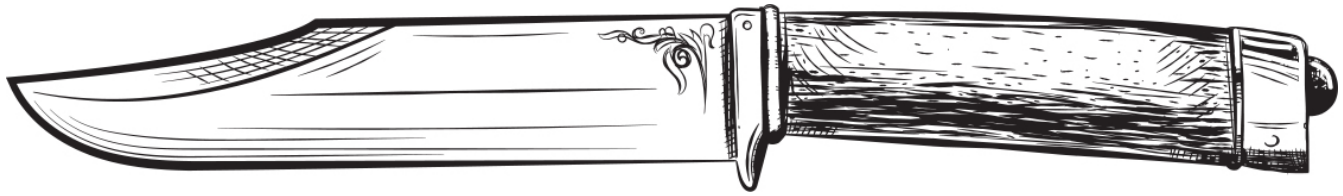


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## Post-Dispatch

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## GREAT KNIFE STORIES IN HISTORY

### THE LAST GREAT BAYONET CHARGE IN US HISTORY

I recently had the wonderful opportunity to visit that National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, in Columbus, Georgia. It is an incredible facility, with far too much to review here. But there was one exhibit called the “*Last 100 Yards*” that will leave you speechless. One of the many features is the story of Captain Lewis Millett’s Bayonet Attack during the Korean War. Here is the [article](#) from the National Infantry Museum’s website:

On February 7, 1951, Millett led his Soldiers from Easy Company, 2D Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division atop Hill 180 near Soam-Ni, Korea. With only bayonets and hand grenades, the company fought a hand-to-hand assault against heavy opposing fire. Millett and his Soldiers used their bayonets with such lethality that the enemy fled in disbelief.

Even after he was wounded by grenade fragments, CPT Millett refused to be evacuated until the mission was secure. President Harry Truman later presented CPT Millett with the Medal of Honor in July 1951. Millett, a WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veteran rose to the rank of Colonel. He died in November 2009.



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Millett, along with his weapon, the bayonet, is the perfect representation of the Infantry's role of importance in the last 100 yards of any battle. Although the last major American bayonet charge was during the Korean War, the bayonet remains in military training. The Marine Corps still equips Marines with the bayonet.



Visitors can see a recreation of Millett's Bayonet Attack on the Last 100 Yards ramp at the museum as well as tour the Spirit of the Bayonet exhibit. The exhibit, located in the Grand Hall, showcases 11 examples of bayonets used throughout the last 238 years of our military history, including the 1795 Socket up to the current U.S. Multipurpose model.

The following is a description from Medal of Honor Recipients – Korean War. United States Army Center of Military History:

Capt. Millett, Company E, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action. While personally leading his company in an attack against a strongly held position he noted that the 1st Platoon was pinned down by small-arms, automatic, and antitank fire. Capt. Millett ordered the 3d Platoon forward, placed himself at the head of the 2 platoons, and, with fixed bayonet, led the assault up the fire-swept hill. In the fierce charge Capt. Millett bayoneted 2 enemy soldiers and boldly continued on, throwing grenades, clubbing and bayoneting the enemy, while urging his men forward by shouting encouragement. Despite vicious opposing fire, the whirlwind hand-to-hand assault carried



to the crest of the hill. His dauntless leadership and personal courage so inspired his men that they stormed into the hostile position and used their bayonets with such lethal effect that the enemy fled in wild disorder. During this fierce onslaught Capt. Millett was wounded by grenade fragments but refused evacuation until the objective was taken and firmly secured. The superb leadership, conspicuous courage, and consummate devotion to duty demonstrated by Capt. Millett were directly responsible for the successful accomplishment of a hazardous mission and reflect the highest credit on himself and the heroic traditions of the military service.

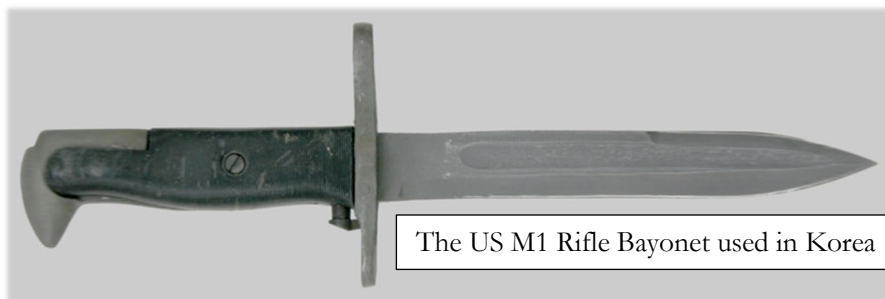
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It is a fantastic museum and one I highly recommend if you like military history and especially bayonet history. More information can be found here at the [Nation Infantry Museum website](#). Columbus Georgia is



located on the border of Alabama on the Flint River. Fort Benning is home of the United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, the United States Army Armor School, United States Army Infantry School, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (formerly known as the School of the Americas), elements of the 75th Ranger Regiment (United States), the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, and other additional tenant units. It is named after Henry L. Benning, a brigadier general in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War.

## MEET YOUR MAKER

### Russell Reece of Cohutta Knife

Russell Reece is from Ellijay, Georgia, and is part of the explosion of knifemakers from the Peach State. But knifemaking isn't a new fad for Russell. Since Russell was 6 he's had a knife in his pocket and a love for knives.

In 2006, Russell met Ron Solomon, who was a previous apprentice of Andy Roy. Russell was searching through old axe heads and he and



Ron struck up a bargain. He would teach Ron how to haft an axe in return for being taught how to make a knife! After this conversation Russell immediately dove deeper into knifemaking and ordered his own grinder. The rest is history! Russell started working at Fiddleback Forge in January of 2018 and continues his passion for knifemaking.

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Russell has had many influences in his career. Andy Roy being at the top, followed by Ron Solomon, Allen Surls, and Dylan Fletcher; as has the Georgia Custom Knifemaker's Guild. The Georgia Custom Knife Makers Guild is a teaching guild and one of the strongest organizations of its type in the country. The collective membership a wonderful resource for makers as there is a free and open exchange of information and expertise that helps each member advance their skill.



Russell's favorite knife pattern is a Sodbuster folder, but he doesn't really have a favorite fixed blade pattern. In commenting on his own work, Russell states that his knives are meant to be "working knives". His saying is, "What good is a great looking knife if it's uncomfortable or lacks control in use?"

Russell's personal EDC of choice that will typically be found on him is a Great Eastern Bullnose, an Ocoee or the Mini Strebig.

Olde Towne Cutlery is proud to take on Cohutta Knife and represent Russell's phenomenal work. We are honored to represent him, and you will not be disappointed if you pick up one of his knives!

\*\*\*All of Russell Reece Cohutta Knives can be paired with the appropriate sheath by ordering the ["Size to Fit" option in the link here.](#)

[Click here to see all of the Cohutta Knives in stock](#)

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[Rules for the Give-A-Way can be found here.](#)

## This Weeks Winner!



The winner of the Rowland Cutlery  
mini-puuko is **Patrick Bunch** of  
Cape Canaveral Florida!

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The Next Winner will be announced on November 15<sup>th</sup>!



Due South Filet Knife

The Grand Grize Winner will be announced December 13<sup>th</sup>!



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# FEATURED PRODUCT AND REVIEW

This week we have some new brands like Hults Bruk, Laguiole Durand, and Nich Nichols Knives, along with an awesome LT Wright travel set and LOTS of “new” vintage!

## **COHUTTA KNIFE APPALACHIAN SKINNER KOA**

Cohutta Knife Appalachian Skinner in a Koa handle. The knife is made with 1/8” A2 Tool Steel, it has a tapered tang with a spalted finish. It has a 3 3/4” blade, with a 9” OAL. This knife has a very fitting name, being that Russell lives in the Appalachian Mountains. He couldn’t have picked a better name for an all-around skinner knife. The Koa handle adds a look of elegance to this skinner and it may be that you want to display this piece after using it! Maybe wash it first. Lol

\$370 [To see all of the Cohutta in stock, click here](#)



## **LAGUIOLE DURAND PISTACHIO 12CM**

Laguiole Durand knives, made in France, are 100% handmade and beautiful workmanship! Laguiole Durand in a Pistachio handle. Made with 14C28 stainless steel and has a mirror polished finish. The Pistachio features a 3.87” clip point blade, a closed length of 4.72” and an 8.62” OAL. This knife has polished bolsters, jimping on the blade and has intricate filework, along with a forged bee, making this a piece collectors would seek after. It comes with a black leather Laguiole Durand knife slip. You will be very impressed with the quality of these folding knives.

\$209



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## LT WRIGHT 4 PC SET BLACK CANVAS MICARTA

The 4 pc Camp Kitchen set come in Black Canvas micarta handles with sculpted mountain finish and orange liners. Made with AEB-L steel the Camp Kitchen set has a a 7" chef knife, and three utility knives. It has the Traveller, Large Pouter, and Small Pouter that come with a kydex inserts in the custom carry bag and the blades measure 6", 5" and 3.5". This set also comes with a custom wood cutting board. This would be perfect for any kitchen or outdoor trip.

\$650 [To see all of the LT Wright in stock, click here](#)



## NICHOLAS NICHOLS KNIVES SKINNER BLUE BURLAP MICARTA

Nicholas Nichols Knives is a new brand that we are proud to represent! Nicholas represents a line of Kitchen knives as well as EDC patterns. NNK Skinner in a Blue Burlap Micarta handle. Made from parkerized O1 Tool Steel with a black oxide matte finish and comes in a custom made black leather belt sheath. This knife features a 5.5" drop point blade with an OAL of 10.5". You will not be disappointed in the fit, finish and execution on his custom knives.

\$250 [For more Nich Nichols Knives, Click Here](#)



## HULTS BRUK ANEBY HATCHET

Hults Bruk axes are hand-forged and Sweden made since 1697. This hatchet is hand forged from Swedish axe steel and has a working finish. It features a 6 1/4" axe head, a 3 1/2" polished cutting edge, an OAL of 20" and a lanyard hole. This hatchet comes with a traditional brown leather protective sheath.

\$144 [For more Hults bruk, Click Here](#)



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## VINTAGE CRIPPLE CREEK BARLOW SAWCUT BONE 2BL

Olde Towne Cutlery offers a variety of Vintage knives. This would be an exceptional piece to add to your vintage collection. Vintage Cripple Creek Barlow in a Sawcut Bone handle. This 2-blade barlow has the Cripple Creek logo etched on the bolster. It also has a Cripple Creek buffalo inlay shield and Cripple Creek Master Cutlery etching with the Cripple Creek Effingham, IL USA tang stamp. This is a superb collector knife and it is in MINT condition.



We use the NKCA Grading Standards for all Vintage Product we sell. For a detailed explanation of that standard, Please see the link below:

[The NKCA Grading Standard](#)

\$150

[For more Vintage, Click Here](#)

We sincerely appreciate our wonderful customers and friends. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. And don't forget to come see us in at the store in Cumming, Georgia when you have time!

Have a great weekend everyone!

*Lee & Melissa*

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