

KA-BAR Knives

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Becker Knife and Tool Joins KA-BAR Knives

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John Stitt, Vice President – Sales and Marketing, KA-BAR Knives, welcomes aboard Ethan Becker, founder of BK & T.

It is with pleasure that I announce that Ethan Becker of Becker Knife & Tool (BK & T) has joined KA-BAR Knives. BK & T was founded in 1986 by Ethan Becker, an avid outdoorsman of 45 years. Ethan spent 25 years searching for an ideal “big knife” and finally combined his two favorites, the Kukri and a WWII Survival “Bolo,” to make the Machax. Becker is the former president of the mountain climbing equipment company Colorado Mountain Industries (CMI) where he developed the CMI Figure 8 Descender and Hexachoks. His innovative concepts began the development of CMI’s 5000 Ascender, Rescue Pulley, the CMI cup, and Eagle Industries’ Becker Patrol Pack.

Ethan makes his home in Tennessee with his wife, artist and author Susan. Besides dreaming of big sharp things to make, Ethan spends time practicing and studying a wide array of survival techniques. He teaches weaponcraft, law enforcement mountaineering and survival skills. As co-author of the landmark cookbook, Joy of Cooking, Ethan wields a chef’s knife teaching cooking classes and researching new recipes.

Ethan brings great experience, designs, and enthusiasm to the table for a new era of BK & T. Our two companies have many similarities that will only enhance each others strengths.

We warmly welcome Ethan to our team and look forward to making “Knives That Work For A Living.”

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