproofs
- Load Bearing Vests, Assault Vest & Chest Rigs
- Fire-Retardant Thermals
- Sniper, Medic & Covert Gear
- Special Operations Gear
- Much More

"Exceptional Products used by Elite Forces Worldwide"

US & Canada

Arktis North America

P.O. Box 234
Middletown OH 45044
(513) 422-6181

M-F 10-6 EST

www.arktisusa.com
sales@arktisusa.com

International

Arktis Ltd, 3 Brookside
Units, Venny Bridge,
Exeter, EX4 8JN
www.arktisLtd.co.uk

goods, most of that being weapons to assorted Third-World dictators. Nearly as much as these on-paper exports, are some \$500 million a year in exports from government-run criminal enterprises — the biggest cash producers being counterfeit money and various forms of dope. North Korea is producing some 40 tons of opium a year, plus many tons of high-quality [sic] crank, mostly for the Asian market. Queer money, mostly in the form of hard-to-detect Ben Franklins, amounts to some \$10 million a year. Although the product is of passable quality, profits are limited by the fact that the North Koreans have to split with assorted criminal gangs who distribute it, now that North Korean embassies are closely watched. Kim Jong Nam, son of Absolutely Wonderful Leader Kim Jong Il, has used these phony notes in Macao casinos.

Iraq Order Of Battle On-Line

Russian Arms and Military Technologies (Rusarms.ru) has developed a free and continually updated Persian Gulf military information page, located at <http://iraq.rusarms.ru>. Visitors will find a catalog of known Iraqi and Coalition weapons located in the Persian Gulf area. Interesting, and worth your time.

Iraqis Hunted On Southern U.S. Border

As we go to press, several news agencies are quoting CIA sources that six Iraqis thought to have chemical and biological weapons with them are being hunted in Mexico and the American southwest, after having tried to engage coyotes to get them across the border, who tipped-off authorities. A Mexican federal spokesman claimed there is no evidence of Iraqi terrorists in Mexico, but the day before local officials in Tamaulipas state had received news of an alleged search for six terrorists who were planning to cross into the States with toxic gases.

Intelligence sources speculated that potential targets may have included the Palo Verde nuclear project west of Phoenix, which supplies electricity to 4 million customers in Arizona, New Mexico, California and Texas.

Continued on page 79

BUSHMASTER **1st Choice for Defense.**

Superbly accurate AR15 type Rifles and Carbines manufactured from quality parts and materials to the highest standards.
The Best... By a Long Shot!

BUSHMASTER FIREARMS

Your Source for AR Type Rifles, Parts & Accessories - Call for Free Catalog or order directly from the Internet at... www.bushmaster.com

Coming in 2003...

The Bushmaster 25th Anniversary Limited Edition Carbine...

BUSHMASTER 25th ANNIVERSARY LIMITED EDITION CARBINE

Available through your F.F.L. Dealer in early 2003.

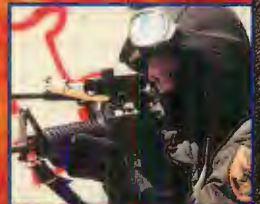
Bushmaster Firearms, Inc.
999 Roosevelt Trail • Windham, ME 04062
Tel.: 800 998 7928 • Fax: 207 892 8068
E-mail... info@bushmaster.com

www.hellstormusa.com

HELLSTORM

TACTICAL ASSAULT GLOVES

**WE WILL BRING YOU TO JUSTICE... OR WE
WILL BRING JUSTICE TO YOU. GEORGE W. BUSH
SPEAKING TO THE WORLD**



On September 11, 2001, war came to America. Today we confront an evil army of fanatics with a resolve not seen since World War II. Fighting this enemy is a new breed of heroes – our military units, police officers, firefighters, EMT's and other dedicated public safety professionals.

brave warriors, protecting the hands of freedom and enabling the weapons of the American operators and those of our allies.

As we prosecute this war, our professionals will have available a new class of top quality tactical gloves: HellStorm™ by BlackHawk® Industries. We are proud to be equipping these

Beneath the rubble in New York and Virginia and in the charred ashes of Pennsylvania lay our brothers, sisters and friends – the most recent American victims of this monstrous evil.

For those who committed these ghastly crimes, your days are numbered. We will find you and bring you to justice or before your God. Our cause is righteous and our courage unmatched. Be warned. We're coming for you.

- DRIVING GLOVES
- SHOOTING GLOVES
- HAZMAT GLOVES
- VIRAL BARRIER GLOVES
- RAPPELLING GLOVES
- WATER OPERATIONS
- AVIATION GLOVES
- ASSAULT GLOVES
- RESCUE GLOVES

HELLSTORM™
4850 BROOKSIDE COURT
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
23502-2052 U.S.A.
757-436-3101
1-800-694-5263
757-436-3088 FAX

**A NEW
CLASS OF
SUPERGLOVES
FOR A NEW CLASS
OF HEROES!**



SEE YOUR HELLSTORM™
DEALER OR CALL FOR A
FREE CATALOG!
1-800-694-5263

WWW.HELLSTORMUSA.COM

BLACKHAWK!
THE WORLD'S FINEST TACTICAL GEAR



The Ring

BY BILL GERTZ AND ROWAN SCARBOROUGH

Pakistani Arrested

U.S. officials said a Pakistani army major was arrested by FBI agents and Pakistani authorities on suspicion of links to al Qaeda.

Many U.S. intelligence analysts suspect the al Qaeda network has been backed secretly by sympathetic members of Pakistan's military and intelligence services.

U.S. officials confirmed that Maj. Adil Quddus was arrested in Kohat, Pakistan, in the northwest of the country, one day after the arrest of al Qaeda leader Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and two other al Qaeda members.

Rawalpindi is considered a "military city" because of the large number of military facilities there. The arrest of Maj. Quddus is an indication that authorities believe radical Islamist elements of the Pakistani military are working with al Qaeda, possibly protecting other terrorists, such as Osama bin Laden and his top deputy, Ayman al Zawahiri.

Maj. Quddus is part of a communications unit and is being investigated for his ties to Mohammed and the al Qaeda terror network.

Intelligence Failure

U.S. intelligence agencies vastly underestimated the number of Al Samoud 2 missiles that Iraq had produced, intelligence officials tell us.

Chief United Nations arms inspector Hans Blix disclosed to the U.N. Security Council in January that Iraq had produced about 120 Al Samoud 2 missiles.

The missiles are illegal for Iraq under a 1990s resolution that prohibited Baghdad from producing missiles with ranges greater than 93 miles. The Al Samoud 2 has been flight tested to ranges of more than 93 miles.

Before the number of missiles was disclosed by the Iraqis, U.S. intelligence agencies estimated that Iraq had fewer than a dozen Al Samoud 2s.

Attacking Green Berets

Increasingly, the guerrilla movement in Afghanistan is being run out of neighboring Pakistan, where many hard-core Taliban and al Qaeda fighters fled after American forces liberated Kabul.

U.S. sources tell us Taliban leaders pay young Afghans to conduct harassment missions against American special operations troops.

Some Afghans spy on Green Beret A Teams and report their movements.

Others set up makeshift artillery batteries, intent on landing a rocket in a Green Beret operating camp.

The Afghans fuse 120 mm rockets to car batteries and a Casio watch. They aim the contraption at a camp, set the timer and flee. The rockets rarely hit near their intended targets.

Shinseki Won't Blink

Gen. Eric Shinseki, Army chief of staff, is sticking by his troop estimate for a postwar Iraq in the face of senior Pentagon officials dismissing his best judgment of several hundred thousand troops as way off the mark.

"General Shinseki was asked a question to which he responded with his best military judgment," says an Army "talking points" document. "His testimony was very clear."

Itching To Fight

Army Green Berets in Colombia are eager to mount a

**MANY U.S. INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS
SUSPECT THE AL QAEDA NETWORK HAS
BEEN BACKED SECRETLY BY SYMPATHETIC
MEMBERS OF PAKISTAN'S MILITARY
AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.**

mission to rescue three Americans held hostage by the notorious and deadly Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

But for now, the Bush administration is letting the Colombian army plan and execute the missions, with intelligence support coming from the United States.

The problem, military sources say, is that FARC commanders are wise to intelligence methods and rarely make valuable comments in communications that can be monitored.

What Tarnak Farms?

If the presiding judge decides not to recommend a court-martial for two Air Force pilots in the "friendly fire" bombing deaths of four Canadian soldiers, it may be in part because of the testimony of Lt. Col. Craig H. Fisher, a prosecution witness.

Col. Fisher was directing combat operations the night of the mistake from the Air Force's Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) in Saudi Arabia.

Part of the defense of Maj. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach is that no one briefed them that the Canadians were conducting live-fire training that April night when they dropped a bomb on what they thought was surface-to-air fire.

Col. Fisher testified at what the military calls an Article 32 hearing that no one in the CAOC knew the training range, Tarnak Farms, even existed.

"As far as you know, nobody in the CAOC knew about Tarnak Farms?" Col. Fisher was asked.

"That is correct," he answered.

Col. Fisher also helped the two pilots' cases on another point. Their chief argument is that they acted in self-defense. The Air Force says they violated the rules of engagement and

has charged both men with manslaughter.

Asked by Charles Gittins, Maj. Schmidt's attorney, if their actions were "unreasonable," Col. Fisher answered:

"From what I've read, that there was a defensive call, that the roles did not change, and that there was a BM-21 [missile] threat that encompassed their ranges, and that there was a perception that his lead [Maj. Umbach] was being actively engaged by this threat system, it would not be unreasonable to engage."

A military judge is expected in March or April to recommend whether the Air Force should court-martial the two men on criminal charges, handle it administratively or dismiss the case.

Chinese Correspondent

Military sources tell us they were surprised that the Pentagon's public affairs office had permitted a reporter from the official Chinese government news agency Xinhua to join U.S. military forces in covering the conflict in Iraq.

Xinhua has been identified by U.S. intelligence officials as part of the Chinese government intelligence collection and analysis system. Pentagon officials are still upset at the Chinese military's mistreatment of 23 U.S. military personnel who were imprisoned for 11 days in April 2001, after a Chinese F-8 interceptor collided over the South China Sea with an American EP-3 reconnaissance plane.

Bill Gertz and Rowan Scarborough are Pentagon reporters. Gertz can be reached at 202/636-3274 or by e-mail at bgertz@washingtontimes.com. Scarborough can be reached at 202/636-3208 or by e-mail at rscarborough@washingtontimes.com.



IRONWOLF
Enterprises

Offering a full line of
military & tactical gear
from around the world.

Call or email
for catalog.

 
WYVERN WYVERN

IRONWOLF ENTERPRISES
201 EAST 2ND STREET
BERWICK, PA 18603

Phone: (800)752-WOLF
Fax: (570)759-1800
www.ironwolfent.com
email: iwolf@bwkip.com

got gear ?



we do!

TACTICAL

TAILOR

tacticaltailor.com



Tactical Tailor 10203 Lakeview Ave. SW, Lakewood WA 98499
On line at www.tacticaltailor.com 253-984-7854

Marine Corps

Now Authorized SpecOps Unit

Better Late Than Never

BY CHRISTIAN LOWE

For nearly two decades, special forces troops have been conducting their deadly operations in the steaming jungles of South America, the arid deserts of the Middle East and the blood-stained streets of the Balkans without the direct assistance of their brethren in the Marine Corps.

Indeed, Navy SEALs, Army Special Forces operators and Air Force special-tactics teams have been executing covert ops worldwide without a similar force from the Corps.

When the U.S. Special Operations Command was established in 1986 to better coordinate snake-eater ops after the Desert One disaster, the Corps opted to stay out. Marine commanders were suspicious of the organization and were unwilling to cede control of their covert operators to the fledgling command. But that decision came at a steep price.

Since USSOCOM was established, special-operations forces have been the recipients of its own chunk of the Pentagon's largesse, receiving billions of dollars for cutting-edge technology, aircraft and a huge training budget for a force of its size.

The Marine Corps has the smallest yearly budget of all the services and has to balance the funds it gets with an array of priorities. With its money, USSOCOM can purchase aircraft such as the fearsome AC-130 *Pave Spectre* gunship and MC-130 *Combat Talon* transport, MH-53 *Pave Low*, MH-60 *Pave Hawk* and MH-6 "Little Bird" — not to mention the Navy's high-speed insertion craft and SEAL-delivery vehicles.

These systems have so far been beyond the Corps' reach. And as the Cold War ended and American administrations became less inclined to deploy large contingents of U.S. forces to police the world's hot spots, the Corps lost out on playing a leading role in U.S. operations, relegated

in many cases to "supporting" roles.

1986 Folly's Redemption

Operation Enduring Freedom further convinced Marine leaders of the folly of their 1986 decision not to join USSOCOM. The so-called "Superbowl of Special Operations Forces" was a turning point for the commando world, showing the world that highly trained, intelligent, well-funded teams of 12 or 13 warriors could defeat a fierce enemy that had fought off the British and Soviet Empires over the last two centuries. It was high time for the Corps to shed its protectionism and join the team.

So the Corps decided earlier this year to establish an 86-man team to join USSOCOM. They'll begin forming-up in June at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and then join up with SEAL teams at Coronado, Calif., for more in-depth training. By April 2004, these Leatherneck commandos will be ready to deploy wherever the war on terrorism takes them.

Despite the years of lean funding and manpower, and a institutional indifference to its teams of covert warriors, the

Corps nurtured its black-ops capability by hook or crook. Marine Reconnaissance units, Scout Snipers, Intel units, Riverine operators and Air Naval Gunfire Liaison companies quietly honed their skills throughout the '80s and '90s, maintaining a high state of readiness despite their limited resources.

In Operation Desert Storm, ANGLICO teams — who specialize in calling in air, naval gunfire or land-based artillery strikes and advising foreign forces on Marine tactics and capabilities — played a key role in the liberation of Kuwait, sneaking deep behind enemy lines to coordinate airstrikes in





(above) Safety boats circled the landing zone of the Marines jumping from the KC-130 "Hercules" as part of a 3rd Recon Battalion's training exercise. One boat was present for every two jumpers. (right) A Marine from Recon Battalion steps out of the helicopter into the ocean as a trail of Marines in the water give "thumbs-up" to show they are OK.

southern Iraq. In Afghanistan, Marine recon teams were some of the first forces on the ground when Marines seized the forward operating base at Camp Rhino near Khandahar. These highly trained warriors are perfectly suited for deep raids, long-range reconnaissance and surveillance and direct action such as ship- and oil-rig takedowns. Scout sniper teams are crucial to the security of the reopened U.S. Embassy in Kabul, they work with their fellow intelligence/counterintelligence Marines who patrol the city in plain clothes, to keep an eye on the activity throughout the city from the rooftop perch in the embassy compound. If there's any problem, these sharpshooters can take-out any target within miles with their 50 cal. sniper rifles.

So it's somewhat surprising that even though the Corps had cadres of elite troops, it never contributed any to USSOCOM missions. Fortunately, however, they've got a deep well of expertise from which to draw their new dream team.

"The SOCOM force draws its foundation from units and capabilities existing in the Marine Corps today that are most special operations-like," said Lieutenant Colonel Giles Kyser, the Corps' primary planner for the force. "The intent is to provide a viable capability that is uniquely Marine quickly, and demonstrate that the Marine Corps in fact is making an institutional commitment to improving its relationship with SOCOM and making a long-term commitment towards assisting SOCOM in its responsibilities."

During the last 13 months, Marine planners and their SpecOps cohorts in the Army, Navy and Air Force put togeth-



er a program to form a specialized Marine unit, dubbed the Marine Corps SOCOM Detachment, to contribute to missions formerly reserved for Navy SEALs, Army Green Berets or Air Force Special Tactics teams.

The unit of hand-picked Marines and sailors from the Reconnaissance, intelligence and fire-support communities will begin training at their new base in Camp Pendleton, Calif., in June.

Soon after, they will transfer to Coronado Naval Base, Calif., for a 24-week special-warfare training program with Navy SEALs. Once the six-month training phase is completed, in April 2004, the Marine unit will be ready for real-world operations, during which it will be under the formal control of the Navy Commander for Special Warfare.

This new unit is the visible result of the closer relationship between the Corps and Special Operations Command that has developed since Marine Commandant General James Jones and USSOCOM chief Gen. Chuck Holland signed an agreement meant to improve ties between the two organizations.

“With regard to special operations, Operation Enduring Freedom revealed something that was no surprise to me — the fact that the Marine Corps’ own expeditionary units have a great role to play in the future, particularly in the global war on terrorism,” said Gen. Jones at a 13 Feb. 2002, House Armed Services Committee hearing in Washington. “I believe that we can, with the naval platforms that we have, with very little additional cost, really become a force multiplier for special operations in the future.”



USMC/LCpl Marcus L. Miller, USMC



USMC/Sgt. Scott Carlson

Reconnaissance Marines put on their fins as they prepare to do a 1-kilometer swim. Recon Marines are required to swim 5,000-8,000 meters per day. (inset) Cpl. Brent A. Larsen (foreground) of Livonia, Mich., and LCpl Ernie J. Ernst, of Georgetown, Ky., assault the beach during a morning beach raid 2 April 2001. Both Marines were part of team 1, Center Beach Recon Element. (below) Force Recon Marines fast-rope from a CH-53E “Super Stallion,” during a raid on a six-story building. While they performed their mission, distinguished onlookers, such as an Ohio state congressman and the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, observed the Marines in action.

The Marines have formed the unit as a “proof of concept,” officials say. It is designed to demonstrate to the members of USSOCOM that the Corps can be an effective partner in fighting the covert battles that are the command’s stock in trade.

The Marine SpecOps detachment will be made up of three elements: a reconnaissance element, intelligence element and headquarters element — and a six-man fire-support team. There will also be five Navy corpsmen assigned to the unit.

The recon element will be split into four six-man teams headed by senior enlisted personnel. Additionally, the 26-man intelligence platoon will consist of a signals intel support team; a human-exploitation team; a radio-recon team and an all-source fusion team. The fusion team is there to gather intelligence from a variety of sources and disseminate tailored intel to teams at a moment’s notice. This is particularly important since the Pentagon has given the go-ahead for USSOCOM units to designate and launch missions without a regional CINC giving them the green light.

In response to the renewed importance of precision close-air support and the need to integrate units with coalition forces the same way Green Berets did with the Northern Alliance in Afghanistan, a six-man supporting-arms liaison team will also be part of



USMC/Lance Cpl. Nathan E. Eason

Continued on page 71

"Picture Two People, Locked In Mortal Combat, One With Both Hands Wrapped Around The Other's Neck. Now, Imagine Yourself In This Scene And Tell Me... What Would You Do?"

(Hint: Whatever Your Answer, The Odds Are... It's Wrong!)"



Kick him in the groin." "Strike the arms or punch the solar plexus." "Grab the hands." "Stomp on his instep"

The list is always the same.

Unfortunately... each answer put your life at risk in the face of a life-or-death assault.

Why? Because invariably when Tim Larkin asks students this question at his *Target-Focus Training®* bootcamps...

No One—Not Even Trained Martial Artists—Sees Themselves As The One Doing The Choking

They're always the one being choked.

It's human nature. We shy from victory, from domination. It's the way most of us are built.

But think about it... couldn't this have been the scenario?

You are surprised by two attackers. You've completely disabled the first and now have control of the second and are about to put him totally out of commission...

Possible? Of course. It's just that no one sees it this way.

Here's the problem: A thug comes up, places a knife to your throat and demands your wallet. Taking him at his word you give him the wallet. He then proceeds to stab you repeatedly leaving you in a pool of your own blood, astonished you've been stabbed.

What went wrong? Just this. You ASSUMED he only wanted the wallet. After all, why would anyone stab someone over a few measly bucks? **YOU** certainly wouldn't do that if you were robbing someone (by the way... when WAS the last time you robbed someone and put a knife to their throat?)

You see, that IS the problem...

You've Just Transferred Your Own Moral Code To A Sociopathic Killer... And With It, Quite Possibly, Your Life.

See, nothing bothers him. He's certainly not bound by your morals. With a total disregard for society and it's rules, he has no regret whatsoever in cramming a blade into your gut... if that's what it takes to get what he wants.

You stroll around thinking 12 years of martial arts training or that 6-week self-defense course or the latest flavor-of-the-month fighting video gives you the edge you need against someone like this.

Wake up!

You are hopelessly training techniques (then praying they work) against someone who never "trained" for you. How many criminals in federal pens spent years sweating through JKD workouts before committing their crime? How many are Jujitsu experts?

None. They excel at just one thing: doin' it. No training, no practice, no techniques. And these criminals certainly follow no "rules". So why squander years fooling yourself with something that only works "if everyone plays by the rules"?

These are the facts: 98% of us, caught in an unavoidable violent attack (even those with years of training), would never consider doing "whatever it takes" to survive — like gouging our attacker's eyes — even if they were the only targets available, and... even if it was the only means of saving our own life.

That's why TFT® teaches both mind and body to

act in unison, training you for the real threat in your life... criminal violence.

It shows you how to deal with the ultra violence of a life-or-death confrontation (understand it's very easy to ramp this down to fit a lesser situation but it's impossible to ramp up to a "killing-set" if you've never trained for it. By the way, is this you?).

Make no mistake... Larkin doesn't advocate violence. TFT® just de-mystifies it. He's often quoted...

"Violence Is Rarely The Answer. But When It Is... It's The Only Answer."

Look... others in Soldier of Fortune try to impress you with how bad they are, their accomplishments in the "hidden world" you aren't privy to, their guru status.

TFT® isn't about that. **It's not about an individual, a personality... or a guru.**

It's about a system... one focused totally on you!

Make no bones about it: Larkin's track record is impressive. He's currently training units from the top echelons of federal law enforcement and military special operations groups. It's not surprising since he comes from that world and is well known there. But since everyone in Soldier of Fortune tries to claim this you'll rarely hear him talking about it.

He's an awesome communicator, fabulous trainer, and amazingly approachable for someone with his abilities and credentials. And he's trained 100's of CEOs and others in high-risk positions around the world — all very real people.

But why is this so important?

Why is TFT® being sought out in all these other arenas?

Because it works! Because you "get it" immediately... as soon as you experience it. There's no waiting. It's usable instantly... and it stays with you forever, even if you never practice it again.

Take fear. Experience a TFT® training and part way through this gigantic light bulb explodes in your brain. Boom... you get it... you understand why there's no reason to be fearful in any type of confrontation again. Fear is simply gone... instantly... and forever (by the way it's not magic, you've got the ability inside you right now).

Here's what TFT® is about: the key to the system lies in the fact there are two... and only two... overriding principles that determine the outcome of any physical confrontation. Combine these with three supporting methodologies that form the foundation of every fighting system on the planet and you have a complete system for handling any violent confrontation. With this information you can look at anything that's out there... including your own training... and know immediately if it's worth keeping.

"It was the most effective five days of training in hand-to-hand and hand-to-weapon that I and everyone else had ever experienced." **Brian (last name withheld), US Border Patrol**

Larkin just got back from talking to over 600 CEO's in Europe. These folks are eating his stuff up because **TFT®** principles and methodology are as effective in the 'combative' world of business as they are in a truly lethal fight, and for the exact same reason... **RESULTS.**

What really excites Larkin is the fact that if these people can get this much from his material, imagine how much more someone like you can learn... a

dedicated reader of Soldier of Fortune magazine who is really into finding and applying a system that is quickly learned and deadly effective. If all these other folks are seeking him out, shouldn't you be too?

Look, Larkin is swamped and realizes he can't begin to reach everyone. While he'd love to have you as a member of his organization and to take part in his live training, he realistically understands few will be able to do this. Bootcamps run \$2,000.00 while international events start at \$10,000.00. And personal training for small 2- to 4-person sessions is \$20,000.00 and more.

That's why he's created a special Guide called *The Two Key Principles Used To Win Every War, Battle And Streetfight... And How You Can Exploit Their Devastating Power Today.*

Not some sales letter in disguise, this is truly a way for you to take at least a step towards learning the basics of **TFT®** and applying its principles today.

In the Guide, Larkin covers things like:

- **The secret to success in any confrontation or fight. Understand this principle... and you win. Without it... you lose. It's as simple as that.**
- Why it's a huge mistake to train as if you can predict your attacker's next move... *even though everyone keeps trying to do it.*
- **Why focusing on a technique or methodology hands the sociopathic criminal an overwhelming advantage... each and every time.**
- Why defeating an assailant has nothing to do with your size, strength, speed, sex, stamina or athleticism... and *nothing whatsoever to do with years of practice or difficult movements.*
- *"I've ordered video's from names like (withheld) and respect them and their ideas. But you have given me a logical system that I can train and do despite an artificial hip and other chronic injuries as a result of 33½ yrs of firefighting."* John Carmody, Norfolk, VA
- **Why you can't learn a hodgepodge collection of lethal techniques and expect to recall even one of them (let alone the one you need) in a life-or-death struggle.**

If you've spent years training techniques but still aren't sure of what might happen face-to-face with an assailant, if you can't imagine why physical skills are not critical to success in a determined sociopathic attack, if you long ago realized those silly fighter-of-the-month techniques weren't the answer to anything, then you owe it to yourself to get his Guide.

Here is how you can get one: Larkin is distributing 250 of these Guides. You may **request one Free copy** by calling toll-free **(888) 803-0504** and leaving your name and address on his voicemail. He'll have the Guide sent to you the very next day. Since it's voicemail you can call 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Additional copies of the Guide are just \$9 plus shipping. But again, he'll send you one copy FREE.

A lot of folks will blow off this offer as just another in the endless stream of secretive, technique-based, guru-led programs. Don't make that mistake. It doesn't cost you even a cent to prove to yourself the validity of what you've just read.

You've read this far and know this makes sense. **Call (888) 803-0504 and request your FREE Guide now** while they're still available. ©2003 Hurley and Withington's



Combat

WeaponCraft

BY JOHN FARNAM

FARNAM'S GUNSLINGER DIARY

War In The Middle East

In the last century, the country has paid a terrible price for failing to finish wars. Most wars don't end in unconditional surrenders. Most wars fizzle-out inconclusively (only to resume years, or decades, later), because both sides get tired of fighting and lose their resolve.

The price paid for unfinished wars is what we now see going on in North Korea and in Iraq. Unfinished wars have to be fought all over again. For 60 years U.S. troops have had to be stationed in Korea, because the war there was never finished. Now, it is rearing its ugly head again and will continue until the war (which started in 1950) is finally completed. Then-President Truman said of that war, "Our troops are not there to win anything." In so doing, he ensured their failure and defeat. If we're not there to win, we shouldn't be there at all.

Thirteen years ago, the Gulf War was also left unfinished. The president and congress lost their collective nerve and stopped just short of victory. Now, we are having to do it all over again.

Lesson: Don't adopt the tactics of losers. When the stated goal of any military conflict is merely the preservation of the status quo, there is no possibility of victory. For the sake of those doing the fighting, and for the sake of those who will have to fight the same fight all over again if the issue is not resolved, the goal of all military action must be the unconditional vanquishing of the enemy. Anything less is a recipe for disaster.

Front Line Hoplophobia
(From A Friend With The 101st ABN):

I have now been here in Kuwait for two weeks, and not once have any of us been allowed to insert a magazine (much less chamber a round) in any of our weapons! We have all been graciously issued a small

amount of ammunition (for immediate self defense, we're told) but we're prohibited from getting it anywhere near our weapons! Even senior officers are not allowed to have ammunition in their weapons. I use rubber bands to attach a magazine to my rifle. At least it is with the weapon and will be available quickly if needed. Of course, even that practice is frowned upon, but I do my best to make sure no one notices.

Sand blowing into empty magazine wells is also a big issue. We're told to keep the dust cover closed, but not to put a magazine in the weapon, even an empty one. It makes no sense, of course, but I, for one, am not willing to tape my magazine well shut.

Comment: If the training these guys have received is so great, why are they not allowed to be armed as front-line soldiers should be? Do we expect to be able to make an appointment for an emergency?

The price paid for unfinished wars is what we now see going on in North Korea and in Iraq. Unfinished wars have to be fought all over again.

In spite of this universal "empty gun" policy, there have still been a number of injuries caused by negligent discharges in Army units, as well as with the Marines. So, with all these empty guns, accidents are still happening! One can only wonder if there would be any more accidents than there are already if all soldiers were trained, and expected, to carry and maintain loaded weapons all the time, and did so as a routine.

Not all bad ideas come from the UN!

Editor's comment: Treating the members of a premier fighting force like a poor-men's Barney Fife (even he was allowed to carry "one bullet") makes no more sense than carrying dust-sensitive weapons around in environs such as Kuwait, with no purpose. Either you are under arms or you are not. If you are

under arms, you should have ammo; if you are not under arms the weapon should be in the rack. What is the program: Tinker Bell will flit from troop to troop distributing loaded magazines [and cleaning rods] if the balloon goes up? One could take statistical note of the relative lack of ADs from police who carry loaded weapons every day. And some in more enlightened departments, a mandated 24/7. For policies in less-enlightened departments, see below:

Comments On Police ADs From A Friend And Well-Known Trainer:

From my perspective, it is good that this department did not overreact, by instituting "clearing barrels," "gun-free areas," etc. Many state police academies are now "weapons free zones" because of the concern over ADs. One facility (where I do training) now mandates that no firearms are permitted in any building, all because one cop had an AD in the bathroom. It only happened once.

The fact is, people are human, and when we have large numbers of armed individuals, the price we pay is that accidents happen. Through training, we minimize them, but they can never be eliminated completely. We have vehicle accidents too, but we don't ban vehicles immediately after the first one. We consider them "lessons

"Gun-free" zones are actually "criminal empowerment" zones, and we are going to pay a dreadful price if we allow them to become a trend.

pistol, 20,000 rounds. They asked to keep the pistol for a detailed engineering evaluation.

This is what they sent me in return (at no cost to me):

- A brand new G32.
- A .40 S&W barrel that essentially transforms the gun (at my option) into a G23.
- Free admission to the Glock Armorer's Course

learned" and then press forward.

In the face of elevated terrorist threats, any concentration of cops who are known to have been disarmed is an enormously desirable target. Such attacks have already happened with unarmed Marines in overseas facilities.

"Gun-free" zones are actually "criminal empowerment" zones, and we are going to pay a dreadful price if we allow them to become a trend.

**A Glock Story
(From Friend In Washington Who, Like Me, Carries A G32 [357 SIG]):**

Per your suggestion, I called Glock shortly after our class. They asked for the gun to be sent to them and for a history. I sent them the gun and all the details of the broken recoil spring and other parts. Glock's reply was frank. They indicated that I was way out on the end of the bell curve for the predicted useful life of the

BODY ARMOR

ORDER TOLL-FREE

1-877-332-2343

Credit Cards or Money Orders Accepted



NIJ CERTIFIED - LEVEL 2A

CIVILIAN ★ POLICE ★ MILITARY

"We believe that every law abiding citizen is entitled to the same protection as our police and military personnel."



PATTON

Front and Back Protection
Includes Steel Trauma Plate

~~\$599.00~~ SALE \$400.00
UPS INSURED SHIPPING \$12.00

**CUSTOM MADE TO FIT YOU
AND SHIPPED IN 5 DAYS!!!**

F.B.I. REPORTS

80% OF POLICE OFFICERS FATALLY WOUNDED
WOULD HAVE SURVIVED WEARING BODY ARMOR

"It's not how many rounds you can fire
but how many rounds you can take and survive."

SELECT COLOR: Black, Navy, Tan,
Blue, Brown, Olive, White, Camouflage

SUPPLY YOUR:

HEIGHT - WEIGHT - CHEST - WAIST
XX-XXX SIZE + 20%

MAXSELL CORPORATION

4400 W. HILLSBORO BLVD, #2
COCONUT CREEK, FL 33073

FEMALE VEST: \$599.00 SPECIFY CUP SIZE
PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



SHERMAN

Front, Back, Partial Side Protection
Includes Steel Trauma Plate

~~\$599.00~~ SALE \$500.00
UPS INSURED SHIPPING \$12.00

www.maxsell.com SECURE ONLINE ORDERING www.maxarmory.com

The Finest Eagle Rings of The United States



Old Abe



Centurion



Freedom



Sentry



Marine



Airborne

Heavy in weight, extreme in detail and of the highest quality, these solid handcrafted rings are beyond comparison. Twenty-five of the nation's most distinguished historic, civic, and military eagles to choose from. Proudly made in the United States and 100% guaranteed by me - **Mike Carroll**

Call me or Write for Free Brochure

847-821-1333

Mike Carroll - The Carroll Collection
16144 Port Clinton Road,
Prairie View, IL 60069



www.EAGLERINGS.com

BUSHRAG.COM

"BE THE BUSH"



-Ready Made or
-Build Your Own

Color Brochure
Available!

-WOODLAND
-MOSSY
-DESERT

\$64.95 plus \$9.00 S&H
(for the Bushrag Ghillie Suit Kit)

CAMOUFLAGE SYSTEMS

11271 Ventura Bl #297

Studio City CA 91604

www.bushrag.com

877-810-9614

Ghillie Suits - Rifle Covers - Kits

—Miscellaneous spare parts and promotional items.

As always, Glock took care of it.

However, I have reluctantly decided to abandon the .357 SIG cartridge in favor of the 40S&W (Cor-Bon PowerBall). This round (135 grain at 1,300 f/s) is similar in ballistics to the .357 SIG, but I will be able to practice with less destructive effect (on the gun) and less expensive practice ammo.

Comment: The 357SIG is indeed an exciting development in defensive pistol ballistics. I really like the cartridge and its ballistics and still carry my G32 with Cor-Bon 115gr HP ammunition. Flirting with 1,600 f/s, a more effective personal defensive pistol cartridge would be difficult to imagine.

But, there is a price to be paid. Slide velocities are such that the life of the gun is going to be greatly reduced from that of the same gun in 9mm or even 40S&W. The useful life of a G19 is essentially unlimited. That of a G23 is at least 25,000 rounds, probably more. The same gun in .357 SIG (G32) may be limited to 15,000. It's just the ballistic facts of life.

I have a SIG 239 in .357 SIG that I'm also testing. No problems so far.

Glock's customer service is, as always, wonderful. They take excellent care of their customers, and they deserve a lot of credit for that.

From a Friend Returning From Glock Armorer's School:

The Glock NY2 (12-pound) trigger is ridiculous and really impairs good shooting. The standard NY trigger is recommended. The NY2 is not.

In order to pacify grass-eaters in Maryland, Glock is redesigning extractors so that they protrude noticeably when there is a round in the chamber, forming, in effect, a "loaded-chamber indicator." All Glocks will now come this way, not just those sold in Maryland. This may have significant impact on holster design. New Glocks may not fit well in old holsters. Happily, this new, mal-adroit extractor can be replaced with a conventional one.

I certainly feel much safer now, how about you?

The Current Mission Demands The Best. Do You?

Soldiers fighting the war on terror deserve the best equipment money can buy. That includes their sleeping bags, proudly supplied by Wiggy's. The US Special Forces, Navy Seals, and the Australian Army all provide their troops with high quality sleeping bags from Wiggy's.

Wiggy's Super Light System meets the stringent demands of military professionals across the globe. Compact, durable, and available with a lifetime guarantee, Wiggy's Super Light sleeping bags are today's choice for the professional soldier.

Make Wiggy's your choice, too.

Wiggy's Inc. • P. O. Box 2124
Grand Junction, CO 81502

1-800-748-1827
www.wiggys.com

For more information about Wiggy's Super Lite sleeping bags,
call toll-free today or see us on the world wide web.

Cold Steel In Africa

The most popular serious knives in Africa today are, as you might expect, those made by my friend Lynn Thompson at Cold Steel. In terms of functional design, strength, and sharpness, they are second to none.

Unfortunately, the current exchange rate makes them prohibitively expensive for many Africans. All my friends have Cold Steel knives and are extremely grateful that they do.

By contrast, most locally made knives are cheap junk, but they are found everywhere and are still extremely dangerous in the hands of provincial evildoers. There are thousands of knife homicides every year, plus tens of thousands of disabling and disfiguring injuries. Subsequent infection kills many more.

Most never find their way to statistics that you will ever see. The preferred method of attack is multiple downward (icepick) stabs into the shoulder (from the front or rear), the target being the subclavian artery. It is effective and difficult to see coming.

As one might expect, the local knife culture is experienced and active. One of my knife instructors from the local AMOK School in Capetown made a good point during one of our recent sessions there:

When there is a large amount of blunt trauma associated with a cut, the body has the opportunity to restrict the flow of blood to the area and thus limit bleeding. By contrast, when there is little trauma associated with a cut, bleeding is always maximized. The implication is clear: When using a knife in self defense, the sharper the better.

Sharp knives will always produce more and more rapid bleeding than will dull ones. As you probably know, Cold Steel knives come to us "dead sharp." I don't know how they get them so sharp, but their ability to cause catastrophic hemorrhage is unexcelled.

The lesson here is: Don't use your serious knife for utility-cutting.

It will rapidly become dull and then serve you poorly when you really need it. Keep your fighting knives dead sharp. For utility cutting, use a utility knife that is not intended for serious purposes.

"One with my blade, alive in my hand
Pure of heart and firm in my stand
It's not in the blade;
It's played in the mind." ❄

MADE IN THE USA • VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SEE OUR FULL PRODUCT LINE • WWW.SOGARMORY.COM



SOG ARMORY

Item#1001



MADE IN USA
\$29.95

ABS VERTICAL GRIP

ABS Vertical Grip with endcap

Item#1002



MADE IN USA
\$39.95

GRAPHITE VERTICAL GRIP

Graphite Vertical Grip with Lock-down Post

Item#2051



MADE IN USA
Designed for a secure, smooth fit \$19.95

M-4 BUTT STOCK PAD

This is the Only slip on Recoil Pad for the New M-4 Telescoping Stock



Item#1030

MADE IN USA
\$39.95 *Price does not include front sight post!

FRONT SIGHT SLING ADAPTOR

Front Sight Sling Adaptor with Rail



Item#1040

MADE IN USA
\$29.95 Held on by 6 cup screws Fits all .701 Diameter barrels

.701 BIRDCAGE

Post-Ban ATF Legal Birdcage Comp

Item#1010

Rail & Backing Plate per package



Will fit standard CAR handgun & new M4 handgun \$16.95

GRAPHITE RAIL SYSTEM

Graphite Rail System with Backing Plate



Item#1020

MADE IN USA
\$19.95 *Price does not include Charging Handle

TAC-LATCH

Tactical Latch for Charging Handle

SOF-III
Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone # (____) _____
We Need this so we can contact you if there is a problem with your order
E-Mail Address _____
Credit Card # _____
Signature _____ Exp. Date _____

Item Name and No#	Qty	Price	Total

WWW.SOGARMORY.COM Shipping & Handling
CHECKS • CREDIT CARD • MONEY ORDER • 100% GUARANTEE Total

SHIPPING & HANDLING

U.S. Priority Mail - \$6.00 for the first item plus \$2.00 for each additional item.
UPS 2nd Day - Additional \$20.00 added to the total "Standard Shipping" charges above.

WWW.SOGARMORY.COM
FAX ORDERS TO
281-568-9191

SOG ARMORY, INC. 435 FM 1092, Bldg 1, #167 • STAFFORD, TX. 77477-5494 • 281-568-5685

Afghan Mistakes

Exclusive *SOF* Interview With General Rahmatullah Safi

BY DR. MARTIN BRASS

Middle-East experts warn that the U.S. administration, with its obsession to depose Saddam Hussein, is treading down a treacherous path that could explode the already volcanic Middle East into a number of uncontrollable, bloody, multi-faceted civil wars.

The signs are alarmingly clear.

Already the U.S.-backed Iraqi opposition leaders are adamantly opposing the proposed U.S. military occupation in Iraq, demanding that they assume control of the govern-

ment shortly after Saddam Hussein is deposed.

In addition, the Northern Iraqi Kurdish leaders, who believe that the United States sold them out in the tough bargaining with Turkey to station U.S. troops to launch an offen-

SOF Editor/Publisher Robert K. Brown (right) and General Rahmatullah Safi during their candid London face-to-face. In 1989, Safi escorted Brown and associates across Afghanistan where they avoided Soviet napalm. Brown, good-naturedly, still harbors "resentment" that his long-time friend refused to allow him a shot at a Soviet jet with an American Stinger.



Dr. Martin Brass

sive into Iraq, are asking for guarantees that no Turkish troops will intrude on their territory in the event of war.

The Iraqis and Kurds dredge up the memory of how the United States abandoned them after the Gulf War when Bush "the elder" incited them to revolt, letting Saddam's helicopter gunships decimate them. The Kurds remember their betrayals by the United States in 1974 when the United States sold them out to the Shah, and again in 1995. Tens of thousands were killed.

All are quite aware that the United States originally helped arm, support and empower Saddam Hussein.

Turkey, which has refused to station U.S. troops thus far because of long-term repercussions, has reportedly invaded northern Iraq, since the Turks perceive their southern Kurd-occupied borders are threatened.

Some of the Iraqi opposition, backed by Iran, and various Kurdish factions, are positioning themselves for power, planning to partition Iraq into separate sovereign states — the Kurds in the North, the Sunni in the center, and the Shi'ites in the South.

Afghan General Rahmatullah Safi, graduate of British SAS and Russian Spetznaz schools, and a long-time friend of SOF, who had been befriended by the United States, then abandoned "half-way" once they achieved their goal, is one who predicts civil chaos in Iraq. His warnings are based on what he said is a pattern of short-sighted, destructive U.S. foreign policy. Iraq is facing the hell Afghanistan is living through now, with the administration's plan to "blow up this and that." As in Afghanistan, the civilian deaths and refugee flows are predicted to be in the hundreds of thousands.

Countries targeted by U.S. bombing, he said, were victims of an "arrogant, selfish" U.S. policy that is "quick to destroy."

"We suffered losses of one and a half million. How can you leave such a nation you supported through all that bloodshed and just go without a good-bye?"

One Prophet in the Wilderness — Afghan General Safi

The General charged on foot through the cold, blustery London winter in his characteristic way to meet us near the hotel in Piccadilly Circus. The burly, still powerful, General blasted the U.S. with his deep, commanding voice coarsened by years of smoking, eager to vent years of pent up frustration.

"How in the twenty-first century can one be proud of how to bomb, how to kill, how to destroy? I don't think that is called super-power. No matter how much they bomb, they are not satisfied. Every week they show films of WWII and the elderly are crying for the things that Hitler did. What makes the difference between Hitler and the Americans?"

You go to Asia and hear "Down with America." You go to Africa and hear "Down with America." You go to Europe and hear "Down with America." What is wrong?

"You ask me why I live in London. Why not America? I don't like the ruling machine of the U.S. Americans never take you to the end of the journey. They play their game, then they don't bother about you and I don't trust them. If they need you, they are Romeo and Juliet. Once they don't, they

become a mud-fish in water and you cannot find them.

It doesn't have to be that way, he said. "The sun rose and set on the British Empire and today still those former colonies have good relations and ties with the Commonwealth.

"Americans Fought, Making Sacrifices For The Freedom Of Our Land."

"Before the Jihad started against the Russians the whole world was against American imperialism," he explained. "To the Third World, the Soviet Union seemed progressive, befriending and helping the poor even in the Middle East. But when the Russians brought their puppet government to Afghanistan, we started fighting and America provided the helping hand. Americans fought, making sacrifices for the freedom of our land.

"That was a golden opportunity for the tide to turn. 'Down with Russia! Down with the communist! Down with the Soviet Empire,' we would say. And. 'God bless America'.

"But what happened when the Soviets withdrew and the communist



"But the Taliban, al-Qaeda and other fundamentalists terrorists were created by the U.S., the Soviet authority and the Pakistani intelligence, ISI. ..."

government collapsed? Americans turned their back and forgot us."

Creation Of The Jihad Machine

"When we Afghans started fighting the Russians, I would council the

American consulate in Islamabad and embassy in Peshawar.

"I was the first Afghani to visit America by official invitation and was trusted by the State Department. Any American going to Afghanistan consulted with General Safi and took protection from General Safi. Peter Thompson, the ambassador for the Mujahudeen of Afghanistan, became my friend. When he came to Pakistan, he would telephone and ask for protection from my personal bodyguard. Most of the time he was in my place meeting the Afghan commanders and leaders.

"The American political lobby for Afghanistan, led by Senator Humphrey, and military aid, led by Congressman Charles Wilson, helped build up the jihad machine in Afghanistan through the Committee For Free Afghanistan."

Digging The Caves In "No Man's Land"

After the Soviets withdrew, Safi complained to the Americans, "Why are the fundamentalist Wahabis tunneling in the Afghanistan mountains to make caves for terrorist training? Nobody listened about the caves they built. The caves they build in the no man's land, in the Kyber Pass and Sunshoit Mountain, and Tora Boras by the many Arabs and by Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI). Machinery was working day and night. I warned George Bush's administration that as much as you run away, that much Afghanistan will become No Man's Land. When the great lady Barbara Bush invited me to their house in Washington in front of all those

ONE STOP KNIFE SHOP
www.onestopknifeshop.com

**CAMILLUS CUTLERY DARREL RALPH
CUDA MAXX 5.5 DAGGER**

**12" OVERALL
LENGTH!
CAM-CU2242
ONLY \$189.99**



**MASTERS OF DEFENSE
685 SERIES**

**HUNTER
MOD-STH-685**

**FIGHTER
MOD-STF-685**

**TANTO
MOD-STT-685**

**ALL MANUAL MODELS ONLY \$89.99!
AUTOMATIC MODELS ONLY \$109.99!**

1SKS EXCLUSIVE BENCHMADE BALISONGS!

**MODEL 30-SPL
BM-30-SPL
ONLY \$100.00**

**MODEL 10-SPL
BM-10-SPL
ONLY \$100.00**

BUY BOTH FOR \$180.00!!!



**BENCHMADE MEL PARDUE
5000 AUTO-AXIS**

**BM-5000
ONLY \$164.99
BM-5000-SBT ONLY \$172.99**



**WILSON TACTICAL | DARREL RALPH
TAC-AUTO STILETO**

**DDR-STIL1
440C BLADE MODEL
ONLY \$159.99
154-CM MODEL ONLY \$199.99!**



SUREFIRE



**SUREFIRE E2E
SF-E2E-HA ONLY \$84.99!
SF-KL1-HA LED HEAD ONLY \$49.99!
SF-E2E-KL1 - GET BOTH FOR \$119.99!!!**

ORDER TOLL FREE

1.866.BUY.1SKS

(1.866.289.1757)

INFO LINE: 1.904.880.3322

MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM EST - 6PM EST

VISA - MASTERCARD - DISCOVER - MONEY ORDER

ORDER BY MAIL:

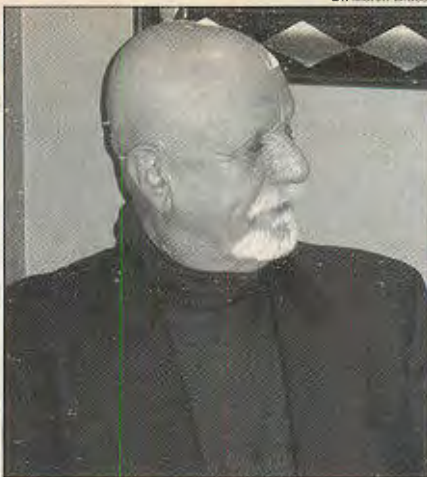
ONESTOPKNIFESHOP.COM

5875 MINING TERRACE, SUITE 104

JACKSONVILLE FL 32257

(INCLUDE \$8 FOR UPS GROUND SHIPPING)

ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



"... after they withdrew, Mr. Karzai became the puppet of the Americans. Unfortunately, today the Afghan administration is being run by criminals who are on the list of war criminals in the U.N."

guests I complained of the extremists and everyone shook their head in agreement, 'Yes, Safi, yes, Safi, you are right.' But nobody did anything.

"I pled with the Congress, the Pentagon, every department of the U.S. government and I said, 'for God's sake, don't support the fundamentalists. Don't bring their disease to Afghanistan. We are not short of fighters.' But 75% of U.S. aid went to the fundamentalist extremists.

"Col. Robert Brown and SOF people and I worked as a team trying to stop but nobody listened.

"The last time I went to the U.S., I begged, 'for God's sake do not ignore us. Try to bring a democratically elected government in Afghanistan.' Nobody was willing to see me."

Osama! Osama! Osama! From "Chicken To Mythical Power"

"The U.S. created the image of Osama bin Laden like that of Jesus Christ. Osama! Osama! Osama! Today the whole world, because of that bastard, became hell. Everywhere there are problems. Everywhere you go you face difficulties because of this bastard with this dirty organization.

"But the Taliban, al-Qaeda and other fundamentalists terrorists were created by the U.S., the Soviet authority and the Pakistani intelligence, ISI. They came not by parachute to Afghanistan. They came through Pakistan. The long hand of ISI built up the training camps.

"At the time of the Jihad, Osama was a little child. He was a chicken. No one mentioned his name. The great man was Dr. Abdullah Isam, head of the Rabani committee of the Ighwanee who was assassinated in Peshawar."

The General took out a pen and paper and charted the origins of Islam in Afghanistan.

"Islam has three teaching bases that

were built up during the British Empire," he said. "The Egyptian branch produces Ighwan il Muslimeen, or Muslim brotherhood, or political Muslims. You may find fruit of the Muslim brotherhood in India, in Tunisia, in Morocco: anywhere in Europe, but the tree is in Egypt.

"The second element, Wahabiism, originated in Saudi Arabia. Abu il Wahab Najdee was the founder. You can find the fruit of Wahabi in any Muslim country, but the tree is in Saudi Arabia.

"Then there is conservative Muslim, which is dark and is implementing the law of 1,400 years back. It is based in India and called *Dua Ban*. In Afghanistan before the war against the Russians the Ichhwanee were called the brother of the devil and the Wahabee were called non-Muslims. We Afghan are Muslim — but we are Afghans.

"When Islam first came from the northwest of Afghanistan it brought education to the non-educated land of Afghanistan.

"But after the communist invasion when Islam came from Egypt through Pakistan we started bloodshed, killing each other, dividing into followers of Wahabis and Ighwanee.

"These are mad men who are blaming the Muslims and misinterpreting Islam. Islam is not the objective for them. It is the instrument to be used."

**Saved From "Criminal" Fundamentalists
By Primitive Taliban**

"I was Mujahad that fought 15 years against the Communist-backed administration ruling Afghanistan then. It is four and a half years since Professor Rabani's administration was driven out of Kabul by the Taliban. For the first few months I was his advisor, I served as deputy defense minister and hoped that we would settle down and end the blood-

Continued on page 73

“What Do You Mean You Haven’t Subscribed Yet?”



SUBSCRIBE ONLINE: www.sofmag.com



**TO USE MC/VISA
CALL 1-800-877-5207**

At SOF, we'll bring front-line war coverage for as long as the mission takes, in the manner that only **Soldier Of Fortune** can deliver. Plus, we'll continue all the action, adventure and investigative reports that SOF is famous for. **Don't delay. Subscribe today — and SAVE!**

Soldier Of Fortune.
Now, more than ever.

BY DR. MARTIN BRASS

AMERICA AT WAR

WORLD-WIDE TERRORIST ALERT

FOR AMERICANS: RED ALERT highest terror threat level, after Iraqi War launched. Nerve gas, anthrax or nuclear bomb predicted as first major attack in U.S.

Al-Qaeda unleashes female suicide bombers, poised for attack in U.S. that "will knock the 11 September attacks into oblivion" according to threat made in London-based Arab newspaper *A-Sharq Al Awsat*. Umm (mother of) Usama, self-declared leader of female terrorists: "My duty is to supervise the training of women fighters who belong to Al Qaeda and the Taliban," *WorldNet Daily* reports. Female suicide bomber Wafa Idris killed one and wounded 100 in Jerusalem.

"A gigantic fire of terrorism revenge attacks because of Iraq war probable," said U.S. ally, Egypt's president Mubarak. "The dead from the war against Iraq... will be fertilizer from which the next generation of terrorists will come," quotes AP. "Worldwide wave of terrorism to follow up Iraqi war," predicts U.S. ally Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

UNITED STATES AL QAEDA POSES THREAT inside U.S. through bin Laden's lieutenants, warned Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. Saudi Arabian arrested in Idaho for channeling funds to Islamic terrorist group. His message: "Mujahid must kill himself if he knows that this will lead to killing a great number of the enemies and that he will not be able to kill them without killing himself first or demolishing a center vital to the enemy or its military force." New York Wahabi Imam "helped run N.Y.'s growing Islamic prison program, recruiting and training dozens, including Americans who embrace Islam in prison," says *Wall Street Journal*. Gas masks provided for Pentagon workers. Exaggerated convictions: Fed prosecutors overestimate convictions of terrorists (288) by more than double.

PHILIPPINES DEPLOYED: 1,750 U.S. troops to provide counter-terrorism training to locals with battle against 12,000 Abu Sayyaf (only several hundred) and Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels; 750 Special Operations troops head for Jolo Island in the Sulu archipelago; 1,000 from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit to provide emergency backup and air support. Training camps targeted. Deadliest attack in three years at Davao airport, kills 21, wounds 150.

KOREA HIGH ALERT; U.S. soldiers "sleeping in their boots." Troops fear President Kim will act while U.S. distracted in Iraq. North Korea tests two anti-ship missiles. Attempted hijacking: MiG warplanes tried to take U.S. reconnaissance plane and 15-member crew hostage.

COLOMBIA WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN; three kidnapped Americans still held as "prisoners of war." U.S. troops fighting rebels in search for hostages. Nightclub blast that killed 35, orchestrated by FARC with help of IRA and Spain's rebel Basques. Fears that Colombia will turn into South-American Afghanistan.

ARGENTINA EXTRADITION of senior Iranian intelligence officials, for taking part in bombing of Jewish charities.

IRAQ BURNING AND BEHEADING of captured U.S. troops threatened. Kurds flee to mountains to escape feared retaliatory chemical attacks. Thousands were gassed in 1988 in crossfire when Iran overran village of Hallaba. Iraqi speedboats in Persian Gulf may attempt carrying explosives, to attack U.S. fleet.

GERMANY CONVICTED; Mounir El Motassadeq receives 15-year sentence for helping Hamburg terror cell plan 9-11 — trained at al-Qaeda camp

CANADA PALESTINIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD funnels thousands of dollars to terrorists, engaged in murder, extortion and use of false visas.

AFGHANISTAN "ARCHITECT OF THE TALIBAN" U.S. troops drop thousands of leaflets in continued hunt for Osama bin Laden, believed to be in Afghanistan. Osama has Muhammad Omar portrayed as a dog by a leash: "Who is the real architect of the Taliban?" Some 11,500 Allied troops prepare for retaliatory attacks while U.S. distracted in Iraq. Simultaneous attacks by U.S. launched, concurrent with attack against Iraq, to confirm both are fight against terrorism.

IRAN OSAMA'S SON Saad bin Laden, oldest of 23 children, father's right-hand man, reportedly seen. Deported: 500 suspected al-Qaeda members. Refuge in Iran: Intelligence tracing cell phones, believe 100 al-Qaeda in Iran

FRANCE OBJECTS TO IRAQ WAR "To those who think that the scourge of terrorism will be eradicated through what is done in Iraq, we say that they run the risk of failing in their objective."

MOROCCO DEATH PENALTY sought for three alleged al-Qaeda members accused of plot to attack U.S., British ships in Strait of Gibraltar.

SAUDI ARABIA SMALL-ARMS AND PLASTIC explosives trafficking feared to be part of plan to spark terrorist strikes in retaliation for Iraq War. Americans confined to quarters. Westerners evacuated. On trial: 90 Saudis for alleged links to al-Qaeda. Assassinated: British defense contractor, by suspected Yemeni.

PAKISTAN CAPTURED: terrorist/playboy Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, alleged mastermind of 9-11 and coordinator of foiled plans to assassinate Pope John Paul II and hijack 11 U.S. airliners in 1995. "Forceful interrogation" of Khalid leads to capture of al-Qaeda chief al Jaziri. At large: Riduan Isamuddin (Hambali) chief of Jemaah Islamiyah, and Khalifa, Osama's brother-in-law.

KUWAIT KILLER LAND MINES; U.S. Troops face 10 million land mines and unexploded ordnance (UXOs) that line Iraq borders; 1,700 Kuwaiti civilians killed and 2,300 injured since Gulf War; 177 of 1,364 U.S. casualties in Gulf War caused by Iraqi and "unknown" mines and UXOs. U.S. troops deployed 117,634 land mines in Iraq and Kuwait in 1991. Chemical or biological attack feared against Coalition troops. Task force of several hundred U.S., Czech, Slovak, Romanian and German NBC specialists stationed to treat victims, decontaminate personnel, equipment. Arrested: three Kuwaitis planning attacks on U.S. forces.

Desert

Déjà Vu

The Eagles Gather

TEXT & PHOTOS BY DALE B. COOPER

At

an undisclosed airbase in the desert, as we go to press: "Hootie," an A-10 driver from the 172nd Air National Guard Wing, in Battle Creek, Michigan, has been here many times. So has "Niles," an F-16 pilot from Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.

The wind-worn plywood door to the operations tent is plastered with decals from various units that have done their time in the desert, and are doing it again. Units like the "Panthers" from the 494th Fighter Squadron, the "Chiefs" from the 335th Fighter Squadron, and the "Werewolves" from the 69th Fighter Squadron. At one time during the past 12 years since the "unofficial" end of hostilities with Iraq, active, reserve and air national guard squadrons have deployed to this desolate base to help enforce the United Nations-mandated, no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

Fighter pilots like "Hootie" and "Niles" are still supporting Operation Southern Watch, but they are also being prepped for another war with Iraq.

They're part of the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group

that will provide close-air support for U.S. Army units that invade southern Iraq.

"Hootie" had to put his application for a job with the commercial airlines on-hold while he flies his "Warthog" in support of OSW. While some of his buds feel they are already at war with Iraq, "Hootie" says they'll know when they're really at war. He believes the occasional surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft artillery that are fired at them every day or

so in the skies above Iraq is nothing compared to what the Iraqis will fire at them if a U.S.-led coalition of "the willing" punch holes in the sand berm that separates Iraq from Kuwait, its neighbor to the south, and heads up the Euphrates toward Baghdad. "Niles" feels the same way. He says the use of the term "war" to describe what has been happening for years in the no-fly zones both south and north of Baghdad is kind of nebulous.

"We are flying in a country that considers us hostile, and on different occasions is willing to take shots at us," said "Niles," who was also shot at during Operation Allied Force in Serbia.



(top) Quite a snout on an A-10 "Warthog." A 30mm eight-barrelled cannon can make swiss cheese of enemy armored vehicles with its uranium-depleted armor-piercing ammunition. (above) Four 500-pound bombs under belly of Thunderbolt II at a forward air base in the Persian Gulf. These aircraft, and others, will provide close-air support for U.S. Army units inside Iraq.

While some of the younger guys may not feel they are at war with Iraq, yet, one of the older and wiser airmen at this base believes they are at war, and they better be careful.

"Our crews are getting shot at every day," said Air Force Colonel Cesar Rodriguez. The commander of the 332nd EOG says if their mind set is "they are not at war, they're not flying." Rodriguez, who shot down two Iraqi MiG-21s during the Gulf War and a Serbian MiG-29 during Operation Allied Force to become the Air Force's top MiG killer, says he won't hesitate to ground an airman who doesn't feel he's at war yet.

"The technology to the north of us is not as high as some might think, but as we in the aviation business know, the GOLDEN B-B is alive and well," said "Rico," an F-15 driver who now drives a desk, and wishes he could strap on his Eagle and go soaring once again over Iraq. "And the last thing you want to be doing is thinking is that GOLDEN B-B *doesn't* have your name on it," said Rodriguez.

Medium- Versus Low-Altitude

Viper pilots like "Niles" feel safer flying at medium altitudes, unlike Hog drivers like "Hootie" who sometimes have to get down in the dirt. The "HAWG" as it's affectionately called by the pilots who fly the A-10 Thunderbolt is a war wagon. Sticking out of its nose is the "Big Gun," an eight-barrelled 30mm cannon that fires more than 1,000 rounds of uranium-depleted ammo.

A-10s chewed up Iraqi armored vehicles during the Gulf war, turning them into swiss cheese. The Thunderbolts can also carry four 500-lb. bombs under their bellies and a variety of missiles on wing stations, including Mavericks that can turn a T-72 tank into a barbecue pit.

The F-16 has a multi-barreled 20mm cannon that carries about 400 rounds internally. But compared to the heat a HAWG packs, it's like Dirty Harry carrying a .22 caliber pistol compared to the .44 Magnum, Inspector Harry Callahan's weapon of choice.

"Nile" reminded SOF that his platform is capable of doing things that the A-10s can do, and, besides, F-16s can go to burners and speed out of danger going supersonic while the HAWGS are being sieved by ground-fire. Don't discount its survivability though. More than one A-10 returned to base during the Gulf war with one engine and parts of the wing and stabilizers shredded by Iraqi bullets. In many respects, the Thunderbolt II is like a Timex watch. "It takes a beating and keeps on ticking."

Déjà Vu

Because of the sensitivity of the host country, I am not allowed to divulge the location of this airbase in the Persian Gulf region. But like "Hootie" and his friend, "Niles," I also have been here before. I stepped onto this base five years ago when it looked like the United States was going to attack Iraq for non-compliance with United Nations resolutions to identify and destroy its weapons of mass destruction. Now five years later, I am back again. But it's not the same base I visited in the spring of 1998. The base has quadrupled in size.

"The tentage and bunkers you see in front of us weren't here 35 days ago," said Marine Major Thomas Johnson, a spokesman for the Third Marine Air Wing which has parked dozens of its strike aircraft between huge slabs of concrete. Johnson says the slabs are slanted so as to prevent suicide bombers from destroying any more than two aircraft in an attack.

Within running distance of the flight line there is also protection for ground crews. Sand-bagged bunkers are designed to protect personnel from fragments in the event of a missile

(below) Travis up front and Mike in the backseat of their F/A-18D Hornet before taking off on a close-air-support training mission, a dress rehearsal for things to come when the 1st Marine Division invades Iraq.



attack from Iraq. But Iraqi attempts to move surface-to-surface missiles within striking distance have failed. Aircraft patrolling the southern no-fly zone have spotted them and destroyed them.

As solid as they look, the bunkers are not designed to withstand a direct hit, nor are they designed to protect forces from chemical or biological attack. Looking into a bunker that was well stocked with water and MREs was like looking down a double-barreled shotgun; two tubes of pre-cast concrete covered with sandbags and blast-protected entrances at both ends. When base personnel aren't on the flight line, they're on the sandbag line, reinforcing their bunkers.

The day I visited the base, a dozen Marines from VMFA-251 were building upper-body strength by throwing 25 pound bags of sand to each other and stacking them in an interlocking pattern atop a bunker. I visited the "Thunderbolts" on the U.S.S. *George Washington* five years ago in the northern Arabian Sea before coming ashore with Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Force for some "live fire" exercises in the desert north of here.

The 26MEU is also back again as is the 1st Marine Division that led the way through the Iraqi-laid minefields in southern Kuwait, and drove the Iraqi Army from Kuwait City.

The Biggest Airbase In The Persian Gulf

This base was built to accommodate roughly 1,700 personnel, mostly Air Force. But it is now home to more than 8,000 Air Force, Marine and British forces.

It's the biggest construction project for the Navy SeaBees since the Vietnam war. Hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of concrete have been used to construct taxiways and aprons on which are parked dozens and dozens of combat aircraft under shady shelters.

The Air Force shares this base with the III MAW. The Marines have several squadrons of F/A-18s and AV-8B Harriers to provide close-air support for their buddies.

Marine Lieutenant Colonel Ed Hackett, director of safety and standardization for III MAW, says some of the aircraft he flies on OSW missions over southern Iraq saw action during the Gulf War.

Hackett spoke to *SOF* outside the wing intelligence tent prior to heading to life support to get into his G-suit and survival vest for a four-ship close-air support training mission.

"We're here to protect our family," said Hackett. He not



"Hootie," an A-10 National Guard pilot from Michigan, and "Niles," an F-16 pilot from New Mexico, are experiencing a sense of déjà vu. Hootie flew 36 missions during Desert Storm; Niles saw action during Allied Force.



Colonel Cesar Rodriguez, commander of the 332nd Operations Group at a forward airbase in the Persian Gulf that will provide close air support to U.S. Army units in Iraq.

only knows the names of the air-liaison officers assigned to every Marine battalion, but knows them by first name. That's why he refers to them as "family."

East Coast Marine aviation F/A-18 Hornet squadrons like VMFA (AW) 533 and VFMA-251 from Beaufort, South Carolina, are augmenting West Coast units in the wing such as VMFA-232 and two all-weather (AW) squadrons, 121 and 225 from Miramar, California.

As "Travis" and his backseater, "Shades," walked around their F/A-18D, I couldn't help but notice some hardened aircraft shelters that the U.S. destroyed during the Gulf War. The host nation is now suing the French engineering company that constructed the "bomb-proof" shelters. The French claim they were destroyed by the enemy, but the host nation points out that the United States is a friend, not an enemy.

Walking along the ramp where Harrier Jump jets were armed and ready to go, I couldn't help but notice the name of Major Pappy Boyington stenciled on the side of the cockpit below the canopy. The crew chief and a plane-handler explained to *SOF* that it was the custom in the Marine Corps to dedicate their aircraft to flying legends like Boyington who led the infamous "Black Sheep" squadron during WWII in the South Pacific.

Preparing For The Worst; Praying For The Best

The U.S. Army and Marines have been issued the best gas masks and protective chem-warfare gear money can buy. Thousands of soldiers and Marines, including civilians like me, have received extensive training in the proper use of that equipment that we will carry on our bodies at all times.

David Butler, a British expert in weapons of mass destruction for Bruhn New Tech Ltd., has been in the Persian Gulf instructing ABC and other news-gathering organizations in

the proper use of their equipment.

"It doesn't do them a bit of good," said Butler, "to buy the best gear money can buy, and not know how to use it properly."

Butler says the best advice he can offer is to keep the wind at your back if at all possible.

"If you do get hit with a chemical agent, it will blow away from your face if the wind is blowing at your back, and allow you to escape the contaminated area," said Butler.

That may be easier said than done in the desert where the wind can blow from all points on the compass in a matter of seconds.

A Gathering Of Eagles

In addition to strike aircraft that will provide close-air support for ground forces inside Iraq, there is also a large effort being made to ensure that any pilots that are shot down over Iraq are rescued.

Everyone in the military is painfully aware what happened in the skies over Iraq on the opening night of the Gulf war in 1991 when Navy Lieutenant Commander Scott Speicher's F/A-18 Hornet was hit and disappeared in a fireball.

Last year, an Iraqi Lieutenant General, who defected in the mid-1980s to escape the "Butcher of Baghdad," told SOF in an exclusive interview that Speicher had been spotted by an Iraqi Lieutenant Colonel who was sympathetic to the opposition outside Iraq [see "Ready To Revolt," October '02 and "Dead Or Alive?," July '02.]

Fawzi al-Shamiri told SOF that the army officer had seen Speicher "ALIVE" in an underground prison in Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, about 100 miles north of Baghdad in November 2001. Reports about Speicher surviving the shoot-down have persisted ever since, and has moved the Pentagon to reclassify him as "Missing In Action."

One of the para-rescuemen who rescued Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Dale Zelko when his F-117 Stealth fighter was shot down on 27 March 1999 during Operation Allied

One of many pre-cast reinforced concrete bunkers for Marine and Air Force and Allied personnel at a forward airstab in the Persian Gulf, the biggest U.S. base in the region.



Leatherneck Sgt. Fred Ohler, from New Orleans, gives "free buzz" haircut to fellow intel analyst in III MAF, LCpl Thomas Fyffe.

Force over Belgrade is at this desert base. Like others in the "Jolly Green" community, they are determined not to have another Speicher case on their hands.

"Rico" Rodriguez, who flew during Allied Force, says his folks are well-prepared to rescue any flier, U.S. or Coalition, that gets hit over Iraq and ejects. But a survival expert assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group says fliers face the third most dangerous environment known to man.

The sergeant said the only place worse to bail out of a crippled aircraft is in Alaskan waters or on Alaskan territory in the dead of winter. But he told SOF the desert of Iraq can be just as dangerous.

"After five days without water, you may as well take off your clothes and go for a stroll in the sand," said the sergeant, "because you're dead meat."

As this report is completed, it is windy, chilly and overcast in the Persian Gulf just like it was 12 years ago when another U.S.-led coalition crossed into Kuwait and drove Saddam Hussein's army out.

There's only one difference this time: The United States isn't going to stop along Highway 8. It's going all the way to Baghdad.

Dale B. Cooper is a longtime contributor to SOF. ✕



U.S. Army Battles "Rogue's Gallery"



Firefight Crackles On Inside Afghanistan

BY CHRISTIAN LOWE

In the fiercest combat since Operation Anaconda last spring, Army forces fought pitched battles late in January against what the Pentagon called "rogue guerrillas" in Afghanistan's eastern mountains.

The fighting was sparked by a house-clearing operation near the town of Spin Boldak on 27 Jan., when Special Forces soldiers and their Afghan allies came under fire from a village compound. The special operators returned fire killing one, wounding one and capturing another, an Army spokesman said in Bagram.

After questioning their captive, the commandos learned that a large force of guerrillas was holed-up in the caves and redoubts of the Adi Ghar mountains near the Pakistan border. The 80 guerrilla holdouts are believed to have ties to the Afghan warlord Gulbaddin Hekmatyar who was blamed for a recent bombing of a passenger bus on the Rambasi bridge 6 miles south of Khandahar on 31 Jan., a car-bomb strike in Kabul and an assassination attempt on Afghan President Hamid Karzai in September '02. The Pentagon believes Hekmatyar, formerly a prime minister of the pre-Taliban government, may now be allied to al-Qaeda, officials say.

Army Apache gunships went to investigate the intelligence on 28 Jan. and came under intense fire from the rebels. Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne formed a quick-reaction force and were sent to the area to mop up the resistance. They found tenacious rebel forces hidden in caves and called for heavy air support.

That night, B-1 Lancer and B-52 Stratofortress bombers and F-16 Falcon attack planes dropped dozens of 500- and 2,000-pound bombs and raked the mountain sides with fire from AC-130 Spectre gunships.

For the next several days nearly 350 U.S. troops had swept the area engaging in frequent gunbattles with the rebels. Pentagon officials report 18 killed and two of Hekmatyar's men captured, with no Coalition losses.

In what has now been dubbed Operation Mongoose, soldiers continue to scour the cave complexes — once believed to have been used by Taliban and al-Qaeda forces before they were expelled from the area — for weapons caches and intelligence. The Pentagon reports searching more than 75 caves, finding in them cigarettes, cooking oil and pack animals — others revealed cell phones and bomb-making materials, according to Joint Chiefs Chairman General Richard Myers.


Additionally, Army forces swept a cave complex nearby at Qalat which yielded nearly 1,000 82 mm mortar rounds, 300 107mm rockets, machine-gun ammunition, artillery rounds and mines.

The search for more caches and rebel fighters continues and could go on for weeks to come.

"You've got three-quarters of the country that's reasonably stable, and you've got the eastern part of the country which has elements in it and just across the border that can attack and they are doing that," Myers said at a 29 Jan. Pentagon briefing. "I don't know if this is going to be typical or not, but we certainly expect conflict in that part of Afghanistan." ✕



DoD photos



The Army's 82nd Airborne Division launched a raid on a suspected al-Qaeda stronghold in eastern Afghanistan. Teams of ordnance specialists destroyed a weapons cache of a dozen rockets and another cache of improvised explosive devices.



ISRAELI SHOOTING TECHNIQUES

Or, How To Get Yourself Shot To Pieces In Style

BY JIM SHULTS

Since the late 1970s America's self-defense- and combat-shooters have learned advanced gun-fighting techniques from the likes of Cooper, Farnam, Ayoob, Chapman, and more recently, from Clint Smith and others. These techniques work so well that all winning combat-competition-type shooters use them, or slight modifications of them, but the basic stance and gun-manipulation is the same.

So, if something works so well why not regress to something really stupid and market it to those who don't know better? Besides, it must be terrific if gun magazines rave about it and Hollywood "experts" embrace it.

Wow! This Is Hot!

I'm talking about the *so-called* "Israeli shooting technique." This system has been incredibly well-promoted in the U.S. and in some states in Mexico.

Some chaps from Israel — claiming to have been in the Mossad — came to the U.S. in the early 1990s, utilized their contacts and went directly to Hollywood to promote their technique. Some claim to have trained SEALs and other SpecOps outfits, as well as the State Department. So I checked. None of these organizations use these "new" techniques — and for good reason.

History Of The Israeli Method

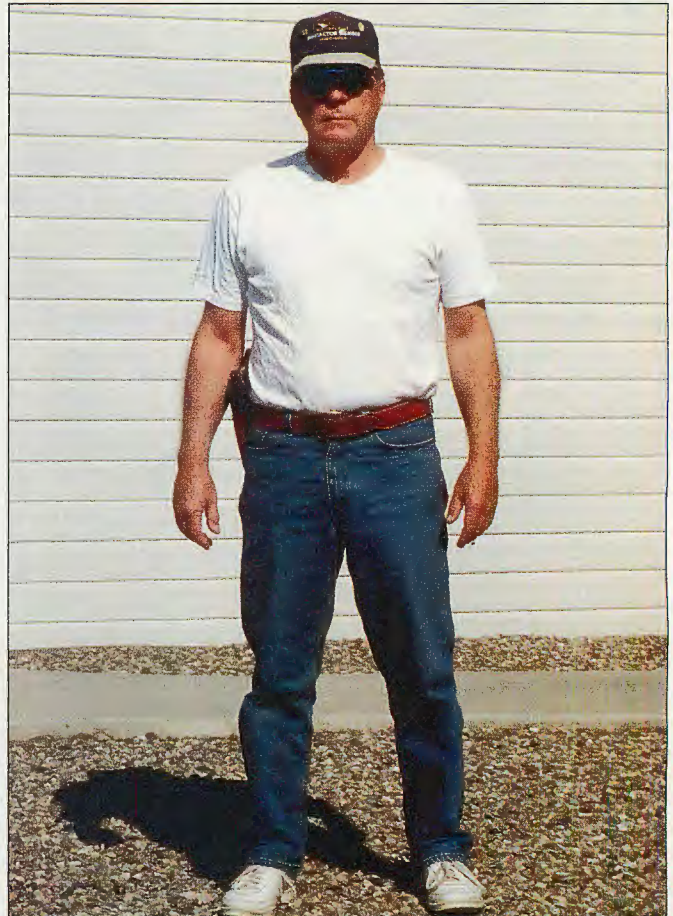
In the early 1960s the Mossad needed help in assassination techniques and tactics. Aside from obvious mission goals they also were concerned about accidental discharges and of hitting the wrong person. This, coupled with the less sophisticated firearms at that time, created a requirement for total safety to potential bystanders. So where did the Mossad go for help? To the U.S., of course. With American cooperation, they were hooked-up with a recently retired USMC Master Sergeant to instruct them. A decent choice but the guy only knew *military* shooting methods. So he mixed a few of his ideas in with his years of military training to set up a lesson plan for the Israelis. At that time, and for years to come, the Israeli SpecOps people used the tiny, easy-to-operate Beretta .22 caliber pistol.

The former Marine taught the same basic shooting stance that the FBI was using at the time. He taught them to carry the pistol with the chamber empty, like the military taught him. He taught that when the target was in view the pistol was drawn, the slide was then racked using the thumb and

forefinger. Once the shooting started, the (.22 short-caliber) pistol was to be emptied into the bad guy's head (Mafia-style) at very close range. This basic assassination technique was then combined into a "standard" self-defense firearm program using the then-FBI basics.

This out-of-date shooting method is now being touted to Hollywood and wannabes throughout America who are impressed by a bunch of guys with thick accents claiming to be former Mossad agents, as if *that* makes them combat-shooters.

In summary, the "Israeli method" uses a 30-years-out-of-



The Israeli method has you face your opponent flat-footed (Western movie-style).

date FBI stance and is the culmination of military-pistol-manipulation taught by a Marine Master Sergeant early in the 1960s!

There are various derivations of this “method” being taught by the various Israeli schools or instructors, but there is a basic program.

The Israeli Method Analyzed

First, they teach the old FBI flat-footed face-on-squat stance (some give the option of the squat). Students draw an auto-pistol that is carried with the chamber *empty*. As you draw, rotate the pistol sideways so the slide is facing your support hand and pull the pistol tight into the strong-hand shoulder/chest area. Once gripped, the pistol is forced forward with the strong hand (the hand with the pistol) so that the slide is then racked and released hopefully chambering a round, resulting in a single, fully extended gun hand. Then the support hand is held tight against the chest with the forearm across the heart. Then, students immediately begin firing. Did I mention they *don't* teach aiming? It is almost always rapid-fire instinctive-shooting.

This technique teaches single-hand shooting. However, if you so desire, after you rack the slide, you can then join the fully extended shooting hand with your weak hand for more support, but by this time — according to their basic method — you have already begun shooting. Another variation taught by these “experts” is that the gun is drawn and used as described but then the free hand and arm is flung out to the side at shoulder-level to strike anyone who might be sneaking up behind you on that side. Preposterous!

Another of their techniques teaches (depending on which

group is doing the teaching) that the pistol is rotated to a normal sights-up stance during the gun thrust. Still another — more popular — technique teaches that the pistol is kept turned *sideways*, the technique which has been promoted by their Hollywood contacts in film and TV — and which has (fortunately) been adapted by gangs — making them easier for cops to kill them in a gunfight.

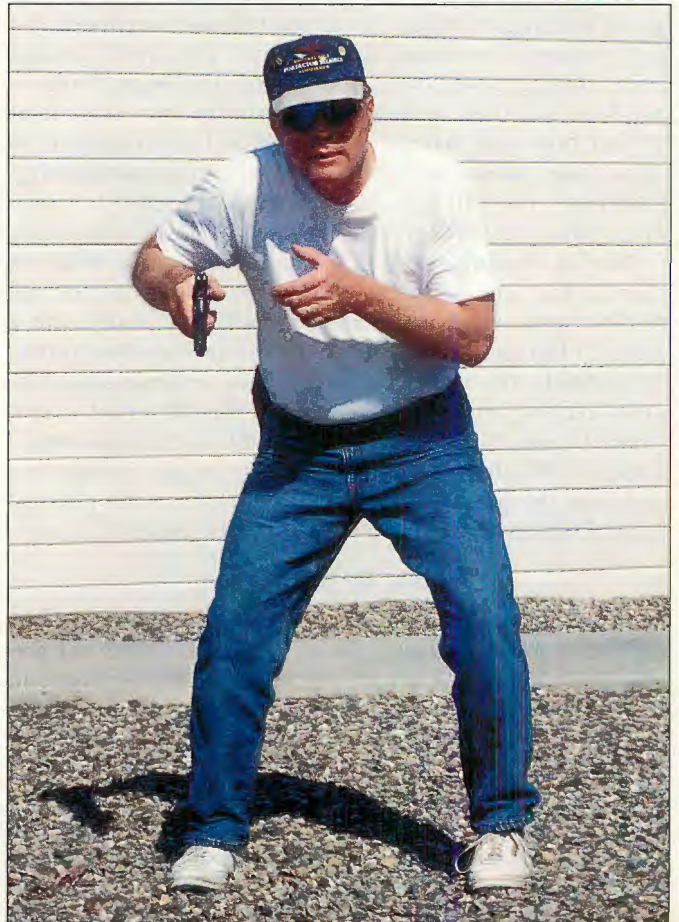
Contrasted With U.S. Schools

The modified-Weaver Stance (and Isosceles stance in some cases), taught by most U.S. instructors and all the better gun-training schools, teaches students to do a quick 45-degree turn the instant they spot trouble and prior to the draw.

John Farnam (who can be contacted c/o editor@sofmag.com), a firearms instructor and author of *SOF's* column, *Combat Weaponcraft*, calls this the “inter-view” position. This rotates your body slightly sideways to your potential attacker and presents the yet-empty weak hand up and slightly forward in a very stable, low-exposure basic boxer-like stance to an opponent. This protects you and indicates to a potential (not-yet-deadly-armed) opponent to “stop.” The forward hand can be used to fend-off a close-in attack. If an opponent is close enough to physically attack a defender in this stance this basic boxer-like stance is very stable. You can use your forward hand to push a close-in aggressor away while you back up a couple of steps with the option to run or fist-fight. Now you can draw your gun because in this position it is difficult — to impossible — for your attacker to get to your pistol if he is that close to begin with. The face-on, flat-footed Israeli in the above situation will result in his getting quickly knocked on his ass. Also, the



Then crouch and begin the draw — with an empty chamber.



You must begin to move your hand to the slide while pulling your gun hand into your shoulder.

American techniques will allow you to quickly move out of harm's way and behind cover; the Israeli methods generally can't and, therefore, *don't teach movement* — so, you just stand and fight it out!

Some individual U.S. instructors and Executive Security International (a renowned tactical firearms-training academy in Aspen, Colo.; www.esi-lifeforce.com) teach that in a gunfight, where you have no immediate cover, you fire — allowing a time interval after the draw. They do not teach you to fire *immediately* after the draw because presentation of a firearm may convince the bad guys to simply go away. This is similar to most U.S. schools. Remember, the better U.S. schools and their instructors teach that the goal is to *survive*, not to *fire* unless there are no other options.

Bob Duggan, ESI's President, states "I couldn't agree with him [author Jim Shults] more. ESI has been in the business of tactical firearms-training for nearly 25 years. We have seen fads come and go; one shooting dogma replaced by yet another guru. It is simply incredible that a retrograde shooting technique like the one promoted in the name of Israeli Anti-Terrorist Shooting Techniques be recycled one more time after it was rightly pitched into the trash bin 50 years ago."

The second U.S.-taught method is to stop the attack with gunfire, not kill the attacker, although killing may be a side product. I have heard that one of these Israeli groups teaches you to then walk up and again shoot the wounded survivor (assuming you win).

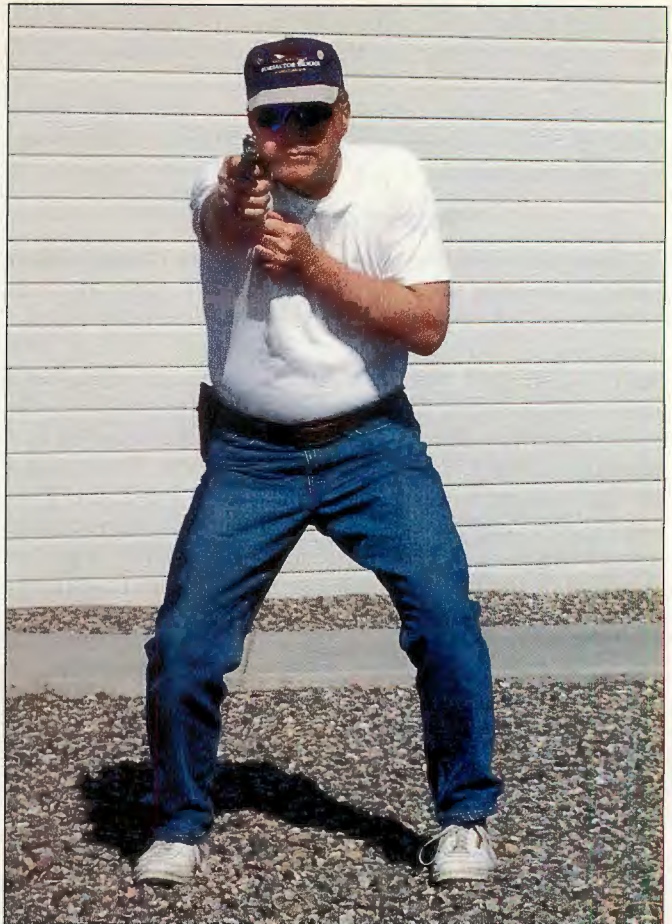
After The Draw — What?

All of the U.S. techniques teach that you draw a loaded and chambered pistol and — depending on the instant threat — either fire or present the pistol as a threat with your finger off the trigger (which can be reached and functioned in a tiny fraction of a second if necessary). The Israeli method trains that once you draw, you *immediately* begin firing — and fire a lot. There is no gun-presenting to show some idiot 20 feet from you that you want him and his friends to go away. Nope, when you draw "Israeli-style" you start *blasting*. Remember, you will fight like you train. If trained to immediately fire after the draw, odds are great you will do just that.

No U.S. technique or U.S. instructor teaches that you shoot every time you draw unless you see an instant and deadly threat which can instantly reach you; a guy with a knife 25 feet away from you is not a draw-and-shoot threat. Additionally, the Israeli training I have witnessed has students reciting convoluted sentences like the one I heard, "Stop! Do not reach for that gun or I will have to draw mine." Bottom line is that it takes a top gunman at least 3/4ths a second from the time he stops talking to react to any physical action from an opponent. The less said, the *safer*.

Aiming Not Taught Here

In all U.S. firearm schools (military, SpecOps, law-enforcement and civilian), aiming is taught. This is not precise target-aiming. We are talking about getting the front and rear sights on the target and firing, if necessary. With very little training this can be accomplished nearly instantly. Okay, it's the heat of a life and death battle and you start shooting with the nifty Israeli instinctive-shooting training (not aiming). Assuming you survive and win the fight, try to explain to a judge and jury, with the "encouragement" of the prosecutor and police officers, that those shots you sprayed over the landscape smashing into cars, buildings — and bystanders — were the results of your taking a "Mossad" course on how *not* to aim your pistol.



Shove the gun forward while keeping your slide-hand in the same position thus (hopefully) chambering a round. From this position you immediately begin firing one-handed.

It takes no talent to fire and hit a bad guy 3 feet away, unless you still have to chamber a round. Up-close a blind man can get hits, but just 4 or 5 yards can make all the difference in any real accuracy in the "crap your pants"-pressure of a gunfight. If instinctive shooting is so wonderful, how many instinctive professional or amateur competitors anywhere use instinctive techniques? How many law-enforcement, military, and SpecOps units use instinctive shooting?

As John Farnam states when talking about aiming, "You can never shoot fast enough to make up for misses in a gunfight." One of the basic elements taught in American schools is to draw quickly and shoot slowly (relatively) because *only hits count*. Under life-and-death pressure, getting good, aimed hits is tough enough, but if you start off by not aiming it's much tougher. Most American self-defense schools teach beginners to routinely draw, fire (if they must) and hit an 8-inch-diameter metal plate in one second at 7 yards. This is an impossible task for students of the Israeli method to accomplish in anything near the learning-curve time of the American schools.

Slide-Operation

The Israeli slide-manipulation method is a disaster in waiting. I guarantee you that in a once-in-a-lifetime, "holy-crap"-panic, self-defense encounter, the odds of your drawing your empty pistol, rotating it, pulling it to your shoulder while precisely gripping the rear of the slide with your fingers, properly chambering and getting it running is — Mission Impossible! Real life isn't a gun range; there is no rehearsal. What if you miss the grip and thrust out a pistol

with nothing in the chamber? What if you don't get a good enough grip on it to fully rack the slide (short-racking)? Sure, none of us have ever done that. What about a misfeed and you thrust the pistol out with a stoppage? In the heat of battle you will not notice the problem until you try to fire; whoops, too late. Besides, what kind of idiot brings an "unloaded" pistol to a gunfight?

You must keep things simple and practice what you have learned. You don't have a lot of time to decide on plan A, B, C or D if lead is flying around you. You will generally go to your training knowledge. The Army Rangers have a saying, "Fight like you train and train like you fight." I might add, KISS. If you are taught to work the slide to chamber a round with your thumb and forefinger and your gun quits running in the fight, you will instinctively use that same grip and method to try to clear the stoppage. The slide on a tiny .22 Beretta is one thing to pull with your fingers if a round gets jammed, but try that with a jammed-up 9mm, .40, or .45. Also, if you get a stovepipe or the "deadly" double-feed (second round jammed up behind a loaded round) then what?

The Israeli schools I know of don't teach solutions for clearing the various stoppages of this type; U. S. schools do.

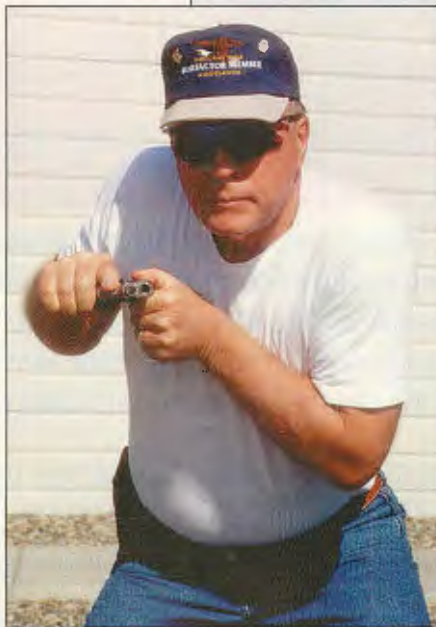
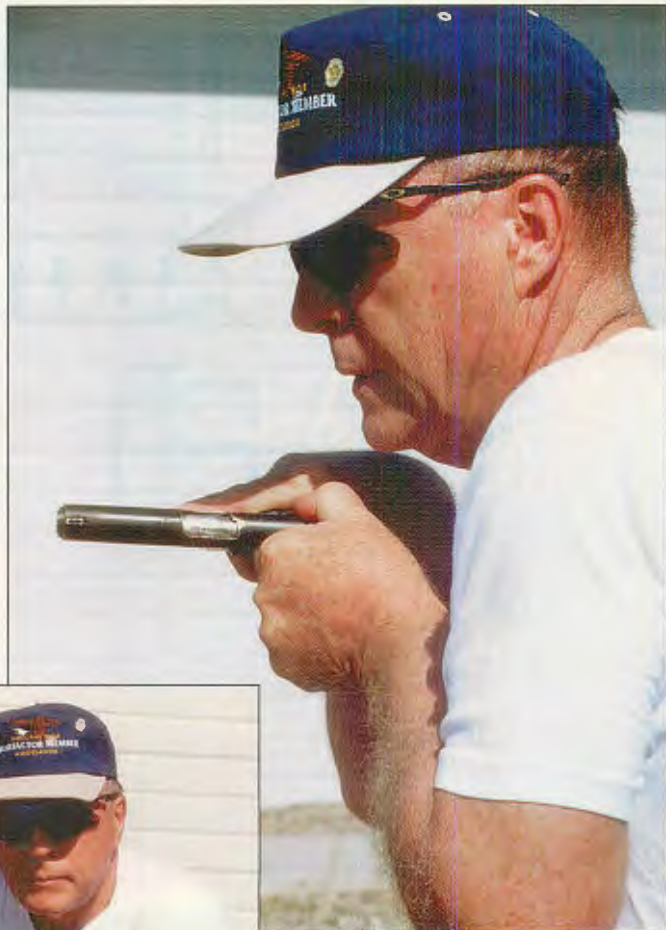
The Israeli method teaches that the slide-release lever is to be used to close the slide after inserting a magazine in a reload situation. If you are trained to rack the slide with your thumb and fingers but when the gun runs dry and you are taught to use the slide release you now have *two* things to do when under life and death pressure. I have watched people run a pistol dry then charge it with a loaded magazine and forget to hit the slide release or simply miss it. Up goes the still-inoperative pistol and they stand there crushing the trigger until they realize the slide is not closed and they fumble for the release lever. A gunfight is no place for that kind of SNAFU!

Typically, American trainers and schools teach that everything is done with the slide, not the release lever (except in a wound emergency). American schools teach that the entire hand is used to work the slide for all functions, because two hands and arms are much stronger than your thumb and forefinger. This is especially true for women, besides quickly locating and operating a slide release is difficult, at best, in a class — but in a fight?

In gunfights, time slows down and one gets tunnel vision. You may not hear the gunfire; you don't feel recoil, and you sure as hell don't count your shots. Suddenly, the pistol is empty, so you must react quickly and with big hand movements, not little, precise muscle movements with fingers. If you have a stoppage, you had better be able to react without thinking to get your gun running and that is only accomplished by full-hand slide-operation. The Israeli methods do not teach clearing of jams, except for a simple ball-and-dummy routine, and that only in some courses.

You Get What You Deserve

It is common for Israeli instructors to turn the class into physical training sessions with various high-energy activities such as runs, pushups, etc. Expect them to use valuable class time to teach forms of hand-to-hand fighting. Other Israeli courses may make you do both. Ask yourself, did you come to learn to shoot effectively or to learn hand-to-hand because



The Israelis teach that once the empty-chamber pistol is drawn it is pulled into the shoulder where the slide is grasped by the thumb and forefinger and then the pistol is shoved forward, thus chambering a round for immediate single-hand instinct-firing.

you can't do either effectively in the available class time? So why all the extra tap-dancing dressed up to be something "really special"

just for you? Their courses are so shallow in content and capability that they have to have filler, or people will realize they have been suckered. A few hand-to-hand tricks impress beginners with this "new and deadly" knowledge. If nothing else, these guys are good marketers; but then again they have been selling thin air and smoke and mirrors for big bucks to suckers throughout the U.S. for nearly a decade.

A local "self-defense club" has one of these guys come to my town to "teach" from time to time." Recently, this "Mossad" hero appeared on a news-starved TV station's filler segment and heroically proclaimed, "I have come to America to help you learn to defend yourselves against terrorism."

I, for one, feel so much safer.

A long-time associate of SOF, Shults is a Distinguished Rifleman, NRA Life Member, and Master-level competitor. He has held several national records, won many national, regional and state rifle championships. He has instructed SWAT and other special units in sniper techniques, and has taught civilian/police and counter-terrorism gun-fighting courses around the world. ☒

THE 2002 Small Arms Review (SAR) SHOW

Historical And Current Military Small Arms
Almost Beyond Imagination

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY GARY PAUL JOHNSTON

Held in Phoenix, Arizona, on 7 and 8 December, 2002, the third annual *Small Arms Review* (SAR) Show featured many state-of-the-art arms and accessory producers, as well as companies specializing in firearms of wars past.

As in the past, guarding the entrance to the show was a selection of vintage military vehicles, all restored to like-new condition with original ordnance. However, inside were thousands of special weapons that one could see and touch. Let's take a closer look.

D.S. Arms, Inc., came to the SAR Show with a variety of its FAL variants as well as its MAG 58 LMGs and other weapons. We recently took delivery of one of D.S. Arm's MAG 58s, and will be doing a test and evaluation comparison on it soon. Contact: D.S. Arms, Inc., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 370, Lake Barrington, IL 60010; phone: 847-277-7258.

EOTECH, Inc., displayed the latest versions of its illuminated red reticle holographic sight. Designed to fit on any Weaver-style rail, the EOTECH has a number of features not found on other illuminated optics, and is waterproof to 60 feet. Contact: EOTECH, Dept. SOF, 3600 Green Ct., Ste. 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; phone: 374-741-8868.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robinson, of Robinson Armament, brought along R.A.'s Recon Carbine. Based on the Stoner 63, this .223-caliber rifle is advanced in many ways, but Alex has two new rifles under his sleeve that we'll tell you about soon in SOF. Contact: Robinson Armament Co., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 16774, Salt Lake City, UT 84116; phone: 801-355-0401.

McBros Rifle Company brought a number of its superb .50 caliber bolt-action rifles plus a sample of the Tubb 2000 Tactical rifle. Designed by renowned rifle shooter

David Tubb, this high-precision .308 caliber rifle is capable of producing MOA accuracy out to 1,000 yards. Contact: McBros Rifle Co., Dept. SOF, 1638 W. Knudsen Dr., Ste. 102, Phoenix, AZ 85027; phone: 623-582-3713.

Dr. Phillip Dater, President of Gemtech, Inc., brought a selection of his fine sound suppressors including his newest model for the 5.56mm M249 SAW. Dr. Dater manufactures a wide range of suppressors from those permanently mounted, to the quick-detachable variety. Contact: Gemtech, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 140618, Boise, ID 83714; phone: 208-939-7222.

My friend Larry Bullock, of Buffer Technologies, not only makes state-of-the-art protective buffers for a wide variety of self-loading rifles, but has also developed a number of items now used by the Special Forces. One of these is his MAG-CINCH, a simple, but effective device that joins two 30-round M16 magazines together, side by side. Sharing a booth with Buffer Tech. was Global Tactical Supply (GTS), makers of some of slickest AR-15/M16 accessories in the business, such as its Handguard Removal Tool (HRT) that makes removing your AR-15 handguards an instant cinch. Contact: Buffer Technologies, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 104903, Jefferson City, MO 65110; phone: 573-634-8529.



The entrance to the SAR 2002 Show was guarded by vintage military vehicles, restored to like-new condition.



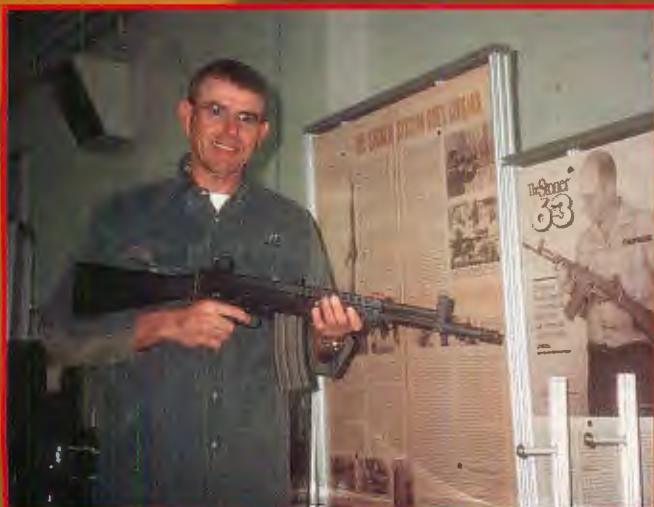
RES Defense Systems displayed its new SHRIKE belt-feed conversion for the AR-15/M16 rifle. This was one of the most exciting things at the show.



In addition to a mighty pretty gal, Lauer Custom Weaponry showed off its DuraCoat finish on a number of guns.



Dave Salvagio, of D.S. Arms, discusses some of the MAG 58's finer points with Gil Angelotti



Gil Angelotti holds JAY TEE'S one-and-only Stoner 63 Survival Carbine, originally designed and built by Robert Gaddis at Cadillac Gauge in Costa Mesa, California.



McBros Rifle Company brought along a sample of its high-precision Tubb Tactical Rifle in .308 Winchester caliber.



◀ *Gil Angelotti gets a lesson in operating a Dillon Precision reloading press (Gil has so much Dillon equipment that he could be giving the lesson).*

▼ *Larry Bullock, of Buffer Technologies, shows off an M4 Carbine equipped with a number of his accessories.*



▲ *Mr. & Mrs. Alex Robinson pose with author holding a Robinson .223 caliber Recon Carbine.*

A mutual friend of Bob Landies and the author is Kent Lomont, of Lomont Precision Bullets, another class III dealer who also specializes in high-quality classic military firearms and accessories. I've been using Kent's new .223 linker, and it works great. Linking 20 rounds of .223 at once is a cinch with this new tool. Contact: Lomont Precision Bullets, Dept. SOF, 278 Sandy Creek Rd., Salmon, ID 83467; phone: 208-756-6819.

Steve Hines, of Falcon Industries and Mike Fitzpatrick, of MagPul, were on hand with plenty of excellent accessories for the AR-15 and other rifles. MagPul's new adjustable AR-15 stock was a big hit, as were Falcon's ERGO Grips and Low Profile Picatinny rail handguards. I use these products on all of my AR-15's. Contacts: Falcon Ind., Inc., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 1060, Tijeras, NM 87050; phone: 505-281-3783; MagPul, Ind. Corp., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 17697, Boulder, CO 80308; phone: 877-4 MAGPUL.

Robert I. Landies, of Ohio Ordnance Works, and I have been friends for more than a quarter of a century. Specializing in classic military firearms, O.O.W. is

renowned for its superb semi-automatic BAR, and has just gone into production of its semi-automatic VZ2000. Using original, like-new rare Czech VZ58 parts, the VZ2000 is built on a newly machined receiver. See our test of this rifle in July issue. Contact: Ohio Ordnance Works, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 687, Chardon, OH 44024; phone: 440-285-3481.

An interesting new development is the new SHRIKE from ARES, Inc. Consisting of an upper component (receiver group) for the AR-15 and M16, the SHRIKE instantly converts these rifles to belt feed using standard M27 .223 caliber links. What's more, the rifle can still use standard box magazines without further modification. As you read this, the SHRIKE will be in full production. Look for a live-fire test of this exciting product soon in SOF. Contact: ARES Defense Systems, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 10667, Blacksburg, VA 24062; phone: 540-639-8633.

J & T Distributing arrived with a huge offering of its products. J & T offers an extensive array of AR-15 accessories, including complete upper components in all configurations. If you can't find it at J & T, it may not exist, but if it can be configured, they'll do it for you on a custom basis. Contact: J & T



◀ Dr. Phillip Dater shows Gil Angelotti his latest suppressor on the U.S. M249 SAW LMG.

▼ Steve Hines (L), of Falcon Industries, poses with Richard Fitzpatrick, of MagPul, as Gil Angelotti checks out an AR-15 with their accessories.



◀ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hunnicutt passed out hundreds of sample issues of Rifle Shooter and the Shotgun News.



Distributing, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 430, Winchester, KY 40319; phone: 888-736-7725.

JAY TEE'S offers a complete selection of parts for these rare guns, and had on display the one and only Stoner 63 Survival Carbine that I helped locate. I'll be testing this U.S. Air Force experimental weapon soon for SOF. Contact: JAY TEE'S, Dept. SOF, 20 Lakeview Dr., Marshall, IL 62441; phone: 217-345-6292.

Lauer Custom Weaponry displayed its DuraCoat and DuraBake gun finishes. Extremely durable and protective, these finishes come in a wide variety of colors in addition to Camopaks to apply any type of camouflage to your gun. DuraCoat is in wide use by a number of companies including DSA, Inc. Contact: Lauer Custom Weaponry, Dept. SOF, 3601 129th St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729; Phone: 800-830-6677.

Dillon Precision had to travel only a short distance to bring an impressive array of its reloading equipment. Color coded blue, Dillon's reloading presses are offered in a calibers and styles for every need. The company is especially

known for its progressive reloaders. Contact: Dillon Precision Products, Inc., Dept. SOF, 8009 East Dillon Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85260; phone: 800-223-4570.

Primedia Outdoor Network brought a ton of the latest issues of *Shotgun News* and *Rifle Shooter* to pass out at the SAR Show. Having read *Shotgun News* since I was a brunette, I attribute much of whatever knowledge I have of firearms to this publication. It's continued to improve with age and I recommend it highly. Keep up the good work, folks. Contact: *Shotgun News*, Dept. SOF, 2 News Plaza, Peoria, IL 61614; phone: 309-679-5321.

The 2002 SAR Show was well worth the time, and is expected to be bigger and better this year. For information on how to subscribe to the *Small Arms Review*, contact Moose Lake Publishing, LLC, Dept. SOF, 223 Sugar Hill Road, Harmony, ME 04942; phone: 207-683-2959. And remember, if your *Founding Fathers* did not intend for private individuals to own guns, it was the best kept secret of the 19th Century. To keep your small arms, JOIN THE NRA, and VOTE! ❌

We pledge allegiance to our troops!



**PANTHER .308
CALIBER LR-308**

New .308 Remington Short Action
Ultra Mag Semi-Auto in process.

A-22 PANTHER™ .22 LR
Type not included

PANTHER™ M-4

**"MANGONEL"™
FLIP-UP REAR SIGHT
(DETACHABLE)
Retail \$99.95**

Please send \$1.00 for our new catalog

13983 Industry Avenue • Becker, MN 55308
PHONE 1-763-261-5600 • FAX 1-763-261-5599

www.dpmsinc.com • e-mail: dpmsinc@aol.com

ONLINE ORDERING NOW AVAILABLE!

AR RIFLES • PARTS • ACCESSORIES

SILVERMANS

2 Harford Street Mile End
London E1 4PS England
Tel: +44 207 7 900 900
Fax: +44 207 7 910 008

WWW.MILITARY.CO.UK

Quartz General Service British Army
Issue with factory hatch
NEW £85.99

Royal Marines Special
Boat Service with Date
NEW £299.00



SAS Waterproof Smock
Genuine Issue
Superb windproof
material. NEW £90.00

Soldier '85
PLCE DPM £126.00
Tactical Assault vest



RAF
Navy Army



Army, Navy or RAF
Crew Waddy Fully 100%
Wool & Cloth Patches
NEW £39.00

e-mail: sof@military.co.uk

Prices subject to current catalogue, please check

Air Mail p8p £20.00

Phone or E-Mail for free catalogue quoting SOF

#1 WORLD SUPPLIER P.A.I. BODY ARMOR

New Mfg.
NIJ Certified
U.S. Gov.
Approved



MADE
IN
THE
U.S.A.

COMPLETE LINE OF CONCEALABLE VESTS

STARTING AT

\$249.95 & UP

W/ FREE TRAUMA PLATE AND TACTICAL VESTS

STARTING AT

\$375.00 & UP

Also Available Level III & IV
Steel & Ceramic Plates

**Inter-American
Security Products, Inc.**

E-Mail: interam@gate.net

Shop online: www.interamer.com

TOLL FREE / FREE CATALOG
1-888-299-9750

BE A DETECTIVE AND EARN YOUR BADGE

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED



MEN & WOMEN!

Train at home for an exciting part
or full-time career as a Private
Detective. Start your own agency
or work for others. Learn all the
latest techniques from the
experts. Taught by former military
intelligence specialists,
police and private detectives.
The only course of its kind, the
unique Global School of
Investigation program will make
you a PRIVATE DETECTIVE.

**LEARN THE SECRETS
to making money
WITHOUT a license
or experience.**

**The biggest, most
amazing home study
course ever offered.
Learn how to make
money and become a
Private Investigator.
GUARANTEED!**

CALL NOW **1-888-33 PVT EYE**
FAX **413-584-2140**

FREE
INFO
PACK

GLOBAL

SCHOOL OF INVESTIGATION

535 No. Farms Rd, Northampton, MA 01062



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

www.pvt-eye.com

LOOK

Get Anonymous!



- ◆ Auto Registration
- ◆ Bank Account
- ◆ Check Cashing
- ◆ Credit & Debit Cards
- ◆ Mail Drops
- ◆ Travel/2nd Passports
- ◆ Fax & Voicemail
- ◆ Mobile Phone
- ◆ Internet Surfing

Order our catalog and access
ALL these great resources now!

- ◆ Get Suspended License Reinstated
- ◆ Liability Coverage Without
Commercial Auto Insurance
- ◆ Get All Negative Entries Removed
Off Your Credit Report
- ◆ Stop Paying Social Security and
get a Refund of All Money Paid In
- ◆ Eliminate Most Property Taxes
- ◆ Get U.S.A. Passport Without SSN
- ◆ Immunity from Smallpox Vaccination
- ◆ Buy Prescription Drugs without Rx
- ◆ Fuelless Energy Systems

plus much, much more....

GET FREE
INFO WITH
CATALOG

How to Eliminate Credit Card Debt
& Mortgages Without Bankruptcy!

Call 1-800-567-5795

To get our catalog by mail send \$5 cash to:
Freedom Privacy Catalog

74 hour pre-recorded message

POB 149 Dept. K, Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

Go to our website: www.freedom-privacy.us

FREE BROCHURE



LISTEN FROM A DISTANCE

From the makers of the Bionic Ear, Silver
Creek introduces the DetectEar™ - this
ain't your grandmas listening device.

DetectEar \$495.00
Bionic Ear & Booster \$169.95

1-800-533-3277

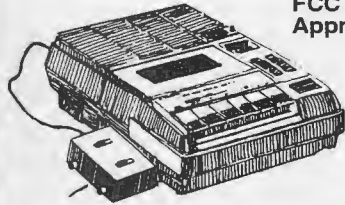
www.silvercreekindustries.com



P.O. Box 1988, Manitowoc, WI 54221

TELEPHONE LISTENING DEVICE WITH 12 HR. RECORDER

FCC Approved



Record telephone conversations in your office or home. Starts automatically when phone is answered, records both sides of phone conversation. Recorder stops when phone is hung up. \$99.95 + \$7 shipping. For telephone listening device separately \$19.95 + \$2 ship.

VERY POWERFUL FM TRANSMITTER



Transmits to any FM radio up to 1/2 mi. Easy to assemble kit. Up to 9V (not Incl.) \$29.95 + \$2 sh.

For comprehensive 50 page catalog of Micro Video, VHF transmitters, Surveillance and Counter-surveillance and much more! Send \$3.00.

CALL 321-725-1000

USI CORP

P.O. Box SF2052 Melbourne, FL 32902
COB'S OK

Need NEW ID?

NOW YOU CAN GET...

ID BY MAIL

20 SOURCES-FULLY ILLUSTRATED

- Birth and Baptismal Certificates
- Drivers Licenses (blank)—50 States
- Blank Social Security Cards
- College Degrees—Bachelors, MA, PhD
- High School Diplomas, also GED
- Photo ID Cards—all 50 States
- "Professional" ID Cards—over 200 Styles
- Job Reference Kits, Past W-2 Forms
- Foreign & Camouflage Passports
- Police/Military ID and Patches
- Photographer ID, Press Credentials
- Embossing Seals, Rubber Stamps
- "Do-It-Yourself" ID Kits
- Secured MasterCard at 2X Deposit

ALL-NEW 64-PG. BOOK!

ID BY MAIL

\$24.95

Cash, Check, Money Order, Visa/MC accepted, No CODs

EDEN PRESS
Box 8410-AD
Fountain Valley, CA 92728

Latest Book Catalog FREE

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____



POLICE/MILITARY EQUIPMENT

- BATONS
- BODY ARMOR
- HANDCUFFS
- METAL DETECTORS
- MINE DETECTORS
- OPTICS
- NIGHT VISION
- SPY EQUIPMENT
- BOMB BLANKETS
- BOMB SUITS
- FIRE GEAR
- HELMETS
- TEAR GAS
- STUN GUNS

And much, much more...



TAMIAMI INTERNATIONAL EQUIPMENT, INC.

13615 S. Dixie Hwy, Suite 456
Miami, FL 33176-7254

Ph.: 305-235-8777 • Fax: 305-235-0603

E-Mail: tamiami@gate.net

Shop online: www.tamiamiarmor.com

.22LR CONVERSIONS

Shoot More For Less Money!

Kits Pay For Themselves And They're Fun!



1911A1
Beretta
Taurus
Glock
AR15/M16
Mini-14
AK47
TSMG
Hi-Power



JONATHAN ARTHUR CIENER, Inc.

8700 Commerce St., Dept SOF, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
321 868 2200, FAX 2201

Send \$3.00 for Conversion Info, \$5.00 for Full Line Catalog

www.22lrcorversions.com

DO YOU BUY SOF ON THE NEWSSTAND?

Now you can help your favorite magazine with our **GUERRILLA MARKETING PLAN**

✓ Is SOF racked with gun magazines at your local newsstand? **If you find it there, move it into the military magazine section.**

✓ Is SOF hidden at the back of the rack? **Move it to the front!**

✓ Can't find SOF at your local newsstand? **Please ask the store manager why he/she isn't carrying SOF. And thanks!**

BACK

by popular demand ...



The Soldier Of Fortune

Polo Shirt

New and improved with red and white embroidery on black 100% preshrunk cotton polo shirt.

Available in MED. — XXXL
Black shirt only

M•L•XL \$25 2X•3X \$27

SEND Check/MO/MC/Visa

To:
SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
5735 Arapahoe Ave., Ste. A5
Boulder, CO 80303

ORDER TOLL FREE:
800-800-7630

ORDERING INFO	Circle Size	Quantity	Price	Sub Total
#PS001 SOF Black Polo Shirt	M L XL	@	\$25.00	
#PS001 SOF Black Polo Shirt	XXL XXL	@	\$27.00	
Shipping & Handling: \$4 /1st item; \$1.50 each add'l item. Sales tax may apply.				
TOTAL				
NAME: _____	ADDRESS: _____			ALLOW 2-3 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY
CITY: _____	STATE: _____	ZIP: _____		
PHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____			

Classified Marketplace

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS! Start getting your results at only \$3 per word per insertion, \$60 minimum. Prepay two months for 10% discount; six months for 20% discount; or 12 months for 30% off. Repeat your same ad in another section for half price. "Dingbats" (✓, ●, ■), bold words (other than first 3-4): \$5.00/each extra. Computer word count of grammatically correct copy. EXAMPLE: PO Box 693 = 3 words; 80306 and 303-449-3750, etc. each = 1 word; abbreviations such as DI, SGT, 20mm = 1 word. No ads accepted by telephone. Ad copy must be typed. Include authorizing signature, mailing address, telephone or fax number (for our files). Mail classified ads with payment (check, wire transfer, money order or Visa/MC) to SOF, Attn: Classified Dept., 5735 Arapahoe Ave., Suite A-5, Boulder, CO 80303. Phone: **888-811-8009**; fax: 303-444-5617; e-mail: **tchambers19@cox.net** **NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS:** We reserve the right to refuse any ad for any reason and to delete or change any copy that we consider objectionable, false or in poor taste. It is our policy not to accept advertisements for personal services, including 'will do anything' or 'go anywhere' type ads. Advertisers offering information packets for a fee must send sample (non-returnable).

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

BECOME A PUBLISHED AUTHOR. Company with 80-year tradition of quality seeks manuscripts. For free author's guide to subsidy publishing call Dorrance Publishing 1-800-695-9599.

HOCK HOCHHEIM'S HAND, STICK, KNIFE, Gun Combat Training and CLOSE QUARTER COMBAT MAGAZINE. Also Seminars; Videos; Books; Manuals. Equipment. 706-866-2656. WWW.HocksCQC.com

CERTIFICATION

BOUNTY HUNTER CERTIFICATION: Become a certified bounty hunter with our in-home study course. Call now 303-232-8800 or visit www.bailtraining.com

EDUCATION

NEW HOME LOCKSMITHING COURSE. Learn locksmithing skills in the convenience of your home or shop. Comes with instructions, lockpicks, and cylinders with 1-5 pins to help you develop the proper "feel." This course relates to category L-00 of the Proficiency Registration Program test given by the Associated Locksmiths of America. Compliance with law is the purchaser's responsibility. Send \$59.95 (free shipping) to: Patriot Security, PO Box 2603, Dept. B, Secaucus, NJ 07096. Money orders ship immediately, checks held 3 weeks. NJ residents add tax.

ALMOST FREE DOCUMENTS. High School, Diplomas, College Etc... No Bull! All Documents \$15.00. Catalog \$5.00. Dana L., RIGHT TRACK REF., 777 Bateswood Dr. #220, Houston, TX 77079

EMPLOYMENT

COMPANIES IN THE NORTHEASTERN U.S. need motivated collections and sales people. Great commission & production opportunities. Jobs@NYREFUGEE.com

ATTENTION: X-MILITARY, interested parties reap the benefit\$ of your skills limited time and opportunity. Send \$9.11 check or money order for an application, security packet, and more. Payable to ANTITERRORISM, PO Box 24257, Detroit, MI 48224.

EQUIPMENT

SNIPER DRAG BAGS, WEAPON CASES: Rugged, quality construction. www.marksman-supplies.com

INTERNET RADIO

WWW.MARKSCOTTSHOW.US Mark Scott Show — Excelsior! Internet Talk Radio. U.S.M.C. — SEMPER FI. show time: 9am to 12 noon EST. Rebroadcast starting at 12 noon EST.

MISCELLANEOUS

HEY FAT BOY! Guaranteed weight loss. Send self addressed envelope to: P.O. Box 324, Bondville, VT 05340.

VIET NAM HUEY helicopter pilot with 1,000 combat hours, needs work. liberation_123@yahoo.com

WANTED: PUBLISHER Writer seeks established publisher or agent to consider mass-market action-adventure novel critiqued and edited by best-selling author Bill Branon (Let Us Prey). Contact: editcon@peganet.com

LET THE GOVERNMENT PAY for your new or existing home. Hundreds of programs. (www.usgovernmentinformation.com) Free recorded message: (707) 448-3210. (8KW5)

SELF-DEFENSE

LIGHTNING FAST INVISIBLE STRIKING SECRETS! Instantly devastating to ANY attacker! +Tactical SuckerPunching SECRETS! Become Street Lethal. Before they can even blink! Free tape / report!(412) 445-7073 or lightning@wudangwarrior.com

SURVEILLANCE

ESPIONAGE UNLIMITED: Your one stop shop for surveillance, counter surveillance, privacy, new ID's and new identity, asset protection, covert weapons, investigations, and more. (802) 864-0951. www.espionage-store.com

TRAINING

AMERICAN HOME AND HOMELAND DEFENSE CONFERENCE. NW Indiana, April 26th. Home and Homeland Defense Training, Crown Point, Indiana, June and September. More. Live Free, Box 375, Dolton, IL 60419-9998, www.live-free.org, lfinow@aol.com

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES & MILITARY MANUALS. Combat Skills. Weapons. Tactics. NBC. More. Catalog \$5.00, IIPD/ACCP, Box 1237, Alpine, TX 79830.

BODYGUARD and VIP PROTECTION TRAINING: For course information send SASE to A&S Training, PO Box 131232, St. Paul, MN 55113 www.aandstraining.com

FUGITIVE RECOVERY AGENT TRAINING: Three day course in bail contracts, fees and national operations. National certification upon completion. 815-675-0260, N.I.B.E., PMB 268, Chicago, IL 60657. www.NIBE@BountyHunter.net

BODYGUARD and VIP Protection Training For course information send SASE to: A&S Training, Box 131232, St. Paul, MN 55113 www.aansstraining.com

WEBSITES

FOR ONLY \$25/month you can list your Website or Internet URL + 10 words right here. (No additional discounts apply.) This is a great way to get out the word on your site!

WHOLESALE OF SPY EQUIPMENT over 500 products, free shipping USA. www.mjelectronics.com

6R



BLACK JACKET

PRINTED LEFT CHEST AND FULL BACK WHITE PRINT

\$69.90

SIZES: M, L, XL
ADD 5.00 FOR XXL
OR XXXL

ADD 15.95
FOR SHIPPING
AND HANDLING

1 800-958-8876

S.O.S.
P.O. Box 2205
Carmichael, Ca 95609

Allow 1 to 3 weeks
for delivery
U.S. Priority Mail

DYSARTS WOLF KENNEL

MacKENZIE VALLEY TIMBERWOLVES



½ wolf - ½ shep. cubs
bred for protection, or
¾ and up cubs. Have
a true friend... own a
wolf-shepherd.
Brochure with 20
photos -- \$5.00

CHARLES DYSART, JR
BOX 597 Henrietta, NC 28076
(828) 657-6220 (828) 657-9273

WWW.ARMYBOOTCAMP.COM: Basic
Training Survival and success in the US Army.

SEMPER FI! We'll faithfully beautify your day.
Check us out TODAY! www.STERLING-STEMS.com

TITANIUM NECK KNIVES with Kydex sheath
\$20.00. www.larryameyknives.com

WWW.NYREFUGEE.COM
<http://www.NYREFUGEE.COM> Get the Money,
Career, Respect and Mobility you need and
deserve. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Jobs@NYREFUGEE.COM

WWW.FUND-YOURSUM.COM Retired
Veterans. Get cash now for future Military
Pension Payments.

**UNIQUE AND HARD TO FIND MILITARY
RELATED ITEMS.** www.military-stuff.com LOOK.

● **THE ULTIMATE IN PATRIOTIC T-SHIRTS!**
www.heathconner.com

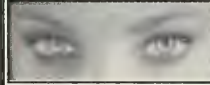
WORLD TERRORISM MAP

Terrorism has occurred around the world for decades, now know where. This large (25x46-inch) colorful map details all the dates, places and Terrorist Groups. Watch its movement. It could make you rethink your right to freedom in America!

Order today. Mailed first class the same day order received, \$9.95 PPD.

Send to D.H.O. Enterprises
Lockbox 1214, Port St. Joe, FL 32457

Be A... PRIVATE EYE



Have a life of intrigue, excitement, adventure! Learn from the **REAL** experts:

Investigation • Surveillance • Skiptracing
Start Your Own Business
State Approved • Diploma Awarded

Free Brochure!
Call Or Write

(310) 657-6333

United States Academy
of Private Investigation
P.O. Box 2133 (SF)
Beverly Hills, CA 90213

VISIT OUR SPY SHOP

"On The World Wide Web"

www.spytechagency.com

"On The Sunset Strip"

8519-8521 W. Sunset Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

- Web Site Features -

PI Agency • PI Academy • Spy Shop

Online over 2500 investigation - surveillance
countermeasure products, books & videos!!

WWW.LIVE-FREE.ORG Home and homeland
Defense organization, publications, information,
and training programs.

www.usmilitaryart.com You served with
honor; now preserve the memories.

WWW.RIVERCITYSHEATHS.COM
Southern Comfort — Concealed carry for
Bowies and other large knives.

**DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY, COUNTER-
TERRORISM** issues, homeland security
& intelligence. Subscribe.
www.homelandsecuritynews.net

GUNS: .44 MAGNUM FLAMES, recoils,
fires loud 9mm blanks. Full size, steel. No
license required. \$119.00 with 50 rounds.
www.maxsell.com

WWW.PROTECTIONSPECIAlIST.COM.
We provide Personal Protection Services,
Antiterrorist Detection and Private
Investigations.

GUNS: 1911 COLT .45 AUTOMATIC fires loud
8mm blanks. Full size, steel, wood grips.
\$119.00 with 50 rounds. www.maxsell.com

www.SecondAmendment.net News, essays,
and practical advice for ordinary people on
RKBA.

GET AN ANONYMOUS ADDRESS. No ID
needed. Mail Forwarded Weekly. www.world-widemaildrop.com

BUCKSHOT'S CAMP. Survival Snare,
Videos, Firestarters, Books, LED flashlights,
Gill nets. www.buckshotscamp.com

FS BOOK COMPANY

P.O. BOX 417457, DEPT. SF
SACRAMENTO, CA 95841-7457

Free Shipping! Fast Service!

Protect Yourself Against Terrorism.....\$15
The Anarchist Cookbook.....\$30
Who Are You? Encyclopedia/Personal I.D*.\$45
How to Get Anything On Anybody*.....\$40
The Whole Spy Catalog*.....\$45
Identity, Privacy, And Personal Freedom*..\$40
The Paper Trip III Master Guide to New ID..\$29
I.D. By Mail: 20 Sources Fully Illustrated.....\$25
The Modern Identity Changer.....\$20
Screw the! Divorce Tactics for Men.....\$20
The Revenge Encyclopedia.....\$25
How to Avoid a Drunk Driving Conviction..\$15
Home Workshop Professional Lock Tools..\$22
The Poor Man's James Bond Vol. #1*.....\$39
Poor Man's James Bond #1- #4, CD-Rom...\$50
Granddad's Wonderful Book / Chemistry*..\$45
THE COMPLETE FS BOOK CATALOG.....\$2

WE SPECIALIZE IN DRUG

EDUCATION BOOKS

MANY TITLES WE CAN'T LIST!

For Air Mail Delivery (USA) Add \$4 Per Book
And Allow 3-5 Days For Delivery. *Because
Of Weight, Double The Shipping Rate On
Books Marked * Books are sold to adults only
for educational purposes in accordance with
The 1st. Amendment of the Constitution. There
Is A \$3 Pro. Fee On Credit Card Orders.

All Orders Are Shipped In A Plain Package.

<http://www.fsbookco.com>

Customer Service 1-916-771-4203

Credit Card Orders 1-800-635-8883

CC Orders 24hr. 1-916-577-1226

Fairbairn-Sykes
Commando Knives



www.esa-swords.com

ESA, Marysville OH 43040
+1-937-644-2170

GUNS: BRIGADIER .45 AUTOMATIC. Full
size, steel, fires 9mmPA blanks. No license
required. \$149.00 with 50 rounds and holster.
www.maxsell.com

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.militarykit.com or
www.britisharmykit.com

**FUGITIVE RECOVERY AGENT BADGES, T-
shirts, Raid jackets, ball caps, ID cards, batons,
handcuffs, bodyarmor.** Discount prices.
www.maxsell.com

NETWORKERS GROUND FLOOR
Opportunity. Big money part-time at home.
www.legacyusa.com/superiorhealth

HIGH CAPACITY CLIPS, GRIPS & thousands
of related shooting products. www.gunaccessories.com

AUTHENTIC U.S. GOVT. ISSUE Army/Navy
Surplus. Best prices -- Online catalog www.americanarmynavy.com Phone 1-888-592-8014

The truth shall set you free: cyanews.com

✓ **SOLDIER OF FORTUNE BACK ISSUES**
are going fast! Use the easy-order shopping
cart at www.sofmag.com.

\$4.95 EA

PHOTO ID CARD KITS

Our Professional quality laminated photo cards will amaze your associates! We provide the cards, plastic laminate and easy instructions! You provide only a photo. Your photo card can be finished in the privacy of your home. The result is a distinctive, professional system! The highest quality cards in the US! Lost your original card? Replace it NOW!



C01 Press ID

- | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| 3 FOR \$12.95 | 6 FOR \$19.95 | MENTION YOU SAW OUR AD IN SOF AND GET FREE SHIPPING |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|
- C01 Press ID
 - C04 Bounty Hunter
 - C10 Concealed Weapons
 - C11 Private Investigator
 - C13 Special Investigator
 - C17 Int'l Drivers Permit
 - C31 Travel Agent
 - C34 Personal ID
 - C51 Special Operations
 - C60 MAC-V (CIA)
 - C68 Fugitive Recovery
 - C72 Special Agent
 - C131 Int'l Drivers Lic.
 - C133 Federal Security
 - C140 Network Admin.
 - C142 Terrorism Specialist
 - C143 Webmaster
 - C201 Bail Bondsman
 - C203 Bail Enf. Agent
 - C211 Security Enf.

NIC LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPLY - SOF
 500 Flournoy Lucas Rd. Bld #3 • Shreveport, LA 71106
 Orders (888) 642-0007 • Cust Serv. (318) 688-1805
 Fax (318) 688-1367 www.nles.com

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Credit Card: _____
 Exp. Date: _____

80 PAGE COLOR CATALOG \$3.00 OR FREE WITH FIRST ORDER.

MERC ENTP



SURVIVAL TRAINING CENTER

Basic, Small Arms, NBC. Extended courses including Sniper & Special OPS. Also Anti-Terrorist & Private Training. Send \$2.00 for Infopac refundable to:

MERC Entp
 P.O. Box 633
 Toast, NC 27049



BUSHPILOT WINGS

BADGE QUALITY - CORROSION FREE RHODIUM
 Send \$9.95 to: BUSHPILOT
 P.O. Box 211296
 Bedford, TX 76095-8296
 Catalog with purchase -- Allow 4-6 weeks
<http://www.bushwings.com>

BAGWELL

Combat Knives Without Compromise



903-926-7208
 P.O. Box 144, Woodlawn, TX 75694

U.S. GOVERNMENT LAND

Federally owned land currently available in AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY for **\$2.50 per acre**. U.S. citizens entitled to purchase **up to 160 acres per person**. For complete information package including maps, telephone helpline, filing forms, etc. send \$20 check or money order to: **FEDERAL LAND CO., Dept L, Box 21598, Washington, DC 20009**. (Note: this is not homesteading - lands are sold outright.) **MONEYBACK GUARANTEE!**

Be a DETECTIVE

Explore a secret world! Fascinating new career. Experience a new adventure everyday. Dynamic home study course. Diploma, Badge, State approved. **FREE DETECTIVE CAREER INFO**



www.detectivetraining.com



IT'S NOT OVER YET.

WWW.WARONTEERROR.NET

Need NEW ID? CREDIT-PRIVACY?

Our Books Help You Get • New Identity • Credit • New SSN
 • ID by mail • College degrees • Better jobs • Credit repair
 • Cash businesses • "Free Money" www.edenpress.com
FREE PRIVACY CATALOG: 1-800-338-8484
 EDEN PRESS • Box 8410-AB • Fountain Valley, CA 92728



Want to see more?

Visit Our Online Gallery at
WWW.USMILITARYART.COM

US MilitaryArt.com



1-877-SPY-CONN
 (1-877-779-2666)

- Complete Covert Equipment Headquarters
- Hidden Video & Audio
- Infidelity Lab Testing
- Self-Defense Products

www.spycountry.com

SECRETS REVEALED

- ▶ **World's most secure e-mail**
www.templemail.com
- ▶ **Asset Protection secrets**
www.offshorespecialists.com
- ▶ **Account Abroad**
www.cbsbelize.org

Or write to offshore@pty.com for all your offshore needs!

MILITARY BOOKS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

Visit our website at:
www.galago.co.za

For regular updates e-mail:
lemur@mweb.co.za

FREEDOM COUNTRY



20 big acres in WESTERN MONTANA, starting at \$19,950.00. Trout fishing, backpacking, camping, Elk, deer, moose, bear. ADJACENT to National Forest, near established towns. Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks nearby. **GUARANTEED ACCESS, INSURED TITLE, WARRANTY DEED. FREE color brochure, photos, maps. FULL MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE**
 "Video Available"
CALL TOLL-FREE 1-800-592-5990
TREASURE STATE RANCHES
 210 Millwaukee Street, Dept. 5
 Deer Lodge, Montana 59722 — (406) 846-1000

NUDISM LIFESTYLE: FAMILY RECREATION

Sample Video \$24, Mag. \$10
 Catalog \$3
LIFESTYLES-SF
 Box 661268, Los Angeles, CA 90066

BRITISH/SCOTTISH REGIMENTAL INSIGNIA & ACCESSORIES ETC

- SAS
- PARA
- ROYAL MARINES
- RAF
- GUARDS
- BLACK WATCH ETC



ILLUSTRATED IMPORT CATALOG \$8.00
BRITISH REGALIA IMPORTS
 Department 6, P.O. Box 14
 Pegram, TN 37143-0014

LOST DOCUMENTS REPLACED

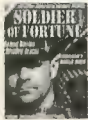
SEND \$3 FOR 12-PG. COLOR CATALOG
 MILITARY AWARDS / CERTIFICATES / MEDALS
 UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE / HIGH SCHOOL
 FOR ENTERTAINMENT & COLLECTORS
Couch Potato Publishing
 443 FOX RUN DRIVE, BLUE RIDGE, GA 30513

DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED?

GET LEGAL FAST!
TWO SIMPLE STEPS!
 LEARN HOW YOU CAN GET A LEGAL DRIVER'S LICENSE FAST AND EASY. NEW AND UNIQUE METHOD WORKS EVERYTIME REGARDLESS OF YOUR PAST RECORD. 100% GUARANTEED.
FOR SOME VERY REVEALING INFORMATION! QUALITY RESEARCH, DEPT. S1
 P.O. BOX 192, LINCOLN PARK, MICHIGAN 48146

SEND \$3.00

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE *BACK ISSUES* 2001



#279 JANUARY 2001
TERRORISM: Arafat's secret army?
PHILIPPINES: the "other" religious war;
TRAINING: shotgun course at Thunder Ranch;
VIETNAM: Mayaguez revisited;
AFGHANISTAN: SOF with the Taliban



#280 FEBRUARY 2001
DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: federalization of your PD? **MERCS:** victory at sea over pirates;
COLOMBIA: narc navy; **WEAPONS:** Glock's new slimline .45 ACP;
ISRAEL: Jerusalem Journal



#281 MARCH 2001
GULF WAR: 10th anniversary retrospective and analysis; **WEAPONS:** millennium upgrades for M16; **TERRORISM:** Saddam's atomic jihad;
COLOMBIA: ride-along with cops in Bogota



#282 APRIL 2001
ELITE UNITS: continuing professionalism of SEALs; 42 Commando, Royal Marines train in U.S.; **AFRICA:** bloody Biafra;
DESERT STORM: 10th anniversary; **WEAPONS:** Freedom Arms' .475 Linebaugh



#283 MAY 2001
VIETNAM: combat snipers; **DOMESTIC AFFAIRS:** SOF with US Border Patrol;
MERC ACTION: update; **WEAPONS:** Barrett's .50-cal.; **AFRICA:** George Bacon's final journey



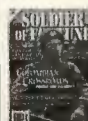
#284 JUNE 2001
EXCLUSIVE! Letter to SOF editor from Timothy McVeigh; Clinton's OKC coverup; **WEAPONS:** .45 from Springfield Armory; **US BORDER PATROL:** stemming the tide



#285 JULY 2001
DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: forbidden questions from OKC; **CHINA:** US plane shot down;
COLOMBIA: American traitor? **BURMA:** Karen's bloody struggle; **WEAPONS:** Olympic Arms PCR-5



#286 AUGUST 2001
DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: explosion at FBI HQ; police and racism; **WEAPONS:** secret Soviet sniper ammo; **AFRICA:** madness in Zimbabwe; **TERRORISM:** Saudis cover-up terror attacks



#287 SEPTEMBER 2001
DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: uncovering OKC's "suspects unknown"; Second Amendment saves Samaritan; **VIETNAM:** carbine in combat; **COLOMBIA:** at the crossroads; **AFRICA:** SOF patrols Zululand



#288 OCTOBER 2001
TERRORISM: U.S. intel, the weakest link; **DOMESTIC AFFAIRS:** tracking OKC bombers; **WEAPONS:** H&K's G36; top-notch Combloc ammo; **EASTERN EUROPE:** Milosevic's New World Order



#289 NOVEMBER 2001
ADVENTURE: security gypsies; **WEAPONS:** hot .45s from Kimber & Auto-Ordnance; **AFRICA:** Nigeria's billion-dollar scam; **ISRAEL:** with the Border Police; **AFRICA:** torture and terror



#290 DECEMBER 2001
SPECIAL ISSUE! Beginning SOF's coverage of World War III. First-hand reports, analysis, more.

Visit our website at www.sofmag.com for a comprehensive listing of back issues available from *SOF*.

BACK ISSUES: \$5 each

Shipping:

U.S.: \$3 for 1st issue; .50 ea. add'l issue
 International: \$15 for 1st issue; \$1.50 ea. add'l issue

Order from **SOLDIER OF FORTUNE**,
 5735 Arapahoe Ave., Ste A-5,
 Boulder, CO 80303

MC/VISA ORDERS CALL TOLL-FREE:

800-800-7630

or order online at www.sofmag.com

ADVERTISERS INDEX

AFI	79	Fobus	12	SOG Armory	31
Armed Forces Merch. Outlet	79	Global School Inv.	52	SOG Sales	63
Artkis North America	18	Hellstorm	19	SOF Merchandise	35,53,57,74,78,81
Barrett Firearms	72	Hurley & Withington	27	Southern Ordnance	80
Best Made Designs	23	Hydrastorm	7	Starline Brass	73
Bushmaster	18	IDF	10	Steve Arnold's Gunroom	77
Bushrag	30	Inter-American Security	52	Sure-Fire	9
CamelBak	C3	Iron Wolf Ent.	22	Survival Consulting	69
Carroll Media	30	Jonathan Ciener	53	Tactical Assault Gear	13
Caspian Arms	78	Laser Devices	76	Tactical Tailor	23
Chase Durer	C4	Maxsell	29	Tamiami Int.	53
Clearview Invst.	76	NIC Law Enforcement	56	Tapco	75
Cold Steel	11	One Stop Knife Shop	34	TCI	C2
Collectorsfield	79	Otis	3	The Hunt	80
DPMS	52	OTS	15-16	To The Point	77
DS Arms	80	Paladin Press	5	USI Corporation	53
Eden Press	53	Silver Creek Industries	52	Wiggy's	30
EO Tech	71	Silverman's	52	7.62 Design	17

Are American Troops Ready For NBC Warfare?

A Pre-Invasion Report From Kuwait

BY DON NORTH

With 300,000 American soldiers bivouacked in Kuwait preparing to go up against Saddam Hussein's chemical and biological weapons, the questions recently posed by Colonel David Hackworth and CBS correspondent Mike Wallace are troubling. As a veteran journalist I live by the credo ... there are no dumb questions, only dumb answers. In the *60 Minutes* broadcast 16 February, Hack and Wallace charged that our forces were not properly prepared during the first Gulf War 12 years ago and are still not prepared to encounter the type of weapons known to be in Iraq's arsenal. Fair questions. However, the Pentagon lost the encounter by

producing a desk expert with the title Head of Chemical and Biological Preparedness. Dr. Anna Johnson-Winegar gave the impression of a bureaucrat well coached by Pentagon "media trainers" to give smooth but vapid and empty rhetorical

Navy corpsman PO3 Doc Schwab, of Broadview Heights, Ohio, helps close the MOPP suit zipper for Marine Corporal Matt Pashby of Kalamazoo, Mich., somewhere in the north Kuwaiti desert. Both are with Bridge Company Bravo, 8th Engineer Support Battalion. New suits were unpacked, fitted and dated, as after 30 days they start to loose their effectiveness.



Eddiel Ledesma/Contra Costa Times, via NewsCom



Naval Aviation Storekeeper Nicolas Tallman, Tacoma, Wash., wears gas mask as he reads a magazine in the hangar bay of the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln on station in the Gulf. Every [redacted] in the theater, including tumble-fingered journalists, has been issued MOPP gear.

John Schultz/Reuters, Via NewsCom

answers. Dumb answers. "We have world class equipment. We've made this a priority. Our young men and women...are trained. They know what to do," Dr. Johnson-Winegar intoned, avoiding any hard facts. Assuming CBS edited the interview fairly, Dr. Johnson-Winegar's apparent lack of conviction gave the families of soldiers massing in the Gulf no assurance and simply poured oil on the controversy.

Arriving in Kuwait, I immediately requested a day or so with the best NBC-ready troops in the field, or even the worst NBC-ready troops in the field. Neither was forthcoming on short notice and it was suggested I wait until I had been "embedded" with a unit to make it easier on all concerned. Meanwhile, a friendly Public Affairs Officer slipped me a massive e-mail transcript of a "round-table NBC readiness briefing" held at the Pentagon on 3 March, the same day I was making a nuisance of myself with NBC questions in Kuwait. Now, I live just 5 miles from the Pentagon and probably could have attended that briefing. But news comes in strange ways and this is probably the most authoritative discussion I have been privy to in 12 years of asking questions on this subject, after observing at first hand in the first Gulf War that we indeed did not have our troops appropriately prepared for NBC warfare.

The following transcript has been edited for space.

The Pentagon, 3 March 2003

In attendance: Major General John Doesburg CO, Soldier

Biological and Chemical Defense Command (responsible for research, development of chem-bio equipment and homeland chemical and biological defense operations); Brigadier General Steve Reeves XO, Chemical Biological Defense for U.S. DOD (responsible for biological agent detection, soldier protective equipment and medical issues); Col. Thomas Spoehr CO, the Chemical School's 3rd Brigade (trains 4,000 NBC officers per year, who are then assigned to every unit in the Army to advise commanders and assist troop training — there are 15,000 of these specialists in the Army).

Re: Improvement of Chem-Bio Detectors

Gen. Reeves: "We learned our lessons from the Gulf War. The M-8 alarms were false alarming to some common battlefield interferences like diesel fuel and JP-8 and insecticides. Based on that we developed a new detector called the Automatic Chemical Agent Detector Alarm, sometimes called the ACADA. This particular detector is not only more sensitive but was extensively tested against over 80 battlefield interferences so that it's designed to specifically reject those kinds of common battlefield interferences that caused them to go off. Insecticide, after all, attacks the same things that nerve agent attacks, in a bug. So insecticide is essentially a diluted nerve agent. So to design a piece of equipment that can specifically reject that kind of interference is what we were after, and it's what we accomplished. We can still get 1-2% false alarms. You know if you held it up to the tailpipe of a vehicle, why, yeah, it would probably go off. But in 98, 99% of the time, we've got an improved detector and we're con-



Eddie Ledesma/Contra Costa Times, via NewsCom

vinced that we fixed the problem. We actually have over 20,000 ACADA in inventory. Solely, exclusively. The M-8s are purged out.”

Re: Defective Suits, Do Troops Have the Right Suits?

Gen. John Doesburg: “We’ve issued a new suit — the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology, or JSLIST to those who are deployed.”

Col. David Hackworth had quoted a GAO (General Accounting Office) report that claimed up to 250,000 suits have potentially fatal defects and are still unaccounted for. Regarding this, Gen. Doesburg noted: “In that report (GAO) they are referring to something called the battle-dress over-garment, which is an older suit that we had, which we still have in the inventory. If [it] eventually ends up that we have to issue some of those battle-dress over-garments, although we’ve done extensive checks into our inventory, we will inspect each one of them prior to them being issued to any soldier, sailor airman or Marine. The forces being deployed [now] have been deployed with the Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology.”

Gen. Steve Reeves: “Every soldier has at least two; our Marines have three. And I would tell you, the thing about the battle-dress over-garment is, this report has to do with suits that were produced more than a decade ago. The actual, important numbers here are three and zero: We checked three times, and there are zero defective suits in our contingency stocks.”

Re: Adverse Conditions in the Desert Effecting Equipment

Gen. Reeves: “The first thing is that we recognize that when you’ve got blowing dust and sand, there are certain things you need to protect. This detector has a dust cap that fits on the air inlet. We also recognize the same thing is true with our filters and they need to be routinely checked. And one of the ways we do that is the new protective mask actually has a system that you can check to make sure that mask is properly fit and that you have the right fit on the shoulder and that the mask is operating properly. From the standpoint of heat, part of our testing regimen is to test these things to all the extremes, from 50 degrees below zero to over 150 degrees, so that we’re convinced that they’ll operate in all climates that we might have to operate in.

Re: Deficiency in Vaccine Stocks:

Gen. Reeves: “We don’t have as much botulinum vaccine as we would like. The fact is, that right now that is what we call an investigational new drug. It is not licensed by the FDA, and we need to get that license by the FDA. We also have some anti-toxin for post-exposure treatment. Same story, we don’t have as much as we’d like, but we have some. And we have medical treatment. We can put people on ventilators, if necessary. As a practical matter, botulinum is not something that is easily dispersed over a large area to

Marine Lieutenant Adrien Thom, of Jacksonville, NC, writes date of issue on MOPP gear of Lance Corporal Chris Tarkowski, of Mattawan, Mich., in north Kuwait desert. Both are from Bridge Company Bravo, 8th ESB, 2nd Force Service Support Group.

infect a lot of folks. We're concerned but we believe that we have the stockpiles on hand to treat folks, if necessary. As far as potential threats that we see in the area, anthrax, and smallpox, we have more than adequate stocks and are in fact inoculating all of our soldiers."

Re: PB Use by Troops in the Gulf

During the first Gulf War PB (Pryidostegmine Bromide) pills were issued to American troops as a protective drug against nerve-gas attacks. It later became controversial as some troops and medical experts suggested it may have caused or contributed to Gulf War Syndrome.

Gen. Reeves: "Right now there is no plan to issue PB. It is available. It is specifically FDA licensed for the treatment of Soman. And it's a drug we will understand. It's safe, it's effective, it's been around for over 50 years and used in other means. But as it stands today we have no plans to issue it.

Col. Hackworth quoted retired Captain Eric Taylor, who studied NBC preparedness of our troops for a Cato Institute Report. "Commanders never thought they would face NBC," said Capt. Taylor. "They viewed it as a waste of time, as a joke. I understand we are now dispatching specialized teams to do

crash training, almost on-the-job training. You don't do on-the-job training with these things. These things will kill you."

Gen. Spoehr: "The U.S. Army is the best trained Army in the world to operate in a nuclear, biological and chemical environment. There was a report a couple of years ago: The Army took a look at that report. There were some areas that required additional emphasis. And the division and corps chemical officers have reported back and acknowledged those areas and have taken corrective action to fix every one of those shortcomings. Some of the soldiers were not getting the exact training they needed to operate some of the specific pieces of equipment, or they could not put them into operation; when the time came to show how they could operate it, they weren't able to do so. And that was a serious aspect for us, and the commanders on the ground took the appropriate action to fix those items. Every Army unit, from company above, has a trained specialist in it, whose job is to do nothing but to ensure that the people in his unit are trained to operate in that environment and to keep their equipment maintained and ready. So that's kind of our ace in the hole, we take a lot of reassurance in that."

Continued on page 75

Protecting soldiers from toxic weapons

U.S. Marines wear Mission-Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) clothing to protect against chemical and biological weapons:

M-40 gas mask

- Lenses provide wide side and downward vision; valves in nose cup keep lenses from fogging; can stand alone or be connected to filter canister

Rubber gloves

'Saratoga' jacket

- Flap protects zipper
- Sleeve closures

'Saratoga' trousers

- Leg closures

Rubber boots

- Fit over combat boots; resistant to oil, fire



Inside the 'Saratoga' suit

Reusable, washable hood, jacket and trousers made of special fabric

Outer layer

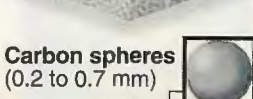
Water and oil repellent cotton, printed in desert or jungle camouflage



Inner layer

Tiny carbon spheres that absorb chemicals; bonded into three-ply fabric

Protective tissue



Carbon spheres (0.2 to 0.7 mm)



Polyethylene knit



Levels of protection

MOPP ready Enemy has chemical, biological capabilities



MOPP gear stored.

Time to bring gear forward should not exceed two hours

MOPP Zero Increased alert



+ Masks with carrying equipment.

Other gear stored at work area

MOPP 1 Chemical biological attack possible



+ Overgarment, jacket may be left unbuttoned

Trousers may be left open at the ankles

MOPP 2 Chemical biological attack probable



+ Rubber overboots

+ Helmet cover

Trousers closed

MOPP 3 Slight contact hazard



+ Protective mask

+ Hood

MOPP 4 Chemical biological agents present



+ Rubber gloves

Complete encapsulation

© 2003 KRT

Source: Jane's NBC Protection Equipment, U.S. Marine Corp., Tex-Shield, Inc., Chemical Defense Equipment

Graphic: Nancy Salzberg, Pat Carr, Elsebeth Nielsen, Tim Goheen, Morten Lyhne

Not Using Our NBC Czech-Mate

BY DON NORTH

Twelve years after the first Gulf War, Czech Army experts in Nuclear-Biological-Chemical warfare are back in the area where they were the only forces to detect nerve gas. This time, they are part of "Combined Joint Task Force — Consequence Management" along with American and German forces. It's basically a civil defense team to protect the host nation Kuwait from NBC consequences, which might result from an attack by local Al Qaeda supporters, or the Iraqis.

Although millions have been spent by the U.S. government to study the affects of what the Czechs found in the desert in January 1991, it remains a Gulf War Gas Mystery. Did it have an effect on 200,000 American veterans suffering symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome? Was it fallout from bombing Iraq, enemy attempts to launch nerve gas attacks, or secret experiments of the Saudi or American forces? No one has come forward with the answer after 12 years. Now on the eve of an invasion to neutralize whatever NBC agents the Iraqis possess, it appears the Czechs may still not be used to the best advantage.

Since 1991, the Czechs have steadily improved their already leading-edge equipment and techniques, and are recognized as the best NBC warriors in NATO and perhaps the world. Their gas mask contains filters that will protect the wearer from 70 toxic chemicals, a far higher capability than any other nation's gas masks. Recognizing their prowess in developing NBC protective equipment, the Czechs have recently mounted a commercial campaign to market it worldwide.

One element has changed, however: Twelve years ago log-books show that officers in General Norman Schwarzkopf's command dismissed the Czechs detections and ordered U.S. troops to disregard them. Now the U.S. Military has learned to respect the Czech expertise, even though as this report is

written in mid-March, it does not appear the Czech battalion will be invited to go into Iraq, where the danger of NBC weapons to an attacking force will be greatest.

Although the Czech 1st Biological and Chemical Protection Battalion may be the best military force engaged in recon they will be largely assigned to standby as a decontamination unit at the National Exhibition Center on the edge of Kuwait City. The Czechs can decontaminate 500 people or 200 vehicles per hour. The 100 German specialists manning six "Fox" NBC reconnaissance vehicles attached to CJTF-CM are prohibited by the German Parliament from entering Iraq should an invasion be launched.

Not so the Czechs. However, it looks like the best NBC recon outfit in the world will not be with American troops when they invade Iraq. American officers at Camp Doha have told me there are grave concerns that the Czechs would be in great danger of "friendly fire," because they drive the same Russian military vehicles as does the Iraqi Army. Even with colored marker panels on the vehicle roofs, identification from the air could be hazardous. Only a few of the 350 Czechs based here speak English, and American officers have suggested the misunderstandings possible in the heat of battle could prove serious.

The inability to use such talent is a pity, as although American NBC capability may be world class, the Czechs are the world's best.

Troops of the 1st Czech-Slovak NBC Battalion demonstrate a variety of NBC suits and decontamination procedures they will use as needed if Coalition forces or Kuwaiti citizens are slimed in the Iraq war. As we go to press, plans are to only use their extraordinary capability in the Kuwait theater.



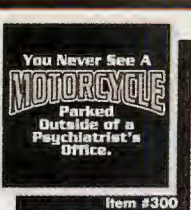
Paul J. Richards/Agence France Presse via NewsCom

T-SHIRTS \$16.95

SOG SALES T-SHIRTS



Item# 154



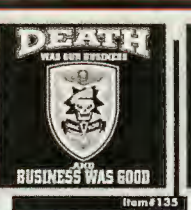
Item #300



Item# 140



Item#285



Item#135



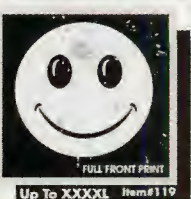
Up To XXXXL Item#116

T-SHIRTS \$16.95

SOG SALES T-SHIRTS



Full Back



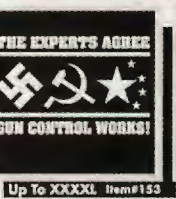
FULL FRONT PRINT

Up To XXXXL Item#119



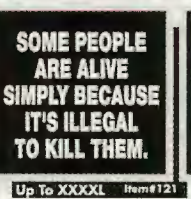
'We Bring Good Things, Isolate'

Up To XXXXL Item#131



GUN CONTROL WORKS!

Up To XXXXL Item#133

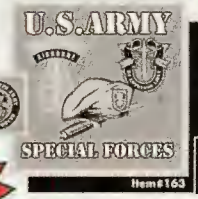


Up To XXXXL Item#121



Item#164

T-SHIRTS \$16.95



Item# 163

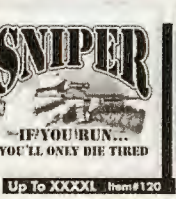


FULL BACK PRINT

Item# 106



Up To XXXXL Item#301



'IF YOU RUN... YOU'LL ONLY DIE TIRED

Up To XXXXL Item#120



Up To XXXXL Item#273



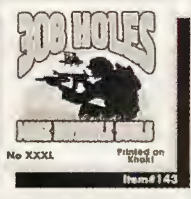
Item#264

T-SHIRTS \$16.95



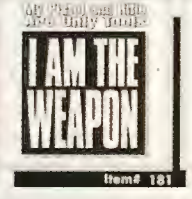
Up To XXXXL

Item# 114

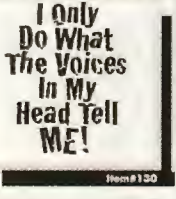


No XXXL Printed on Knoll

Item# 143



Item# 181



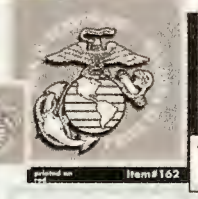
Item#130



Item#167



Item#2908

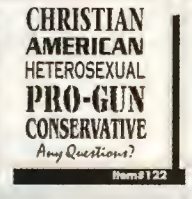


Item# 162



BACK

Item#127



Item#122



Item#129

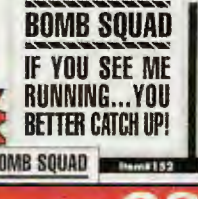


Up To XXXXL Item#276



Item#233

T-SHIRTS \$16.95

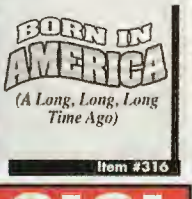


BOMB SQUAD

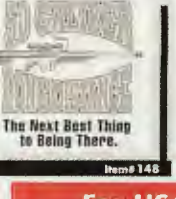
Item# 153



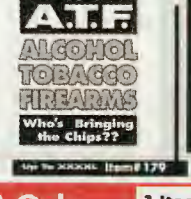
Item#139



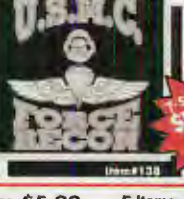
Item #316



Item# 148



Up To XXXXL Item# 179



Item#133

T-SHIRTS \$16.95

Fax to 281-568-9191

All shirts are of the Highest Quality Available 100% Pre-shrunk Cotton
Ony 20 Shirts Are Available in XXXXL • Indicated Near Design
USA-Allow 8-10 Working Days for Delivery

For USA Only
SHIPPING & HANDLING CHARGES

- 1 Item - \$5.00
- 2 Items - \$6.00
- 3 Items - \$7.00
- 4 Items - \$8.00
- 5 Items - \$9.00
- 6 Items - \$10.00
- 7 Items - \$11.00
- 8 Items - \$12.00
- 9 Items & Up - FREE Shipping

Over Seas Freight Will Be Added at Time of Shipment

SOF-1 Please Print CLEARLY or Type

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone #() _____
 E-Mail Address _____
 We Need this so we can contact you if there is a problem with your order
 Credit Card # _____
 Signature _____ Exp. Date _____
CHECKS • CREDIT CARD • MONEY ORDER • 100% GUARANTEE

Item Name and No#	Size	Qty	Price	Total

Adult M-L-XL \$16.95
 add \$3 for XXL, add \$6 for XXXL
 Add \$9 for XXXXL • Only Available in 20 Shirts Check our Web Site

Place your Order with this form and receive a free SOF Lapel Pin
 Shipping & Handling Total

www.sogsales.com

SOG SALES • 435 FM 1092 Bldg. 1, PMB 167 • Stafford, Texas 77477

Philippines Terrorists

The ASG Still Bombing, Beheading And Massacring

TEXT & PHOTOS BY MIKE WINCHESTER

Talk of terrorism in the Philippines and two words spring instantly to mind — Abu Sayyaf. Ruthless, well-armed, and seemingly indestructible, these are terrorists with a history. Since being set up with al-Qaeda seed-money and expertise a decade ago, they've bombed, beheaded, kidnapped and massacred their way to become Asia's most notorious thugs.

At the beginning of this year the Manila government vowed that the "Abus," currently hiding out on Jolo island off mainland Mindanao, would be wiped out in the first half of 2003. And in a continuation of the joint U.S.-Philippine training exercises called *Balikatan* begun last year, several hun-

dred U.S. Special Forces have arrived in the south to assist in their demise, though it's unclear whether they'll engage in combat or act in purely advisory roles.

Which raises an interesting question: Why recently did the biggest military operation in the southern Philippines in years target *not* the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) but another very different Muslim insurgent faction — the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)? In mid-February, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) assembled a multi-battalion task force of some 5,000 Army and Marine Corps troops backed by OV-10 Bronco counter-insurgency aircraft, armor and 105mm artillery and conducted a full-scale sweep through



insurgent-held turf called the Buliok Complex near the town of Pikit on the mainland of southern Mindanao.

A vicious four-day fight left the AFP masters of a guerrilla base area where they found Arabic-language manuals on bomb-making and demolition. Over 160 guerrillas had been killed, and another 1,000 scattered. But that assault triggered a sweeping insurgent counter-offensive, with raids, ambushes, attacks on power-lines and terrorist bombings across Mindanao. A single bomb blast at Davao International Airport on 4 March killed 23 and wounded nearly 150.

So, if the Philippines is the hottest spot in Southeast Asia's war on terror, where — and who's — the threat? On the jungled islands of the Sulu Sea? Or in the marshes and rice paddies of central Mindanao? The ASG or MILF? Or both?

Separating truth from propaganda, black from white in what is arguably Asia's largest gray-area is never easy. Mindanao and the islands of the Sulu Sea are home to a constantly shifting kaleidoscope of Muslim insurgents, Communist guerrillas, "lost commands," kidnap-for-ransom gangs, government militia groups, politicians' private goon-squads, and mind-numbing combinations of all the above. This in a land where the proliferation of loose firepower, imported and home-made, makes the Afghan tribal areas look like a pacifists convention. And a land where visiting terrorists — Arabs, Pakistanis, Southeast Asians — transit in and out with disconcerting ease. A vast gray area.

But within this fluid context, some generalizations are safe: Reduced today to between 400-500 gunmen holed-up on Jolo, the ASG represents an irritant — persistent, painful and, from Manila's viewpoint, frequently embarrassing. But nonetheless an irritant. Its depreda-

tions have won it no popularity even among Muslims; and since 9/11 it's also become something of a useful punch-bag on which the AFP with assistance from U.S. Special Forces instructors, can hone and modernize its counter-insurgent/counter-terrorist skills.

By contrast, the MILF, weighing-in with over 11,000 armed guerrillas, is big, well-organized and, to a degree, popular. While it prefers these days to deny it, the MILF has certainly had contact with regional terror groups and has itself demonstrated a capability for devastating terrorist strikes. Over the long-term the AFP's major concern is the communist New People's Army (NPA); but the MILF is its most immediate threat and it's not about to go away.

A Most Unusual Spade

As the February operation made embarrassingly clear, however, within the Philippine Establishment there are serious differences of opinion about how best to tackle the threat: at the negotiating table or on the battlefield. And, closely linked to that, is the touchstone controversy over whether the MILF should, or could, join the ASG and NPA on the U.S. State Department's list of Foreign Terrorist Organisations. So far, the intervention of the Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and her advisors eager to talk peace with a group that may be too big to crush militarily has kept the MILF off the list. Impatient generals in the upper echelons of the AFP who've been watching the MILF duck and weave around the negotiating table for the past six years, reckon it's time to call a spade a spade.

MILF officer cadets at training academy in former HQ Camp Abu Bakr before it was overrun by AFP in 2000.





Armed Forces of the Philippines 105mm battery in action against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. (inset) Locally built Simba armored cars holding open main Cotabato-Davao highway.

But it's an unusual spade. The MILF is a long way from the profile of a classic terrorist organization in the mold of al-Qaeda, Britain's IRA, or the Basque ETA. It emerged in the 1970s' era of Third-World "people's liberation" struggles, an Islamist break-away from the Moro National Liberation Front, the original group fighting for an independent state for the southern Philippines' Muslim minority.

Led by an Egyptian-trained religious scholar, Salamat Hashim, the Islamist faction based itself in Pakistan and founded the MILF in 1984. It gathered strength in the shadow of the Afghan war against the Soviets which deeply influenced its leaders. Several hundred Moro fighters passed through the training camps of the Afghan muj and many graduated to fight alongside the Afghans against the communists.

Back in Mindanao, the MILF expanded with a curious blend of revolutionary Islamist ideology grafted onto Maoist theories of revolutionary guerrilla warfare. MILF cadres mobilized the rural population using classic functional organizations involving *ulema* (Islamic clergy), youth, and women. And at the same time they built up a tiered military structure of local and regional forces with a core "national guard" at the top of the pyramid. It was a long way from the VC and NVA but it aspired to the same patterns.

MILF influence and military units spread across Mindanao and extended to the island province of Basilan off the Zamboanga Peninsula. But the Front's heartland was central Mindanao — Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and Cotabato. It was here that the Front built its

main 'camps' — Abu Bakr, Bushra, Raja Muda, and Usman. These were less military camps than guerrilla base areas—extensive tracts of hill and arable country with military installations and training facilities as well as village communities where the MILF set up a parallel administration. With their own schools, laws and courts, these bases formed the nucleus of the consciously Islamic society which the MILF is working to establish.

It was in the mid-1990s that the MILF began its dalliance with international terror. Almost inevitably the Front became part of the international jihadist network that grew out of the Afghan conflict. With the overthrow of communism in Afghanistan in 1992, Mindanao became one of several theaters where Islam was seen to be under threat. And given three centuries of Christian colonization of the Muslim south, which accelerated rapidly in the 1950s and 1960s, that perception was not without justification. From the mid-1990s, Mindanao — like Kashmir, Bosnia, Tajikistan — attracted its share of Saudi finance, Arab and South-Asian missionaries and wannabe jihadis.



MILF guerrilla company assembling before moving-out to front lines.

Between 1995 and 2000, jihadi solidarity saw the MILF opening its doors to an influx of hundreds of foreign militants, eager to participate in the Philippine conflict, as well as to learn skills that would be used to change their own societies when the time came. Within the confines of its two biggest bases, Camp Abu Bakr, north of

Cotabato City, and Camp Bushra, in the mountains of Lanao del Sur, three training facilities — specifically for foreigners — were set up.

Bin Laden's al-Qaeda was entirely aware of the southern Philippine situation. Initially, it focused its efforts and money on the Abu Sayyaf, founded on Basilan in 1991 by Abdul Razak Janjalani, who had known people close to bin Laden in Pakistan — including World Trade bomber Ramzi Yousef. Al-Qaeda funds and expertise were channeled towards it by bin Laden's brother-in-law, Jamal al-Khalifa, who was busy setting-up Islamic charities in Manila and the south. Ramzi Yousef, made his first visit to Basilan to train ASG bombers in 1991.

Broader Options

By the mid-1990s, however, evidence suggests that al-Qaeda was beginning to broaden its options. Bin Laden's lieutenants can hardly have approved of the ASG's slide into the cottage industries of extortion and kidnapping for ransom (KFR); nor can they have overlooked the military strength and support base of the MILF. In 1995, al-Qaeda's Operations Chief Abu Zubaidah dispatched Omar al-Faruq to Mindanao where he trained as an instructor at Abu Bakr. He was later to become al-Qaeda linkman with Southeast Asia.

Rohan Gunaratna, author of *Inside al-Qaeda*, has written that in February 1999, bin Laden, then in Afghanistan, used a satphone to ring Salamat Hashim (a fluent Arabic speaker from his days in Egypt).

But whatever the contacts between the MILF and al-Qaeda — and they were clearly limited — the bulk of the training intake in the MILF camps was from Southeast Asia itself. Youths from Indonesia and Malaysia, and to a lesser extent Singapore and southern Thailand, were members of a growing militant network in the region that was soon to be coordinated by Jama'ah Islamiah (JI). Headed by Indonesian Abdullah Sungkar and Abu Bakr Ba'asir, JI was to develop by the late 1990s as al-Qaeda's South-east Asian affiliate and the umbrella organization for jihad in the region. Its long-term, if improbable, objective was the creation of a single Islamic state comprising Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, southern Thailand, and the southern Philippines.

Jama'ah Islamiah saw the MILF as a crucial element in this enterprise. The Filipino brothers-in-jihad offered a range of benefits: training facilities far closer than those in Afghanistan, a source of weaponry and explosives for operations elsewhere in the region, and a real conflict. In 1997, JI actually set up a branch within the MILF's main base at Camp Abu Bakr bringing together two key players: one Filipino, the other Indonesian.

The Filipino was a former religious teacher called Saifullah Yunos, code-named 'Mukhlis'. Today in his late 30s, Mukhlis had continued his religious studies in Pakistan in 1993, graduating to the battlefields of Afghanistan where he fought and gained expertise in explosives and demolition at a camp run by al-Qaeda. He returned to Mindanao a member of JI and before long had risen to head the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the MILF's 3rd Division, an outfit that has today become what one Filipino intel official described to SOF as "the MILF's dirty tricks brigade" — a unit focused pri-

marily on sabotage and urban-terror ops.

The Indonesian, Fathur Rahman al-Ghozi, was a younger man who'd graduated from the Islamic school of JI chief Abu Ba'asir on Java. He, too, traveled to Lahore, in Pakistan, to continue religious schooling and it was there that he met Mukhlis. He accompanied the Filipino to Afghanistan where he, too, trained in demolition and explosives before returning to Indonesia, a foot-soldier of JI.

The two men's paths again crossed in late 1996, when al-Ghozi's JI mentors sent him on his first mission to the southern Philippines. Crossing clandestinely by sea from northern Sulawesi in Indonesia, al-Ghozi lost no time contacting his old comrade, Mukhlis, who was running training courses in Camp Abu Bakr. Much of December of that year he spent at the base talking with Mukhlis and undergoing a refresher course in small-arms.

In the three years that followed al-Ghozi traveled in and out of Mindanao, learning its dialects, acquiring two Philippine passports, setting-up bank accounts and — with Mukhlis' assistance and contacts — shipping explosives and weapons back to Indonesia and Malaysia and Singapore. The two men formed the core of a JI cell within the MILF.

Another key Indonesian militant looking to the MILF was Agus Dwikarna. Like al-Ghozi, Dwikarna was arrested in early 2002, but for several years he served as one of most

pivotal individuals in JI's Southeast Asian network of terror. Born in Sulawesi, eastern Indonesia, Dwikarna traced a long career in radical Islamic causes. In 1998, with aid from al-Qaeda's regional pointman, Omar al-Faruq, he set up the Laskar Jundullah (Army of God), based in the South Sulawesi capital of Makassar. Before long, Dwikarna's private army of local jihadis was to be



MILF jungle transport, motorized and traditional.

involved in the Christian-Muslim religious strife that erupted in Sulawesi in 1999. Even before then, Dwikarna was looking to Mindanao and contacts in the MILF both for training and small-arms. Intel sources believe he made his first arms purchases in 1998.

Expansion of the MILF's role as a training base for regional militants was encouraged by a Cessation of Hostilities agreement formally signed with the government in July 1997. As Manila saw it the ceasefire allowed for negotiations toward a peace settlement along the lines of that reached with the mainstream MNLF the year before. But before long talks had become bogged down in technical discussions over control of turf and the MILF's insistence that the government should "recognize" its camps — effectively signing over "liberated areas" across Mindanao to insurgent control.

To the growing frustration of the military, meanwhile, the Front continued to recruit and train and produce weapons, in particular, its home-grown version of the Chinese B-40 RPG. Its gunsmiths were — and still are — also adept at converting the .30 cal. M-1s and M-2s to 7.62mm, the same caliber as the M-14, which is common across Mindanao and for which ammunition is easy to come by.

Two events, however, radically changed the Mindanao stand-off and MILF links to the shadowy alliance of groups

committed to regional jihad — and, before long, to regional terror. The first was the war of 2000.

The War

After months of rising tension and ceasefire violations, AFP patience finally snapped in April 2000. Headed by then-Chief-of-Staff Gen. Angelo 'Angie' Reyes — today Manila's Secretary of Defence — the military launched a full-scale, Mindanao-wide campaign that targeted almost all of the MILF's 46 camps. All were overrun in a matter of months with AFP troops finally fighting their way to the center of the MILF's Abu Bakr HQ in July. After the fall, then-President Joseph Estrada choppered into the base to celebrate with his troops. But after a conflict that had displaced over 300,000 mainly Muslim civilians, feasting on roast pork and beer outside the ruins of the main mosque was probably not the best way to win hearts-and-minds.

The war cost the AFP around 300 dead and more than 1,000 wounded. Insurgent casualties were lighter, as in many instances the guerrillas melted away rather than fight for their bases. But the MILF suffered severely in the damage to its logistics and supply and command & control infrastructure. For an organization committed in theory to the principles of guerrilla warfare, the Front had become far too attached to fixed bases and far too confident that the military would never risk all-out war to overrun them. Both fatal mistakes.

The humiliating loss of its bases imposed major changes on the MILF. First, it effectively smashed the jihadi training factory, resulting in a sharp decline in the number of Indonesians, Malaysians and assorted foreigners moving through. Coincidentally or not, just as the MILF was being pushed back into the hills and jungles, two senior bin Laden lieutenants, Egyptians Ayman al-Zawahiri and al-Qaeda military chief Mohammad Atef (later killed in Afghanistan in November 2001) were visiting Indonesia. Showing them around a country they were increasingly interested in as a base for operations was none other than Agus Dwikarna.

Probably as a result, jihadi training camps run by Dwikarna's Laskar opened-up in Sulawesi at the end of the year. An alternative to the MILF facilities, the new camps provided training both for locals, as well as for Arab, and other, foreigners. Funding is believed to have come from al-Qaeda.

Genuinely Mobile Guerrilla Units

In Mindanao, the reverses of 2000 pushed the MILF towards a long-overdue review of strategy. By 2001, a mili-

tary reorganization was underway. Dumping its claims to a "semi-conventional" capability that had melted before AFP artillery and airstrikes, the MILF set about building what it should have established long before — genuinely mobile guerrilla units. At the same time, defeat also sharpened the terrorist element within the MILF — or at least in the JI cell headed by Mukhlis and al-Ghozi operating in its midst.

The first revenge for the pork and beer at Abu Bakr came just days later, and a long way from Mindanao. On the morning of 1 August, a bomb exploded outside the residence of the Philippine ambassador in Jakarta, Indonesia, as he was leaving. It killed two bystanders and severely wounded the ambassador and his driver. During interrogation earlier this year — one year after his arrest and conviction on other charges — al-Ghozi admitted he had been responsible for the JI attack. But that was only the beginning.

By October he was back in Mindanao, teamed-up with Mukhlis, and planning a far bigger hit. Targeted squarely on Manila, the SOG operation brought together Mukhlis' access to explosives, funding channeled from a JI cell in Singapore to al-Ghozi, and both men's lethal skills. The result, on 30 December 2000, was a spectacular series of blasts across Manila that killed 22 and wounded nearly 100. It came one week after another wave of JI bombings had hit Christian churches in Jakarta and other cities on Java.

But al-Ghozi, by now an accomplished terrorist, allowed cockiness to get the better of operation security. Calling himself "Freedom Fighter," he rang the police switch in Manila from his cell-phone and announced the hits were revenge for Abu Bakr and the AFP's campaign. For the next year, a dedicated Philippine military intelligence group (MIG) tracked "Freedom Fighter's" cell-phone in cities across the country, figuring when it went dead for lengthy periods he had left the country.

9/11

In January 2001, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo took over as president from the disgraced Estrada. She was looking to turn over a fresh page in the troubled south. Following informal contacts, with assistance of Malaysia as a broker, Manila and the MILF began talking again in March 2001; and in June of that year peace talks formally resumed in Tripoli, Libya. Against this backdrop came the 9/11 terror attack on America and a new and penetrating spotlight on al-Qaeda's global web.

For many decent Muslims within the MILF 9/11 came as a brutal wake-up call that the jihadi brotherhood of the '80s and '90s had slid into a twisted pattern of indiscriminate terrorism that risked undermining the justice of the MILF



MILF-produced B-40 rocket-propelled grenade launchers. (right) The lower M-79 is of genuine U.S. manufacture; the upper is a MILF-manufactured copy. Can you spot the difference?



CAN YOU SURVIVE ?

NATURAL DISASTERS

EARTHQUAKES

HURRICANES

LIGHTNING

TORNADOS

FLOODS



MANMADE DISASTERS

BIOLOGICAL WAR

CHEMICAL WAR

NUCLEAR WAR

TERRORISM

RIOTS

HOME OWNERS SURVIVAL GUIDE

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THERE IS A RIOT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

HOW DO YOU SURVIVE A NUCLEAR WAR? (DO YOU EVEN WANT TO?)

CAN YOU SURVIVE IF YOUR CAR BROKE DOWN IN THE DESERT?

CAN YOUR HOME (HOUSE & FAMILY) SURVIVE A BIOLOGICAL ATTACK?

IF YOUR FAMILY IS FORCED TO FLEE, DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO?

IF CIVILIZATION BREAKS DOWN, DUE TO A CATASTROPHIC EVENT-

-CAN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SURVIVE A LONG TERM FOOD SHORTAGE?

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PROCUE CLEAN DRINKING WATER?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF YOU HOUSE?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE YOUR HOME SELF SUFFICIENT?

**I HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, PLUS MANY MORE
WHETHER YOU TAKE ONE OF OUR SURVIVAL TRAINING COURSES OR -
PURCHASE ONE OF OUR HOME SURVIVAL MANUALS, YOU CAN GET THE ANSWERS**

SURVIVAL TRAINING COURSE

CALL FOR INFO. (510) 669-9691

cause. MILF spokesmen scrambled to condemn the attacks, and al-Qaeda — and to deny any links with bin Laden or Jama'ah Islamiah. The Front also distanced itself from the ASG and its kidnap-for-ransom sprees and pointedly did not criticize the deployment of U.S. military personnel on anti-ASG training exercises in early 2002.

But the MILF is a house with many rooms. And in some of them JI was still operating, possibly with a quiet nod from the top leadership. Al-Ghozi was finally arrested in Manila in January 2002, en route to Bangkok. But right to his arrest he'd been organizing the purchase and shipment of one ton of explosives and a stash of M16 assault rifles hidden in a quiet suburb in the Mindanao port city of General Santos. Buried behind the house of a local MILF commander, the M16s, carefully greased and wrapped, were intended for the Laskar Jundullah across the sea on Sulawesi; the explosives were for onward shipment to Singapore and a final use against high-profile targets such as the U.S. and other embassies in the city state.

Dwikarna, too, was keeping open his contacts with senior MILF figures including the Front's foreign secretary, Abu Hairarah, and its finance boss, Alonto. Possibly on a damage-assessment trip after al-Ghozi's visit, he visited the Philippines in March 2002, transiting Bangkok and flying into Manila and on to General Santos. Ostensibly, Dwikarna was traveling as part of a business group prospecting mining opportunities in Mindanao. But according to intel reports seen by SOF he was in cell-phone contact with MILF contacts both before and during his one-day trip to General Santos.

Though he didn't know it, Dwikarna was already a marked man. Alerted by Indonesian intelligence (and very probably the CIA) Dwikarna and two other Indonesian "business associates" were carefully monitored and arrested on 13 March as they prepared to board a flight back to Bangkok. Charged with possession of explosives, Dwikarna, one of the key linkmen for terror in the Southeast-Asian region, later was sentenced to 12 years jail.

Given Mindanao's porous maritime border with Sulawesi and Malaysia's Sabah State, lesser fry have also been moving back and forth throughout 2002 and into this year. AFP intel believes up to 100 Southeast-Asian militants — Indonesians and Malaysians — are still hanging in with the MILF some of them with Mukhlis' JI unit in the rugged mountains between Lanao and Maguindanao provinces. Al-Qaeda expert Rohan Gunaratna told SOF he believes as many as 40 Arab terrorists are also still with the MILF.

Unsurprisingly, harder heads in the Philippine military have been pushing for the MILF to be added to Washington list of FTOs. Arroyo's advisors dealing with the peace process have insisted, however, on giving the separatists the "benefit of the doubt" given their stated commitment to peace negotiations. Administration doves hoped for a peace deal with the MILF's moderate leadership that would bring in the rank-and-file from the cold while isolating the small extremist wing with links to terror. The military could then pursue and eradicate the extremists along with the ASG.

In theory, it's not a bad strategy. The fly in the ointment has been the yawning indifference between Arroyo's peace negotiators and a military establishment headed by her hawkish Secretary for Defence, Angie Reyes. While paying lip-service to the ideal of a political settlement, the generals have pursued operations on the ground aimed at denying the MILF any opportunity to reorganize and regroup while talking peace as it did between 1997 and 2000.

In October-November 2002, and again in January 2003,

the AFP launched multi-battalion sweeps across different regions of Mindanao hitting both new and old MILF guerrilla camps in the mountains, thus breaking up concentrations of several hundred insurgents. "The idea is to keep them on the run," one AFP commander told SOF.

Against that backdrop the February assault struck at the MILF's last remaining safe-haven, the Buliok Complex, near the Liguasan Marshes. But targeting the Front's senior leadership in the immediate run-up to peace talks scheduled for the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur in March had repercussions far more serious than the smaller operations of October or January. With a toll of around 160 fighters KIA and 40,000 civilians displaced, MILF leaders saw the assault as the end to what was left of the "ceasefire" and a final betrayal by the military.

On 24 February, over a week after the MILF had been ousted from Buliok, Salamat Hashim made an emotional appeal to all Muslims with access to weapons to "fight to the death." In a taped broadcast from a Cotabato radio station, the Front's 61-year-old spiritual leader declared: "We are pushed to the wall, we have to fight back. ... There is no ceasefire right now, there are no peace talks."

But long before the public statement Salamat had issued a directive to the MILF forces to hit back across Mindanao. SOG commanders were instructed to target infrastructure in key urban areas such as Cotabato, General Santos, Cagayan de Oro, Iligan, and Davao. The result was a sweeping counter-offensive that included ambushes and raids on military posts and bases; bombings in urban areas, including a car bomb at Cotabato airport; and not least a rash of attacks on power-transmission towers. The demolition of one, late on 26 February, plunged 90 percent of Mindanao, the country's second biggest island, into darkness.

Then, just as the security forces were beginning to reckon the worst was over, came the deadliest terrorist attack in years: a large pipe-bomb exploded in a waiting hall at Davao International Airport that killed 23, including the suspected bomber, and wounded about 150. Predictably, the MILF's official spokesman was quick to deny responsibility. But police and military intel had no doubt the bombing was the work of a SOG team, and in the planning stages may well have involved Mukhlis Yunos.

If the Abu Sayyaf represented the worst the Philippines has to fear, tackling terror in the Philippines would be, if not easy, at least manageable. Containable militarily, the ASG can be slowly ground down with the assistance in training and equipment the AFP is receiving from the U.S. At the hearts-and-minds level, economic assistance packages to small poverty-stricken island provinces like Jolo and Basilan are not beyond the capacity of international donors.

But with its mass base, large guerrilla force and terrorist capability, the MILF poses far more complex challenges. Hammering it militarily may succeed in breaking-up units and destroying camps; but it will not eradicate either the MILF, or the popular grievances that sustain it. What it may well do is to radicalize its leaders, sharpen the willingness to retaliate with terror and broaden the recruitment base for terrorists within its ranks. The lessons of the West Bank and Gaza Strip are clear enough: Given enough popular anger, extremist organizations and terrorist cells cannot only survive, but recruit and flourish. If Manila is to avoid Israel's agony it needs to talk politics and isolate terror. Soon.

Mike Winchester plans future terrorism-related articles for SOF. ✕

Continued from page 26

the Marine Corps' USSOCOM force. The detachment will be made up of hand-picked Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company Marines, radio operators and specialists in artillery and forward air-control.

Marine officials say the detachment will be trained to conduct special-reconnaissance missions as well as "direct action" rapid strikes to seize, recover or destroy designated personnel or materiel.

The unit will also be trained to conduct long-term foreign internal defense missions to help governments free and protect its society from subversion, lawlessness and insurgency. It also will conduct short-term missions to help friendly government forces carry out specific contingency operations to hunt down terrorists or eliminate training camps or bases.

Non-Denuding Policy Adopted

To allay any fears that forming the unit would denude regular Marine Expeditionary Units of their snake-eater contingents, Marine planners have been careful to mitigate the impact of moving 81 highly-skilled Marines to USSOCOM. Planners have made sure to fill at least a majority of the vacancies left by the Marines joining the SpecOps unit. In some cases, for example, if 10 Marines are taken out of a unit, six will come in to replace them.

"One of the things that, rightly, a lot of the commanders around the Marine Corps were concerned about was that we'd cripple one unit or the other," Kyser said. "We came up with a plan where we could source the unit from throughout

the Marine Corps so that it wouldn't be any undo burden on one unit."

Additionally, to make the idea more palatable for the current members of USSOCOM who might see millions of dollars drained from their own accounts to fund this experimental Marine unit, the Corps agreed to fund the entire two-year "proof of concept" from its own budget. Marine officials hope, however, that the long-term benefits of joining USSOCOM will far outweigh the short-term costs. Tactics and technology used in USSOCOM missions, such as psychological operations, civil affairs and covert aviation operations, could be incorporated into regular Marine missions as a result of the closer cooperation, officials hope.

"There are costs to the Marine Corps in standing up this unit," Kyser said. "But the gain is we expand both the experience and capabilities for these specialists. The Marines who serve with USSOCOM will come back with not only a different degree of training but also a different perspective of how things work."

Change Of Mindset

Though the Corps' SpecOps force is finally beginning to gel, getting here wasn't easy. It took some time for the steely-eyed commando units to accept the idea of bringing Leathernecks into a command the Corps had held at arm's length for 16 years. They've been fighting America's shadow wars for nearly 20 without a bunch of Marines coming to play, why all of a sudden is the Corps wanting to put a team into the big game, many wondered.

"Everybody looked at each other with a lot of suspicion because they didn't know one another very well," Kyser said of the initial meetings with his USSOCOM counterparts.

HOLOGRAPHIC WEAPON SIGHT *Speed...*

Firefights in close quarter environments are won by fast accurate target acquisition. Locking onto the target fast means you win. The alternative is not an option. The HOLOgraphic Weapon sight (HWS) delivers unmatched speed gains... and is the solution.

Multiple threats are a given in tactical situations. Peripheral vision is critical for threat ID and situation awareness. The HWS's tubeless, heads up display allows operators to engage with both eyes open.

Deployed with elite Special Forces and SWAT teams, the HWS features passive operation with no muzzle side signature and compatibility with all night vision systems. The HWS is waterproof, shockproof, fogproof and adapts easily to virtually any tactical weapon platform.

"For Law Enforcement/Military use"

EOTech
Electro-Optics Technologies

www.eotech-inc.com

3600 GREEN COURT
SUITE 400
Ann Arbor, MI 48113
Tel (734)741-8868
Fax(734)741-8221

Made in USA

Means Survival

But both former and current snake-eaters are optimistic that the growing pains can be overcome and that a Marine unit in USSOCOM will be a positive move.

"I think there's a lot to be contributed there," said Eric Haney, retired Army Command Sergeant Major and founding member of the super-secret Delta Force counterterrorism unit. "They're perfect for Special Operations Command because they're light and highly deployable."

But Haney — who recently authored a book about his experiences with the unit — warned that SpecOps Marines would have to shed some of their "Marine-ness" to fit in with their commando counterparts. Special operators are free-thinkers — quiet professionals who don't shout slogans and often question authority, he explained. Marines can tend to be a bit single-minded and a little too gung-ho, especially in the lower ranks, he said.

"There are some real cultural differences," Haney said in an 18 Dec. 2002 interview. "The Marines are going to have to bring all their military attributes to bear but shrug off all their baggage."

Another company-grade Army special warrior on active duty, who preferred not to be named, was strongly in favor of Marines contributing forces to USSOCOM. "I think it's great," he said, dismissing the notion that there were enough special



USMC/Sgt. Stephen Bellville

Marines from 6th Platoon, 2nd Force Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division emerge from Onslow Bay where they practiced combat-dive infiltration/exfiltration techniques wearing full combat equipment. Once in the water, the Marines can quickly move into cover and concealment, and carry out their assigned mission.

operators already without adding Marines to the mix.

"There are no crowded battlefields," he said. "There's a global war on terrorism."

No matter what controversy there may still be, America's commander for operations in Afghanistan, and any possible war with Iraq, is squarely behind the idea.

"The relationship between the United States Marine Corps and special-operations activities I think is a very good one because I think that relationship is, in fact, not duplicative, but rather gives us the ability to be expansive," said Gen. Tommy Franks, head of Central Command, at a 27 Feb. House Armed Services Committee hearing in Washington. "It has to do with skill sets that I believe we recognize may be required in the future."

Kyser expressed confidence that his band of SpecOps Devil Dogs will be the nexus for an even larger force and a lasting presence within USSOCOM.

"Once they get together in the dirt, like they did in Afghanistan, then they'll figure out who's the best tool for the mission," Kyser said. "The possibilities for the future are limitless."

Christian Lowe is a staff writer at Army Times Publishing Company.

Christian Lowe is a staff writer at Army Times Publishing Company.

The Only .50 BMG Adopted for Service Brings the Same Quality to Competition

M82A1

Since its introduction in 1982, the Barrett M82A1 semi-auto rifle has been embraced by 35 armed forces the world over. The deployment of the M82A1 in Desert Storm built the fame, as Barrett's .50 Caliber semi-auto outperformed expectations and set new standards of accuracy and reliability under fire.

Now you can own the same proven quality and design in Barrett's M82A1 civilian model semi-auto. So whether you're a collector, a sportsman or ready to participate in semi-auto competition, you'll have every advantage that comes with Barrett's experience. Add to that the assurance, like all U.S. adopted models, the M82A1 will retain its value, longevity and popularity. And, when you need them, parts and accessories are available generation after generation.

Semi-auto short action reduces felt recoil to the operator

Full length scope and carry handle rail

Dual chamber muzzle brake, removable for barrel changes



82A1M M82A1 99 99-1

BARRETT

FIREARMS

Barrett Firearms Manufacturing, Inc.
P.O. Box 1077, Dept SOF • Murfreesboro, TN USA 37133-1077
Phone: 615-896-2938 • Fax: 615-896-7313
E-mail: mail@barrettrifles.com • www.barrettrifles.com

Afghan Mistakes

Continued from page 34

shed. I was the delegate in charge of peace-making among war-fighters, but I failed because in Kabul fighting started group against group, street by street. Streets became borders and you needed permission to move in Kabul. The city of Kabul was washed from the face of Afghanistan: 50,000 innocent Kabuli were killed and raped. Looting and killing became the routine of the day."

"The Taliban met the need of the time," he said. "The people of Afghanistan were so tired with Rabani's heinous regime, they begged for the return of the Russians. They were much better than the criminals ruling Kabul."

"The Taliban were the students of the *Madrasa*, or religious schools, made of mud and clay without civilization or electricity or bazaars or cities. They were trained with the ideals of 1,400 years ago by the Mullah of Pakistan.

"But the Taliban achieved two things: They destroyed the criminals in Kabul and delivered Afghans from the communists. It became the most peaceful country of any in the world. You could go freely from east to west from north to south. Nobody touched your family, your money. But the Taliban did not know how to run the country because they were dark and they were not educated. They were instruments of their supreme command, the ISI and the

Suffer The Innocents

We spoke with General Safi's wife, who works with non-governmental organizations in London that deal with the Afghan crisis. She confirmed that hundreds of thousands of refugees and those whose homes were bombed are in desperate straights, hundreds dying of cold or illness daily.

From the beginning of the bombing until 6 December 2001, aerial attacks killed an average of 62 civilians a day:

- 11 October 2001, up to 160 died in the bombing of the village Karam.
- 6 civilians were killed in the village of Qalaye Naizi in one incident in December 2001
- 65 tribal elders were killed en route to the presidential inauguration.
- By 3 January 2002, BBC reports that the number of Afghan civilians killed by U.S. bombs was more than 9-11 death toll, a total 3,767 to 5000. We were unable to find a count of non-mortal casualties.

The Guardian reported that of 350,000 refugees in just one camp, Maslakh, 100 die each day of exposure and starvation. The director of Feed the Children is quoted as saying, "I always judge everything by what I have seen in Africa. And this is on the scale of Africa.

Medialens cites a report that said, "the small graves on the edge of the camp give clear evidence that most of the buried are children."

Iraq

DoD reports more than 85,000 Iraqi civilians were killed and wounded in the Gulf War.

And the U.S. Army War College reports that 1.4 million Iraqi civilians died as a result of the U.N. sanctions imposed since the Gulf War. — M.B.

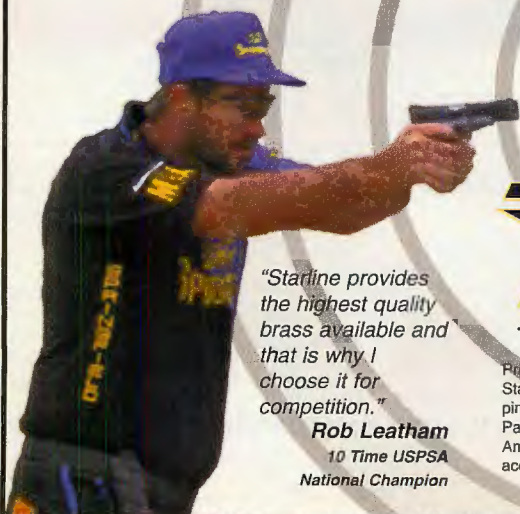
Practice Makes Perfect



Family owned & operated

Increase your practice and decrease your cost. Reload with the best — **Starline Brass**. With Starline, practice makes perfect "cents."

Order Factory Direct
on-line at
www.starlinebrass.com
or call 1-800-280-6660.



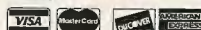
"Starline provides the highest quality brass available and that is why I choose it for competition."

Rob Leatham
10 Time USPSA
National Champion



1300 West Henry Street • Sedalia, MO 65301

Prices include shipping and handling on brass only within the United States except Alaska and Hawaii. Add 35¢ per \$100 ordered for shipping insurance. Prices are subject to change without notice. TERMS: Payment must accompany order: VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, cashier's check, money order, personal checks accepted. Orders subject to check clearance.



NEW ★ UNPRIMED BRASS

CALIBER	250 PAK	500 PAK	1000 PAK
7.62X25 TOKAREV	66.00	111.00	
380 AUTO	41.50	74.50	
9MM	41.50	74.50	
9X21	47.00	79.00	
9MM LARGO	52.00	85.00	
9 SUPER COMP (9 x 23)	59.00	103.00	
9MM MAKAROV	46.00	76.00	
38 SUPER	45.00	75.00	
38 SUPER+P	53.00	96.00	
38 SUPER COMP	57.00	99.00	
38 SPECIAL+P	42.00	71.00	
357 MAG	45.00	75.50	
357 SIG	62.00	102.00	
40 S&W	56.50	98.00	
10MM	58.00	101.00	
44 SPECIAL	57.00	99.00	
44 MAG	560.00	98.00	
44 AUTO MAG	120.00	202.00	
45 AUTO	53.00	93.00	
45 AUTO+P	60.00	108.00	
45 SUPER	68.00	119.00	
460 ROWLAND	84.00	149.00	
454 CASULL	66.00	109.00	197.00

This is a partial list. Call for a complete list of products, prices and delivery.

Mullah of Pakistan.

"Just as the Osama myth was created, the Taliban were demonized.

"To think the Afghani is a member of al-Qaeda is stupid. It is nonsense. Those Afghani cannot understand how to use a proper toilet, how to eat proper and sit on a chair at a table. How can they be the sophisticated al-Qaeda, who orchestrated the attacks against America?"

"The most influential Taliban were innocent boys who did not understand politics. I can tell you none of those Afghans that the Americans have in Cuba as prisoners are al-Qaeda. How can they come to cities to orchestrate terrorist acts? When you come to London you need at least three or four years to know your left and right. This is stupid to say an Afghan is al-Qaeda.

"Congressman Dana Rohrabacker wrote that the Taliban is the great element to fight against those criminals but suddenly it changed. The Taliban became demonized. The Taliban, Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda have been very misinterpreted in the Western media.

"We Afghans never were terrorists. We don't need terrorists and we don't need fundamentalists."

Afghanistan — Where Allies Created Monster "Ruling Machine"

"You ask me why I am not cooperating with the present president of Afghanistan, Mr. Karzai. Mr Karzai, as was his father, is my friend. Just as Mr. Najeeb was the puppet of the Soviets after they withdrew, Mr. Karzai became the puppet of the Americans. Unfortunately, today the Afghan administration is being run by criminals who are on the list of war criminals in the U.N.

"When the ruling machine was kicked out of Kabul after the

latest bombing, the Americans divided the country and gave their choice of leadership, the communists, a new name — the Northern Alliance. Northern Alliance is the enemy of Afghanistan. I cannot set around the table with those criminals.

"Maybe the Middle Easterners have reason to be al-Qaeda or terrorist, but we Afghans have no reason to be the enemy of America. We are tired. We are angry. We need to be helped, to be befriended.

Yes, you can blame the Taliban. But you blame the soldier. Why are you not blaming the commander who is sitting in Pakistan making bargains for Afghanistan. The authority of Pakistan tells the American 'We are in trouble. Afghanistan is the mother of fundamentalists. Please help us. Please give us money. Please keep us in Power.' That is wrong. That is like some magic they are playing with America. All these terrorists have their bank account, their money and training in Pakistan. It is all for the Kashmir.

"You Americans told me, 'Safi, when the Soviets withdraw, we will build schools, give medicine, we will give you tractors for your food to improve the country.' Instead, you give gun or machine gun. Today Afghanistan still has the same looting, killing warlords. There is no central government, no central authority and we watch while America plays its own game and as you invite the Russians back to Afghanistan.

"We are tired of war. We do not have a skill or education.

"As long as Kashmir exists there will be terrorist training. As long as Palestine problem exist there will be problems. As long as the American forces exist in Saudi and the Middle East, there will be trouble.

"And, for God's sake, do not damage Afghanistan any more." ✕

SOFT-SHIRTS



#T013 CLOSEOUT
SOF 2001 MATCH
Heavy 100% cotton tee
M-L-XL \$10 ea
XXL-XXXL \$10 ea



#T011 CLOSEOUT
Terrorism Stops Here!
white 100% cotton tee
M-L-XL \$10 ea
XXL-XXXL \$10 ea



#T008 (green)
SOF, The Journal Of Professional Adventurers.
Heavyweight 100% cotton with subtle left chest logo.
M-L-XL \$15 ea XXL-XXXL \$17 ea



#T009 (blue)
SOF, The Journal Of Professional Adventurers.
Heavyweight 100% cotton with subtle left chest logo.
M-L-XL \$15 ea XXL-XXXL \$17 ea



#T003
Try Burning This One!
white 100% cotton tee
M-L-XL \$15
XXL-XXXL \$17 ea



#T001
MP5 black 50/50 T-shirt
with left chest logo.
M-L-XL \$15 ea;
XXL-XXXL \$17 ea



#T002
Rhodesian Army
white 100% cotton tee
M-L-XL \$15 ea
XXL-XXXL \$17 ea

ORDERING INFO	Circle Size	Quantity	Price	Total
#T001 MP5 Shirt	M L XL	@	\$15.00	
#T001 MP5 Shirt	XXL XXXL	@	\$17.00	
#T002 Rhodesian Army Shirt	M L XL	@	\$15.00	
#T002 Rhodesian Army Shirt	XXL XXXL	@	\$17.00	
#T003 Try Burning This One! Shirt	M L XL	@	\$15.00	
#T003 Try Burning This One! Shirt	XXL XXXL	@	\$17.00	
#T008 SOF Covert Ops (green)	M L XL	@	\$15.00	
#T008 SOF Covert Ops (green)	XXL-XXXL	@	\$17.00	
#T009 SOF Covert Ops (blue)	M L XL	@	\$15.00	
#T009 SOF Covert Ops (blue)	XXL-XXXL	@	\$17.00	
#T011 Terrorism Stops Here! CLOSEOUT!	M L XL	@	\$10.00	
#T011 Terrorism Stops Here! CLOSEOUT!	XXL XXXL	@	\$10.00	
#T013 SOF 2001 3-Gun Match CLOSEOUT!	M L XL	@	\$10.00	
#T013 SOF 2001 3-Gun Match CLOSEOUT!	XXL XXXL	@	\$10.00	

Shipping & Handling: \$4 /1st item; \$1.50 each add'l item. Sales tax may apply.

SEND Check/MC/MC/Visa To:
SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
5735 Arapahoe Ave., Ste. A5
Boulder, CO 80303
or **ORDER ONLINE AT** www.sofmag.com

ORDER TOLL FREE:
800-800-7630

NAME: _____ **TOTAL** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

ALLOW 2-3 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

74

SUPPORT THE TROOPS! • www.sofmag.com • SOLDIER OF FORTUNE ✕ JUNE 2003

Re: Saddam's NBC Capabilities

Gen. Doesburg: "When you look at biological warfare agents, there are three important things to look at. First, can they make it? Can they get what they need so that they can make a biological warfare agent? That's not extremely difficult science. If you go out on the Internet and you so desire, you can go out and look; there are groups out there who even talk about how you



can, in fact make a biological warfare agent. The next most difficult step is now you've got to be able to put it into a usable form. That's probably the most difficult step, because the difficulty with most biological warfare agents is, they are not very robust. They actually, under exposure of extremes of heat, light and cold, die, because — think about it — they're living organism. That's how they operate. So you have to make it into a usable form. Then once you put it into a usable form, you then have to have a dissemination means which is not as catastrophic or would not be catastrophic to the biological warfare agent — meaning exposing it to

that heat, that light or that extreme cold in the process of putting it out there. As a consequence, there are selective agents which do very well. Anthrax, which you've heard about for years, is one of those because it's very robust. Many of the others are not as robust. And so you prioritize, and you focus on those that you think potentially are the most usable. The same applies to your chemical agents. Today in Washington D.C. mustard agent would, in fact, be frozen. It freezes at roughly 56 to 58 degrees Fahrenheit.

And it's not in a usable form. VX, because it's a liquid and it's meant for contact, in these particular environments, is not going to off-gas much because of the cold. And nerve agent GB or Sarin will in fact stay fairly low to the ground and not spread large distances because of the cold. Obviously, you can look at that differently when you look at extreme heat. Now what you have is a problem with GB, in that it evaporates very, very quickly. And while VX is a contact hazard, it will start to evaporate and you'll start to have a problem. Mustard agent will do the same thing. It will now no longer be a solid, it will go into a liquid form. So all of those are things that we have to take into account, as we look at chemical and biological agents, in how we, in fact protect our soldiers and then detect those agents if they're ever used.

"As you start reaching some of the higher extremes in temperature that you may in fact see in the Middle East, the non-persistent agents basically are non-persistent for extremely short periods of time, which is important for our soldiers to know and important as part of the intelligence gathering that we may do. For the non-persistent agents, they will tend to vaporize at a higher temperature and will in fact off-gas. For your biological warfare agents, of critical importance, particularly as you move into spring and summer, is the amount of light that's there. Many of your biological warfare agents do not do well under extreme UV [ultra violet light]. And as a consequence, as you get to where the sun is more direct, you have a problem with those being viable.

TAPCO



shooting and military gear



Providing cutting edge accessories for the worlds most advanced firearms since 1987. When serious shooters need serious equipment, they look to **TAPCO**. Request a free 60 page catalog today, then log on to www.TAPCO.com to check out the newest products available.

Parts available for :

AK HK
SKS UZI
CETME NAGANT
AR15 / M16
Plus Others!

TAPCO

1.800.554.1445 (phone)
1.800.226.1662 (fax)

PO Box 2408 Source: SOF0503
Kennesaw, GA 30156-2408

www.TAPCO.com

TOUGH, ACCURATE, RELIABLE



AR-2A on M-4 with optional TL-2 light

FEATURES

- Waterproof to 30 meters
- Mounting system allows the user to mount both the laser and the optional TL-2 flashlight
- Laser mounts on front sight cage in line with the barrel
- Provides up to five hours of operation with a single AA battery
- No tools necessary to adjust windage and elevation
- Windage and elevation adjustable in precise 0.4 milliradian clicks
- Activates using a pressure pad switch
- No modification to the rifle is required



LASER DEVICES, INC.

2 Harris Court, A-4 Monterey, CA 93940
800-235-2162 www.laserdevices.com

Made in USA



As you look at potential scenarios that are there, night-time use is probably the highest likelihood. It's also the best temperature inversions that you may have for widespread use.

"The Iraqi capability is extremely limited. And we have — and I don't want to overstate it, but a hundred percent better capability to operate in the environment, a chemical and biological environment, than the Iraqis do.

"As any other country who looks at the possible employment of chemical or biological agents, they look at aerial delivery, they look at missile delivery, and then they look at artillery delivery, basically a spectrum of capabilities. There's also the possibility that their special operations capability could, in fact, employ them. But that would be against very selected targets and very small amounts because it's being carried in by humans rather than larger employment methods."

Re: Saddam's NBC Training And Equipping His Troops

Gen. Doesburg: "They have the Republican Guard, which are the highest-trained and have the best weapons and the best protective measures, and then you have all the way down to their irregular forces, which are less well-equipped and less well-trained. Because of that, across the board, their ability to both protect themselves and to be aware of the potential employment by Saddam of chemical weapons is not good. That doesn't mean that he won't do it. Just that his soldiers are not well trained, either in the employment or protection against chemical or biological agents"

Re: Saddam's NBC Intentions

Gen. Doesburg: "We need to understand Saddam Hussein, and every once in a while you have to go back in history to understand an individual. And most of us have forgotten the Iraq-Iran war, and that in fact, Saddam used chemical agents during the Iraq-Iran war. He also used them against his own countrymen, the Kurds, and he used nerve agent against them. During the Iraq-Iran war he used both mustard agent and nerve agents. He used classic employment and what I mean by classic employment is that if you were to look at any of the old books that were out there from the days we had an offensive program, you'd see that exact sort of employment, using a persistent agent along the front lines and then using your non-persistent agents to the



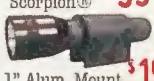
EMERALD 4X SERIES

TRIRAIL™ SYSTEM

TriRail™ Scope \$129⁹⁹



Streamlight Scorpion® \$39⁹⁹



1" Alum. Mount \$19⁹⁹

LaserLyte® Laser



with Alum. Mount \$69⁹⁹



Scope Mounts Available for AR-15, AK, SKS, Mini-14, Ruger 10/22

TriRails™ provide a compact platform to mount laser/light accessories. Seen only in the highest quality optics, the TriRail™ Scope is precision-crafted from a SINGLE billet of Aircraft Grade Aluminum. The nitrogen-filled, one-piece tube eliminates fogging. Ideal for extreme weather or terrain. "Camera quality" lenses provide exceptional clarity & sharp focus. Lenses are multi-coated for increased light gathering—especially important under low light conditions. Lifetime warranty.

www.TriRailScope.com **CLEARVIEW**
800-225-5790

UPS Shipping Only \$6.50 • Secure Online Ordering • 102 Fieldview Dr • Versailles • KY • 40383 • Fax 859-879-9249

rear so that as you made a breakthrough that you can move into that particular area. Now why is it important to understand history? Because we know how he used his tactics. What we do know is that everyone moves forward. And so we have to understand that and we have to be prepared for potential different uses for employment. I think the biggest thing that we need to look at is that during the Gulf War, he had the same capability that he has today, and he didn't use them when he had the opportunity. Because of that, first, we need to be concerned, because he's used it in the past. But second, we need to understand fully that he probably has some grave reservations about using those chemical and biological agents. But we're going to be prepared"

"Saddam used chemical and biological agents against Iran and he used them against the Kurds. And you can never mistake the fact that he's used them in the past and inside his mind is something that says, against everything that we know and everything that we feel in the world, that its okay to use chemical agents, because he's done it."

"A key battle in the Iraq-Iran war was the battle for Basra. If he didn't take back Basra from the Iranians, he had lost his access to the sea. And that's probably the largest battle and the largest amount of chemical agents that he used. I had the distinct displeasure of having been in Geneva, during the time that he was using chemical agents and I was participating in the chemical weapons negotiations. I will never forget an Iranian diplomat who came forward with a picture book of the exposures to mustard agent and what it had done. Probably most disturbing wasn't just soldiers, it was also women and children that that he had exposed to mustard agent."

Re: Destroying Saddam's Chemical Biological Stores And The Memory Of Khamisiyah

Following the first Gulf War between 4-10 March 1991, ammunition bunkers at Khamisiyah, in southern Iraq, were blown up by American forces. The bunkers contained 4.8 tons of Sarin gas which was released into the atmosphere. Troops downwind were exposed to the fallout of nerve agents and Khamisiyah has been suspect in causing Gulf War Syndrome. The Pentagon did not inform ailing veterans or the American public about the destruction of Khamisiyah and the ensuing

PROFESSIONAL LOCKSMITHING TOOLS

MONTHLY SPECIAL

RECEIVE A COMBINATION SET (INCLUDES 5 ITEMS)

- 1-MD-16 DELUXE SET \$59.95
- 1- SCHLAGE WAFER SET \$29.95
- 1-SESAMEE DECODER \$17.95
- 1- WKS PICKS \$9.95
- 1- DOUBLE SIDED TUMBLER PICKS \$19.95

A VALUE OF \$137.75

NOW AT A LOW PRICE OF \$89.95

MD-16 DELUXE SET SCHLAGE WAFER SET

DOUBLE SIDED TUMBLER PICKS WKS PICKS SESAMEE DECODER

ALL OUT-OF-PRINT BOOKS IN STOCK!

Catalog \$3.00 — FREE with order. Allow three weeks delivery on personal check orders. Money Orders ship same day received.

NEW! All major credit cards accepted.



The law requires all purchases be made in good faith, without make believe or fraud by genuine persons within the industry.

SUPER SPECIAL

INCLUDES 4 ITEMS

- 1-LOCKGUN
- 1-ESP 13 LOCKSMITHING KIT
- 1-SET OF WARDDED KEYS
- 1-COPY OF THE BOOK 'LOCKPICKING SIMPLIFIED'



A VALUE OF \$124.40 NOW

SUPER SPECIAL \$79.95



Send Payment To:
STEVE ARNOLD'S GUN ROOM
 P.O. Box 68, Dept. SF08
 Dexter, OR 97431
 (541) 726-6360
 www.gun-room.com

Postage & handling \$8.00. Overseas postage add 30% of total. Must be 18 years of age.

To The Point®

"There are two ways to know what's really going on in the world:

- ✓ Subscribe to *Soldier of Fortune*.
- ✓ Subscribe to my friend Jack Wheeler's *To The Point*®

You need to do both"

—Col. Robert K. Brown

To The Point®

Your private geopolitical intelligence service from "The Indiana Jones of the Right," Dr. Jack Wheeler, and his worldwide sources.

Sign up for free email reports today.

Go to
www.tothepointnews.com
 or call **301-657-9482**

CASPIAN



e: casplanam@aol.com
 p: 802.472.6454 f: 802.472.6709
www.casplanams.com

hazard to troops until two years later.

Gen. Doesburg: "We spent a lot of time studying issues like Kamisiyan after the Gulf War. And as we look at the potential for conflict with Iraq again, knowing that they potentially have chemical and biological agents, and have them in storage, we've looked at the methodology that we will use to in fact first identify those sites, and then two, secure those sites to eventually destroy the chemical and biological agents that might be there. There's a lot of technology that's been developed since the Gulf War. There are specialized units, some of them in the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, some of them in Technical Escort Unit and my Chem-Bio Rapid Response Team and you can expect they are there in theater. Destruction of chemical and biological agents depends on what agent you're dealing with. Burning is not a preferred method of destruction. We use a normal demilitarization process, something called the Explosive Destruction System, which allows us to contain it. There are other technologies that are available for large numbers of potential chemical agents that are out there.

"Biological warfare agents on the other hand, by and large, exposure to extreme heat will kill bacteria and viruses. We would rather secure these sites than bomb them, because we want to fully investigate it. Saddam mixed things in his depots and weapons storage sites. You don't want to make any mistakes. You don't want to say it's purely conventional munitions and miss the chemical munitions. You don't want to say it's purely chemical and find out it's a majority of conventional weapons. You want to make sure you fully understand what's there before you take remediation measures."

Re: Tracking Saddam's NBC Intentions

Gen. Doesburg: "From a strategic sense, we have to be able to identify what his employment means are. If we can identify his employment means we'll take it out and we'll kill it. So that becomes very critical to us, what he used to employ it, because then we can backtrack and we can find it and we can kill those areas — or destroy those areas. From an operational perspective, you can anticipate that we're looking for that. From a tactical perspective, as you look at the battlefield, unless he plans on causing adverse action for his own soldiers, we will see indications at a tactical level that his soldiers are

preparing for particular use of a potential use of chemical or biological agents. So all of that is looked at, it's constant, it's ongoing. It's something that's deep within our intelligence community, deep within our operational community to look for."

Re: The Sentinel Chicken Defense

News agency stories from Kuwait recently reported the U.S. Military using chickens as a gage of chemical and biological attack danger.

Gen. Reeves: "Well, first of all it was the Marine Corps and not the Army that was deploying the chickens. I'm sure this is well intended, and based on the idea of the canaries in the mine, where you know, when the canary had enough methane, why, the canary stopped singing. That's an important point because if the miners waited until the canary was dead, they'd probably be dead too. Methane, which the miners were concerned about and never agents act on the body entirely differently, and it's a little bit counter-intuitive. It actually takes more nerve agent to kill a small animal than it does to kill a human. In fact it takes almost 10 times more to kill a small animal than it does a human. So we've suggested this may not be such a good idea. When it comes to things like liquid nerve agents, like VX, we're afraid the feathers actually would provide some protection to the chicken. And finally having had a great uncle with a chicken farm, [I know that] chickens are spectacularly nervous animals. They will literally worry themselves to death. And we're a little bit concerned, as a practical matter, if you've got a bunch of chickens in a hot environment with a lot of dust, what are you going to do when the chicken dies and how do you decide whether or not you've really got nerve agent attack. So we've kind of suggested this may not be such a good idea."

Gen. Doesburg: "Our young soldiers are in fact trained and ready. The equipment is the best in the world. They have been trained at our national training centers like Fort Leonard Wood, they've trained at home station and now they're training while they're over in the Gulf. Our young soldiers are trained and ready and their equipment is world class."

SOF reporter Don North is currently embedded with American forces in Kuwait. ✕

SOF SOG SHIRT



Colorful large back image with front left chest logo. Black heavyweight 100% cotton.

M-L-XL \$15 ea XXL-XXXL \$17 ea

ORDER ONLINE AT www.sofmag.com
CREDIT CARDS TOLL FREE: 800-800-7630

ORDERING INFO	Circle Size	Quantity	Price	Sub Total
#T0010 SOF SOG Shirt	M-L-XL	Ⓢ	\$15.00	
#T0010x SOF SOG Shirt	XXL-XXXL	Ⓢ	\$17.00	

Shipping & Handling: \$4 /1st Item; \$1.50 each add'l Item.

Sales tax may apply. Allow 2-3 weeks delivery. **TOTAL**

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
 5735 Arapahoe, Ste. A5, Boulder, CO 80303

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

© 2003 Soldier of Fortune & Company, Inc. All rights reserved.

Zimbabwe Hunters: Heads Up!

As the gang of thugs in control of Zimbabwe increases their stranglehold on the politics and commerce of that beleaguered nation, the White House, to its credit, is doing what it can to ensure that American dollars do not end up in the pockets of those criminals who have taken over the country and are abusing its people and resources. By executive order, as of 7 March 2003 it is illegal for American citizens to do commercial business with 77 specified bureaucrats — or with anyone acting on their behalf or in their employ. Any effort to thwart this gang of rapine thieves is good news —

By executive order, it is illegal for American citizens to do commercial business with 77 specified bureaucrats — or with anyone acting on their behalf or in their employ.

but there may be an element of bad news in the executive order for anyone who has booked a hunt with a company owned by, or with a PH in the employ of, any of the proscribed individuals. It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that those he deals with are “clean” — and penalties that can be applied to those who ignore these sanctions can be enormous: up to \$500,000 in fines and up to 10 years in jail. There is a certain amount of ambiguity attached to this matter, and the list of proscribed individuals is subject to change or modification. For clarification, contact the two federal agencies involved: the U.S. Department of State, and the Department of the Treasury. For information on the right desk within these agencies to get the information you need, we suggest a call to the Federal Information Center: 800-359-3997 or 800-688-9889. Climb through the telephone tree, and you will talk to individuals who in our experience have always been hardworking, competent and helpful. ✕

Extensive Usage by Professionals in Law Enforcement Training and Movie Industry!



VGP023TS
Full Metal
Elite Gas Gun
\$134.99

VGP023TM
Full Metal
Elite Gas Gun
\$134.99



VJER034 MP5 R.A.S. from Tokyo Marui
FREE rifle bag, battery, charger & shipping for only \$349.99!

- Full automatic/electric fire subguns!
- No FFL required!
- Metallic hollow points available!
- Wide selection, low prices!

Call for Store Locations!

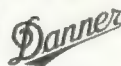


Order Today!

Toll FREE 1-866-JUNGLE-6

Pricing Subject to Change Without Notice

Time for Boot Camp!



- **Combat Boots**
Goretex • Desert • Jungle
- **Premium boots for Military, Law Enforcement and Public Safety**
- **Mens and Womens sizes from 1 to 16, All widths**
- **Mil Spec Gear, 100's of Brands "On Line" Good to Go!**

BLACKHAWK!

COLUMBIA RIVER

ORIGINAL S.W.A.T.



800-282-3327

ASK FOR FREE CATALOG



When in Texas visit our 2 Retail Stores:
Hwy. 121 @ Harwood, Bedford, TX
N. Central Expwy. @ Beltline, Richardson, TX

I Would Like Your Advice

Andrew Molchan is the editor of American Firearms Industry, president of the Professional Gun Retailers Association, and The National Association of Federally Licensed Firearms Dealers. They are the largest, and oldest gun retailer associations in America.

Andrew has completed the first novel in his *John Dagon* seven book series. Andy has written magazine articles for years, but is new to fiction writing. He would like your opinion, views and your suggestions. There is nothing to buy. The entire novel can be seen on the website: www.amfire.com. Look for *John Dagon-All The Time In The World* on the Home Page.

Email or fax your comments to:
954-467-9910
or andy@amfire.com
Please attach a return number or email address. Thank you.



280 Pages of classic "Andy" writing, with an action / adventure story.

SOUTHORD



Precision, professional locksmith tools. Fully hardened spring stainless steel picks. Closes into to a fully self-contained tool that can be carried in the pocket or on a key ring!

JPXS-6 Alloy Handle \$37.95
JPXS-6F Fiberglass Handle \$21.95
Shipping additional (per order) \$5.85

CHECK, MONEY ORDER, VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, OPTIMA

Call, email, or write for our free catalog

Southern Ordnance
PMB 280
380 South SR 434 #1004
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Phone Toll Free: 877-667-7292 Phone: 407-774-7078
Fax Toll Free: 800-854-1930 Fax: 810-821-8263
Email: sales@southord.com

www.southord.com

By placing an order, the buyer asserts, without fraud or deception to be a bona fide member of the locksmithing industry, or other qualified person

Hunt The World with Thomas A. Hunt



Personally
arranging the
finest, affordable
adventures
worldwide

Hunting, Fishing, Adventure Travel, Photographic

North America, New Zealand
Australia, Canada, Mexico, Asia

Specializing in Africa
with complete safaris from \$2495.

Call today for a list of discounted trips.

Phone 508-543-0294

E-mail: hunttheworld@juno.com

Command Guidance

Continued from page 6

anointed pressies, the only way you could get to the action was to lie, cheat and dissemble.

Prior to the invasion of Kuwait in '91, to get out of Riyadh, myself and the military correspondent for a major monthly donned desert cammies, with no insignia, and floppy hats with airborne wings and passed ourselves off as CIA operatives.

For instance, on one occasion, we wrote a phony letter to Brigadier General Edison Scholes, Chief of Staff of the 18th Airborne Corps. We drove to the the perimeter of the airbase, our vehicle decked out with an orange aircraft-recognition panel on the roof and upside-down Vs on the doors and hood. A young MP looked at us and said, "Oh, you guys are special operations." We just sort of nodded.

"Do you know 'Orbit'?" he asked.

"Huh? We responded.

"That's the challenge; you're supposed to say 'Grammar.' That's the response." We told him we had been out of comm.

"Oh, OK. Well, 'Orbit/Grammar' is the challenge and response. At midnight it becomes 'Bearskin/Soapbox,' he said. We drove in ...

When it became obvious the invasion was about to kick-off, I linked-up with a Rhodesian ex-pat, Tim Lambon, who had painted his leased four-wheel-drive vehicle in vinyl-acrylic desert tan with the inverted "Vs" and orange I.D. panel on top. (Never did hear what the leasing agency said when he returned the vehicle). We motored up to a dismal 1/2-star hotel in the equally dismal town of Hafar Al Batin, where I then joined-up with a Saudi sheik to whom I had given an Al Mar knife on a previous visit. He offered to put us up in his "suite" which consisted of two dismal rooms instead of one.

About 0300 hrs., talking-head Forest Sawyer, at that time with ABC, burst into our suite and implored me to convince the sheik to allow he and his satellite crew assistance to get them up with the Egyptians. The sheik agreed to my request to assist Sawyer and arranged for them to link-up with a Saudi Armored unit. I decided to tag along with Sawyer's crew.

On 25 February, I looked over the shoulder of the ABC production chief as he read a note from Sawyer, who by this time was several clicks closer to the

The Only True U.S. Made FAL Rifle -- The Choice of Professionals

The SA58™ THE 21ST CENTURY FAL

NEW CALIBERS

In addition to
.308 Caliber
• .243 Caliber
• .260 Caliber

Limited Supply



FURNITURE OPTIONS

- Black, Green or Camo Synthetic Furniture
- The "X" Series Target Stock
- The FAS Handguard System

DSA
USA INC.
SYSTEMS SECOND TO NONE

www.dsarms.com • dsarms@earthlink.net

P.O. BOX 370 • BARRINGTON, IL 60011 • TEL: 847-277-7258 • FAX: 847-277-7259

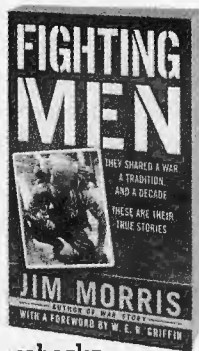
PROFILES OF MEN WHO FOUGHT—AND DIED—IN VIETNAM

"Fascinating stories—heroic and tragic."

—John M. Vecchio, author of *The Thirteenth Valley*

"Terrific! Rock-solid writing, tough and true."

—Tim O'Brien, author of *The Things They Carried*



AVAILABLE WHEREVER BOOKS ARE SOLD.

St. Martin's Paperbacks

front. It said, "Lose Brown," I told the producer I saw the note and would strike out on my own.

I was 70 clicks out in the desert with no ride but managed to run onto Don North, who had contracted with the Saudi Defense Ministry to cover the war. He, in turn, was riding with a Saudi prince. And so I motored into Kuwait City, in style, through the cheering crowds as one of the first reporters on the scene. I still owe that maggot Sawyer a punch in the mouth.

This go 'round, we are covering the war with:

- 1) Don North, who is "embedded" with the 101st Airborne.
- 2) Dale B. Cooper, who is "embedded" with the Marines.
- 3) Nate Thayer, whose last known location was in Baghdad.
- 4) Jim Bartlett, who is en route to Iraq.
- 5) Rob Krott, who is also en route to Iraq.

SOF set this up without any help from the "Colonel Blimps" at the Pentagon. Therefore, expect to see some superlative war coverage starting in our July issue. And, by the way, SOFers, thanks for your ongoing support. Pray for our troops! ☒

NEVER FORGET 9/11

"Let's Roll!"



September 11, 2001



M • L • XL \$15.00
XXL • XXXL \$17.00

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
MAGAZINE

Printed Full Color on White 100% Cotton Tee.

SOF will donate \$1.00 for each shirt sold to a 9/11 charity to be determined. Wear your patriotism and help out a good cause!

ORDER ONLINE AT www.sofmag.com

ORDERING INFO	Circle Size	Quantity	Price	Sub Total
#T014 Let's Roll T-shirt	M L XL	@	\$15.00	
#T014x Let's Roll T-shirt	XXL XXXL	@	\$17.00	
			TOTAL	

S&H: \$4 /1st Item; \$1.50 each add'l Item. Sales tax may apply.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ALLOW 2-3 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

Send Check/MO/MC/Visa To:

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

5735 Arapahoe, Ste. A-5, Boulder, CO 80303

CREDIT CARDS TOLL FREE: 800-800-7630

COLLECTOR'S ISSUES

SPECIAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE
SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
 The Journal of Professional Adventurers

AUGUST 85
 War Around the World! Afghan Jihad, Africa in flames, under fire in El Salvador, Middle East meltdowns, B&B profile, SOF's rookies' gallery.

15TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE
SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

OCTOBER 90
 Revolution in Liberia; coup in Ecuador, POW rescue mission in Vietnam; merce in Sarinane, BASE jumping, SOF trains contras; 15 years of weapons coups for SOF.

Each issue \$5, including domestic postage and handling. Write, fax or e-mail to request a comprehensive list of available issues and quantity discounts.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
 5735 Arapahoe Ave., Suite A-5,
 Boulder, CO 80303 • Fax: 303-444-5617

The Classic SOF Cap

Soldier Of Fortune Magazine heavy-duty embroidered cap. High-quality black knit lid with red felt brim. Adjustable.

\$17.95



#H001

ORDER ONLINE AT www.sofmag.com

Made in USA

Send Check/MO/MC/Visa To:
SOLDIER OF FORTUNE
 5735 Arapahoe, Ste. A5
 Boulder, CO 80303

CREDIT CARDS TOLL FREE:
800-800-7630

ORDERING INFO	Quantity	Price	Sub Total
#H001 SOF Embroidered Cap	@	\$17.95	
Shipping & Handling: \$4 /1st Item; \$1.50 each add'l Item. Sales tax may apply.			
TOTAL			

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ALLOW 2-3 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

SOF logo is a registered trademark. © SOF 2003



Sound Off

BY COL. DAVID H. HACKWORTH, USA (RET.)

Pledge Allegiance To Our Troops

The horror of another violent war is “Blowin’ in the Wind,” once again polarizing our nation and stirring up the same passions that the Vietnam War visited upon a divided country in the mid-1960s to mid-1970s.

Back then, millions of people — young and old, rich and poor — defied authority in protest, burning cities and blocking troop trains, while American soldiers confronted their fellow citizens with rifles loaded and fixed bayonets unsheathed.

During that devastating decade, millions of ordinary Americans became totally alienated from both our elected leaders and the political process, many doing their level best to turn the United States into an anarchistic banana republic. Yet even though a surprising number of the “You can’t trust anyone over 30” generation are now the graying power brokers running our country and calling for regime change in Iraq, they ironically have been among the first to demonize any and all citizens opposed to the military solution, labeling them turncoats and charging them with turning their backs on our president, our flag and this republic.

Retired four-star Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni — one of my all-time heroes — was recently publicly termed “that traitor” by a top Bush aide when Zinni dared to exercise his freedom of speech by sounding off against war with Iraq.

And as was the case during the Vietnam War, those opposed to a duel in the desert are just as meanly attacking the nearest and dearest of serving defenders, as well as the soldiers themselves. Even supposedly pacifist university faculty members are aggressive toward pro-war students if they suggest “rallying around the flag.” An Army ROTC college student says one of his professors went so far as to threaten to flunk him. “Stop spouting your pro-Iraqi War diatribe in my classroom,” he was warned.

In 1964, before U.S. conventional troops were deployed to Vietnam, my professors laid the same message on me when I was vocal in my belief that LBJ was right regarding the Vietnam War. Both the president and I turned out to be dead wrong, but so were my professors’ threats and the actions of the dissenters on both sides of the war-and-peace issue, then and now.

So once again, both the hawks and the doves are all too frequently accelerating the debate from jeering and name-calling to full-on close combat, actually clashing on the



streets in bloody conflict — even though a major lesson learned from the Vietnam War was that our nation couldn’t win without the full support of its people.

Another hard lesson we obviously didn’t learn well enough was not to attack our warriors or their families. Sure, it’s the democratic way to openly agree or disagree, but it shouldn’t be the American way to vent on the defenders of our land or their loved ones. Just as the war in Vietnam wasn’t of the troops’ making, neither is the war with Iraq.

Our soldiers enforce policy, they don’t make it. Attacking all-volunteer troopers who joined up to defend America won’t resolve whether war with Iraq is moral or immoral, but as with Vietnam, it surely will reduce their fighting spirit and throw them off their life-or-death game.

In the ‘60s it was “Hell, no, we won’t go!” Now it’s “Hey, hey, ho, ho, we’re not fighting for Texaco.”

Back then, our heroes were routinely shamed en route home from the battlefield, spat upon and called “baby killers” for answering their country’s call. Those stalwart fighters, caught up in a wrongheaded conflict where they fought with great guts, still haven’t fully recovered from the emotional scars inflicted upon them by unthinking citizens who blamed them for our duly elected politicians’ bad war.

Nor have they yet to be truly welcomed home or thanked and honored for their noble service “on behalf of a grateful nation.”

So if you agree with the president, let him and his gang know you’re right there behind them. And if you disagree with the war, by all means lean on your politicians and try to make democracy work.

But lay off the troops, their kids and their families.

Hawk, dove or somewhere in between, we must learn from the Vietnam experience to always support the members of our armed forces and their families “all the way.”

<http://www.hackworth.com> is the address of

David Hackworth’s homepage.

Send mail to P.O. Box 11179, Greenwich, CT 06831.

Look for his new book, *Steel My Soldiers’ Hearts*, (Rugged Land LLC, New York City).

© 2003 David H. Hackworth

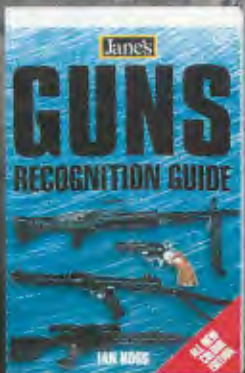
Have we reached the high point of firearm development?

Your gun, tactic and technology questions are answered on our pages.



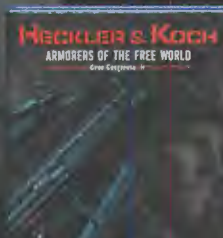
Take 4 books for 98¢ each

with membership



Jane's—the ultimate authority—offers the firearms buff all the info he could ask for on pistols, revolvers, submachine guns, bolt action rifles, automatic rifles and machine guns. Color photos throughout.

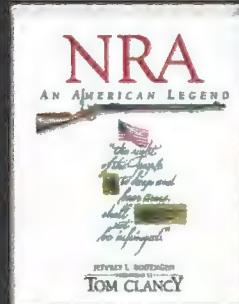
7526+ \$24.95 98¢



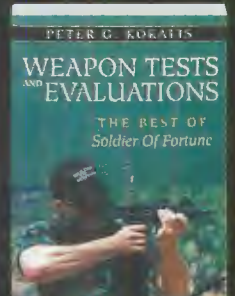
#8045-9999 \$24.99x \$1.96



8110 \$24.00 98¢



#7872-9999 \$39.95 \$1.96



7302 \$45.00 98¢

Join us online @ www.JoinMilitaryBookClub.com
or AOL Keyword: Military Book Club



#7641-9999 \$34.95 \$1.96



7252 \$29.95 98¢



6734+ \$27.95 98¢



5389 \$22.95 98¢

A563 SOF 6/1/03



Join Online at
www.JoinMilitaryBookClub.com
Or AOL Keyword: Military Book Club
Online Code: HS213

YES! Please enroll me in *The Military Book Club*® according to the risk-free membership plan described in this ad. Send me the 4 BOOKS I've indicated. Bill me just 98¢ each, plus shipping and handling. I agree to buy 4 more books within the next 2 years.

Mr. _____
Mrs./Ms. _____ (please print)

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home telephone, please: (____) _____

Please sign
(if under 18, parent must sign) _____

Please write book numbers here:

If you select a book that counts as 2 choices, write the first 4 digits of the book number in one row of boxes and 9999 in the next.

Members accepted in U.S.A. and Canada only. Sales tax added where applicable. Membership subject to approval. Canadian members serviced from Canada where offer is slightly different.

SAVE MORE NOW! Send me this book now and reduce my commitment to 3 books. Bill me an added \$5.99, plus shipping and handling. (Books that count as 2 choices are not eligible.)

Please write 5th book number here:

--	--	--	--

47 ### ## 84 93 HS213

Take **4**
books for
98¢ each

with membership



Join us online @

www.JoinMilitaryBookClub.com
or AOL Keyword: Military Book Club

MEDAL OF HONOR ALLEN MIKELLAN MILL WALLACE 6908 \$26.95 98¢	BULLET'S EYES A STORY OF THE MIDWESTERN FRONT 7905 \$19.99x 98¢	CIVIL WAR MEDICINE 7609 \$19.99x 98¢	BLITZKRIEG 6957 \$34.96 98¢	WORLD WAR II ON THE WEB HOW ALL FOUGHT L. DOUGLAS SMITH and RICHARD JENSEN 7849+ \$23.95 98¢	HITLER'S ARCTIC WAR LYNN BERRY, DANIEL JOHNSON 7559 \$24.95 98¢	HELL ON THE WESTERN FRONT 7914 \$24.95 98¢	
A GLORIOUS WAY TO DIE RECALL SMITH 7973 \$19.99 98¢	HELL WOULDN'T STOP CAROL J. WILSON 7856 \$26.00 98¢	UNFORGETTABLE PELELIU 1944 THE HONOLULU CORNER OF HELL 8102 \$19.99x 98¢	A FOOT SOLDIER'S STORY 7922 \$27.96 98¢	D-DAY 7617 \$29.95 98¢	BASTOGNE 7831 \$32.95 98¢	HITLER'S LAST HOPE 7567 \$24.95 98¢	
Follow Me Up Footh Mountain 7864 \$30.00 98¢	BLOOD ON THE RISERS JOHN LEPPELMAN 7328 \$18.99x 98¢	FOXTROT RIDGE A BATTLE FOR HONOLULU 7724 \$24.96 98¢	LARRY BURROWS VIETNAM #7575-9999 \$60.00 \$1.96	STEEL MY SOLDIERS' HEARTS DAVID H. HACKWORTH and ERIC FOGEL 7518 \$27.95 98¢	THE SWORD AND THE CENTURIES 8086 \$24.99x 98¢	SUBMARINE! 8037 \$19.99x 98¢	
THE ATLAS OF EASTERN FRONT BATTLES 6825 \$24.96 98¢	AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION GUIDE 7625 + \$24.96 98¢	GREAT AIR BATTLES OF WORLD WAR II #7583-9999 \$35.00 \$1.96	SNAKES & COCKPIT 8029 \$24.99x 98¢	THE COUNTER INSURGENCY MANUAL 7757 \$24.99x 98¢	THE LEADERSHIP LESSONS OF THE U.S. NAVY SEALs 8094 \$22.95 98¢	INFANTRY WARFARE 7542 \$21.00 98¢	SURVIVAL HANDBOOK 3111+ \$14.00x 98¢
THE WORST WASTREL 7930 \$24.96 98¢	WOLFPACKS AT WAR 7732 \$23.95 98¢	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURES HANDBOOK 1305 \$12.99x 98¢	GENERAL PATTON SERGEI A. BODORIN 7351 \$24.96 98¢	THE ABC OF WAR 8128 \$24.99x 98¢	RICHARD MARCINKO VIOLENCE OF ACTION 7880 \$24.95 98¢	A RARELY BORN 7765 \$26.00 98¢	U.S. SPECIAL FORCES 7948 \$24.95 98¢



NO POSTAGE
NECESSARY
IF MAILED
IN THE
UNITED STATES

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 1183 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE



6550 EAST 30TH STREET
PO BOX 6357
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46209-9480

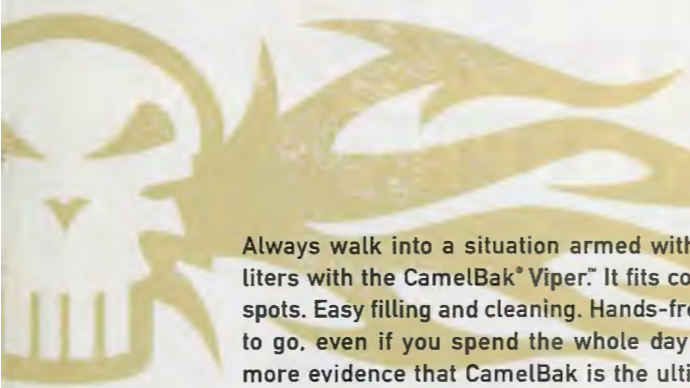
7 REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER NOW:

1. Membership is easy. Just choose 4 books for 98¢ each. Your bill (including shipping and handling) will come when membership is confirmed (unless otherwise notified).
2. Your satisfaction is guaranteed. If you're not happy with your introductory books, return them within 10 days at our expense. Your membership will be canceled; you'll owe nothing.
3. Save up to 50% off publishers' edition prices. Every book we offer is a high-quality, full-text edition sometimes altered in size. Just purchase at least 4 more books at regular Club prices within 2 years. After buying 4 books you may resign at any time or remain a member for as long as you wish.
4. More savings now! Buy a 5th book now for just \$5.99, plus shipping and handling and reduce your membership agreement to only 3 books.
5. The FREE Club magazine is sent to you up to 19 times a year (about every 3 weeks). Each issue reviews the Main Selections and a variety of alternate books.
6. Ordering is risk-free. Main Selections are sent to you automatically. To cancel shipment—or order other books—simply return your Member Reply Form or contact our Web site by the marked date. Shipping + handling (plus sales tax, where applicable) is added to each order. You'll always have 10 days to decide. If your Member Reply Form is late and unwanted books arrive, you can return them at our expense and we'll credit your account.
7. Easy ordering through the mail or via our Web site. Go to www.JoinMilitaryBookClub.com or AOL Keyword: Military Book Club. Please use Online Code: **HS213**.

Counts as 2 choices + Softcover +/- Fiction
x Special edition exclusively for Club members
Prices shown are for publishers' hardcover editions.
Club hardcover editions save you up to 50%. Prices shown
were current at press time.

The Military Book Club® is a registered trademark of
Doubleday Direct, Inc. Used under license. All rights reserved.





Low-Profile Viper™

Always walk into a situation armed with plenty of water: three liters with the CamelBak® Viper.™ It fits comfortably, even in tight spots. Easy filling and cleaning. Hands-free drinking. You're good to go, even if you spend the whole day in the field. Find even more evidence that CamelBak is the ultimate hydration system at camelbak.com or by calling 800-767-8725.



CAMELBAK

HYDRATE OR DIE

WILL YOUR
OP LAST
20 MINUTES?
OR 20 HOURS?



**NO POSTAGE
NECESSARY
IF MAILED
IN THE
UNITED STATES**

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL

FIRST-CLASS MAIL

PERMIT NO. 8

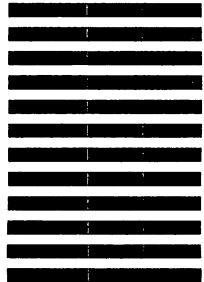
MT. MORRIS, IL

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

**SOLDIER OF
FORTUNE**

PO BOX 348

MT MORRIS IL 61054-9817



U.S. AIR FORCE, NAVY & MARINE COMBAT PILOTS WEAR **CHASE-DURER** PRECISION CHRONOGRAPHS. NOW YOU CAN, TOO.

BLACKHAWK MACH 3 CHRONOGRAPH

Precision multi-function OS80 alarm quartz chronograph. Power alarm. Chronograph: 1/20th second, 60 minutes & 12-hour accumulated elapsed time. Tachymeter. Case in solid 316L stainless steel, sanded or black PVD finish; uni-directional, ratcheted 0-60 count-up bezel; screw-locked crown & screw-in back. Tritium/SPO advanced illumination system on hands & numbers. Hardened mineral crystal. Water resistant to 100m/330 feet. 3-year battery. Diameter 38mm, thickness 12mm; weight 3.5 oz. Designer rubber strap with silver or black steel reinforcements; push-button deployment buckle. Serial numbered.

Credit Card Orders Call **800.544.4365**

Ask For Operator L935



Call for A Free 53-Page Color Catalog
And A Dealer Near You: **800.544.4365**
Ask For Operator CT-935

www.chase-durer.com

CHASE-DURER
BEVERLY HILLS • GENEVE

30 Day Money Back Guarantee, 5 Year Incremental
Warranty, Same Day Shipping



\$299

or 3 monthly
credit card payments
of \$99.66 each
Free shipping

ALABAMA ENTERPRISE CATHART (334) 347-3703 MOBILE THE KARAT PATCH (251) 344-5614 SELMA ROGER BUTLER J. (334) 874-4616 CALIFORNIA BAKERSFIELD CARRIAGE FINE JEWELRY (661) 322-2246 HERMOSA BEACH SEYMOUR JEWELERS (310) 379-5401 LOS ANGELES AMERICAN GEM (310) 473-7858 MONTEBELLO TIME IMAGES (323) 727-0066 MONTEREY GASPER'S (831) 375-5332 NORTH HOLLYWOOD GENERALES & GENERALES FINE JEWELRY (818) 763-9768 PASADENA BOUTIQUE DU TEMPS (626) 568-8878 REDONDO BEACH J. V. JEWELERS (310) 791-1566 SAN DIEGO PRECISION WATCH (619) 583-8733 SAN DIMAS Y2K JEWELERS (909) 592-4200 SANTA MONICA TIC TIME (310) 393-6927 SHERMAN OAKS TIC TIME OF SHERMAN OAKS (818) 905-9333 SAN PEDRO RON'S JEWELERS (310) 833-4024 COLORADO ARVADA D & S.J. (303) 421-4194 BEAVER CREEK JEWELRY BY SHILPI (970) 748-0441 FORT COLLINS V.C.W. (970) 226-5071 CONNECTICUT WETHERSFIELD STERLING JEWELERS OF CONNECTICUT (866) 209-0717 FLORIDA COCOA BEACH BEACH JEWELER (321) 783-3756 LARGO ROYALTY FINE JEWELERS (727) 585-9399 NORTH PALM BEACH SWISS WATCH SERVICE (561) 630-7033 ORANGE PARK WATCHES PLUS (904) 278-6051 ORLANDO ROCKS (407) 247-8363 GEORGIA BUFORD GUVEN FINE JEWELRY (678) 546-9099 ILLINOIS HARWOOD HEIGHTS A TO Z FINE WATCH REPAIR (708) 867-5966 LAKE FOREST CLOCKWORKS (847) 234-7272 WEST CHICAGO GLORIA'S (630) 231-8180 INDIANA LAFAYETTE WIERK'S FINE J. (765) 447-0200 ZIONSVILLE JEWEL BOX JEWELERS (317) 873-5076 MARYLAND CALIFORNIA G & H (301) 862-1100 GLYNDON GLYNDON J. (410) 526-4112 HYATTSVILLE THE GOLDSPOT (301) 559-6400 MASSACHUSETTS NORWOOD THE PILOT SHOP (781) 762-7465 MISSISSIPPI CLINTON LENOIR J. (601) 924-7755 NEVADA RENO HORSESHOE JEWELRY (775) 323-4554 NEW JERSEY BAYONNE AARON'S GOLD (201) 823-1720 JERSEY CITY TIME SQUARE (201) 656-3326 MERCERVILLE TRENT JEWELERS (609) 584-8800 UNION CITY ORO ITALIANO (201) 330-1500 NEW YORK BALDWIN THE PILOT SHOP (516) 623-8823 NEW YORK LAS AMERICAS JEWELRY CORP (212) 966-4556 MOVING TIME AROUND THE WORLD (212) 944-9064 SEAPORT WATCH CO. (212) 571-6400 SAMBORN M & J (716) 297-0251 STATEN ISLAND BANDSTAND WATCHES (718) 983-7996 NORTH CAROLINA ASHEBORO NORTH CAROLINA AVIATION MUSEUM (336) 625-0170 PENNSYLVANIA ALLENTOWN SALOMON JEWELERS (610) 433-1511 FEASTERVILLE TREVISE PRECISION WATCH & CLOCK (215) 355-6403 SEWICKLEY E.M. JEWELERS (412) 741-1111 TEXAS HOUSTON ACE WATCH & JEWELRY (713) 521-4444 SAN ANTONIO K & S WATCH & JEWELRY (210) 599-9337 UTAH SANDY THE TIME PIECE (801) 816-7744 WASHINGTON KIRKLAND LAKE STREET DIAMOND CO (425) 822-9440...AND AT A DEALER NEAR YOU!

Like Movies? www.KillerMovieReviews.com