



“Military” CCW Lessons

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What Military Training Can Teach Us

The military can teach civilians a great deal, not just from the battlefield, but with regard to how military personnel train.

- These are time-tested doctrines that **MUST** work or people die.
- Military methods have been planned out, tried, and refined while military personnel learn from their mistakes.
- There’s a reason the military trains a certain way, in other words.
- There are five lessons we can take from the military for carrying concealed and being prepared for a real-life gunfight.

Keep Your Hands Out Of Your Pockets

This is an actual military regulation about uniform wear. It’s partly for discipline... but it’s partly for awareness.

- Walking with your hands in your pockets looks casual and shabby, like you’re not alert and aware.
- Criminals look for people who don’t look ready.
- Your reaction time is not as good if you start with your hands in your pockets.
- Practice walking with your hands in front of you the way a bouncer would stand. It’s a tough habit to kick, but it’s worth it.

First One To Get Metal Into Meat Usually Wins

Aggression and preemptive force work!

- Some combatants essentially shut down when they are wounded. You don’t want that.

- Speed is better than trying to be super-accurate.
- On the street, in an ambush, accuracy will be difficult. Speed is better. Go on the offensive!

Movement Saves Lives In An Ambush

It’s true of both military engagements and civilian self-defense.

- The way to escape any ambush is to **MOVE**.
- You **MUST** take action. Don’t freeze!
- Act preemptively if you can, but **ACT**.

EVERY Attack Is A Multiple Attacker Scenario

Battlefield troops already know this, but on the street, attackers will choose odds that favor them. They’ll often outnumber you.

- Criminals often travel in gangs and have partners you don’t see until it’s too late.
- Be mindful of the presence of **OTHER** people with CCWs who may not know you are the good guy.

You Will Fight Like You Train... Only Ten Times Worse

You’ll train as you practiced... but not nearly as well because you’re under stress and unprepared.

- Your best day in combat will be worse than your worst day on the range.
- Good, **REALISTIC** training can help improve your performance, and will give you the edge over the criminals.

Prepare. Train. Survive.