

January 2022

Meetings are held at Smoke'n Pit Bar-B-Que, 1641 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, located on Rte 41 (Bus) between Pine Island Rd (SR78) & the Edison Bridge. First Tuesday of every month, at 4:30 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The December meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 14 members & guests. This month's door prizes consisted of a small Case XX Texas Toothpick and a Parker-Frost Mustang. Robert Coy Baughman III won the Toothpick and the Parker-Frost went to James Patton. The Monthly 50/50 drawing of \$40.00 was won by Robert Campbell. The **Best Special** featured knife for the month was won by Barbara Philibert for her **Elishewitz** Custom Folder. (See Page #2)

Next meeting Date: 4th of January 2022 – Free Door Prizes Drawing.

Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell

January's Feature Knife will be your best: Custom Made Engraved Straight Knife.

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

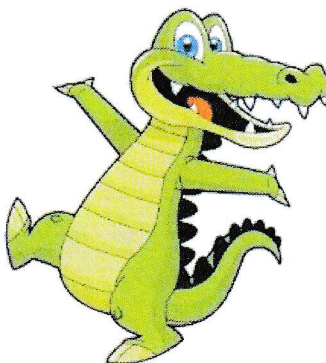
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOWS - GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

Jan 8-9	Port Charlotte - Expo Gun & Knife – N Charlotte Regional Rec Center
Jan 22-23	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
Jan 28-30	Gator Cutlery Show - Lakeland - RP Funding Center
Jan 29-30	Tampa - Florida Gun Shows - Florida State Fairgrounds

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership dues for 2022 are due. In order to maintain all privileges of the club you need to fulfill this requirement. The Annual Dues are \$10.00 or you may consider becoming a Life Member, this a one-time fee of \$75.00. If you are unsure that your dues are paid for 2022 please contact the club secretary at 239.233.5611 or e-mail rsmegal@comcast.net. You may pay your dues at any upcoming club meeting or submit payment to the club's address: **FMKC, PO Box 706, St James City, FL 33956-0706**. Checks will be accepted, however all checks must be endorsed to **RUSSELL SMEGAL**. Any other endorsement will result in return of your check. Sorry..

HOPE I SEE YOU THERE



**RP Funding Center
(formerly
Lakeland Center
Lakeland, Florida)**

HOURS

Fri: 10 AM to 5 PM

Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM

Sun: 9 AM to 3 PM

**44th Annual Gator Cutlery Club
Custom, Modern & Antique Knife Show**

Jan 28, 29, & 30 2022



FMKC WEB SITE

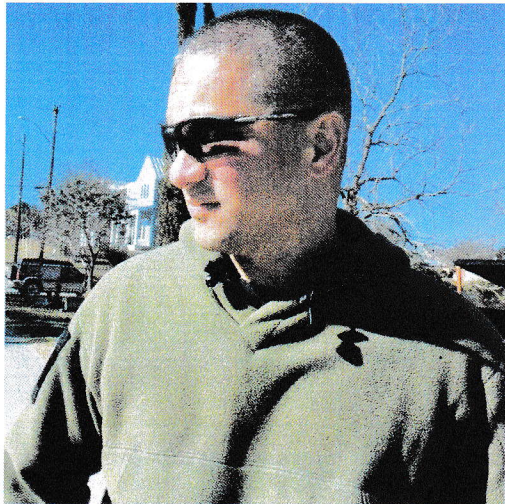
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Allen Elishewitz's BIO



I was born in Texas but I have spent a good part of my childhood living in third world countries around Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Taiwan, Singapore and Thailand). During that time I came to appreciate the way people there lived with minimal infrastructure. This helped shape some of my personality and how I approach life and training. I have always trained in some type of combative arts since I was 10 years old like Okinawan Te, Thai Boxing, Northern Shaolin and Kali. Over several decades I have had the pleasure of studying and training with some of the best instructors in their fields in both martial arts and firearms. This interest is what guided me into my current occupation. I am a professional knifemaker who specializes in tactical and defensive blades. I am one of the first knifemakers to start the tactical folder movement. I operate Elishewitz Custom Knives and Tactician Concepts with my wife Valerie.

I have been interested in knives ever since I was very young. My martial arts trainings, along with my experiences as a Recon Marine, gave me the perfect background to design both defense and utility knives. During the time I spent at 4th Recon C Company, I was a Team Leader in charge of a Deep Recon Platoon. I am trained in Artillery Call for Fire, Naval Call for Fire, SOTG, Amphibious Recon and many in-company trainings.

I have a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice and an Associate Degree in Fine Arts. I started making knives part time while I was in College and decided to become a full-time knifemaker after graduating. I have been making knives since 1988, constantly researching, refining and developing this craft. From an early age I was exposed and trained in various forms of art. Some of these art forms are: acid etching, printing, drawing, painting, architectural drafting, guilloche work and enameling. In 1985 I won the First Place at the Asian Art Fair in Singapore with a five-color printing. I was the first knifemaker to introduce the lost art of guilloche to the cutlery world.

After 4 years of research and study, in 2002 I began making watches. I make everything on my watches except the movement, crystal and hands. My goal is to eventually modify movements and construct my own hands.

**BARBARA PHILIBERT's
December's Best Knife
Custom Made Folder
Maker : Alan Elishewitz**



Notice: Receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail. Contact the club secretary, Russ Smegal at: rsmegal@comcast.net By doing this you will save the club the newsletter mailing cost.